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FALK FOUNDATION AWARDS \$1.8 MILLION TO CVI RESEARCH DIVISION

I am most pleased to announce that the **Dr. Ralph and Marian Falk Medical Research Trust** has renewed its commitment to the research efforts of Loyola's Cardiovascular Institute by awarding \$1,812,000 to the Research Division over the next 3 years. The renewal of the Falk Foundation grant ensures continuation of the Falk Cardiovascular Fellowship Program, the Director's Award Program for CVI clinical trainees, and the further development of the Falk Cardiovascular Gene Therapy Laboratories. In addition, funds provided by this competitive renewal will help to establish a Rodent Physiology Core Laboratory for the phenotyping of transgenic mice and adenovirally infected rats. This laboratory will significantly advance our research into molecular therapies for cardiovascular disease. I am excited that the Foundation and its trustees share my enthusiasm for this project, and I look forward to reporting our progress to you in the years to come.

*Allen M. Samarel, MD
Director of Research, CVI*

NEW FALK FELLOWSHIP AWARDED

The CVI Training Committee has awarded a Falk Cardiovascular Research Fellowship to Kalpana Vijayan, Ph.D. Dr. Vijayan received the Ph.D. degree in Cell Biology from the Medical College of Wisconsin, and completed 2 years of postdoctoral training under the supervision of Dr. David Geenen at the University of Illinois-Chicago before joining Loyola's CVI and the Department of Medicine as a Research Associate. Her project deals with the role of PKC α in IGF-1 mediated cardiomyocyte hypertrophy.

Dr. Vijayan is the 13th postdoctoral fellow funded by the Falk Foundation Grant since its inception in 1996. Our most recent fellows, Drs. Maria Heidkamp and Liubov Brueggemann, completed their fellowships in December, 2002.



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CVI SEMINAR SERIES

The next CVI seminar will be held on **Thursday, January 16, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.** in **Building 102, Room 7601 (Dept. of Medicine Conference Room)**. Our speaker is:

Ellissavet Kardami, Ph.D.
**Professor of Human Anatomy and Cell Sciences, and
Physiology**
Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences
St. Boniface Research Centre
Winnipeg, Canada

The title of Dr. Kardami's talk is:

**"Growth, Connections and Self-Defense:
FGF-2 Speaks to the Heart"**

For further information, contact Dr. Leanne Cribbs at x72817.

CVI JOURNAL CLUB

January 9.....Dr. Wu
January 30.....Dr. Samarel

For further information, contact Dr. Byron at x72819

CARDIOLOGY - CVI RESEARCH DIVISION BASIC SCIENCE SEMINAR

The Cardiology Division and the CVI Research Division are sponsoring a series of joint seminars by Loyola Faculty. The following seminar is scheduled:

January 24.....Dr. Walenga

The title of Dr. Walenga's talk is:

"Brachytherapy Study Outcome"

Seminars are held at 12:30 pm in the Cardiology Conference Room, Rm 6291.

For further information, contact Dr. Samarel at X72821.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE CVI

Sheehan, M.K., Greisler, H.P., Littooy, F.N., Baker, W.H. The effect of intraoperative duplex on the management of postoperative stroke. *Surgery* 132(4):761-765, 2002.

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Cox, R., Bouzekri, N., Martin, S., Southam, L., Hugill, A., Golamaully, M., Cooper, R., Adeyemo, A., Soubrier, F., Ward, R., Lathrop, G.M., Matsuda, F., Farrall, M. Angiotensin-1-converting enzyme (ACE) plasma concentration is influenced by multiple ACE-linked quantitative trait nucleotides. *Hum. Mol. Genet.* 11(23):2969-2977, 2002.



Happy and Prosperous New Year from the CVI Research Division!