Welcome to the fourth newsletter of BRBRC, the Boston Romanian Biomedical Research Club!

The purpose of the bi-monthly newsletter is to provide brief updates regarding recent and upcoming BRBRC events, as well as information about funding opportunities and meetings taking place on the campus.

1. **Online presence**
   Our group is now on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=126746017763), [LinkedIn](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2240989) and [Yahoo Groups](mailto:brbrc-subscribe@yahooogroups.com).
   Check us out and join any or all of these online platforms. If you can’t be active online -- our newsletter will keep you up to speed.

2. **Seminar schedule**
   **Upcoming talk:** This month’s seminar will be presented by Dr. Alexandra Deaconescu (Brandeis University) and will be hosted by Dr. Rodica Popa (Children’s Hospital). Please check your email for upcoming details.
   *Pictures from the first three meetings have been added on Facebook.*

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   *We will try to schedule all upcoming presentations during the last week of each month. Please sign up to present your research or to host an upcoming event.*

3. **Upcoming grants deadlines** — brought to you by Lucian Moldovan
   - **Bullock Wellman postdoctoral fellowship**
     Combined mentorship between two HMS faculty members required.
     Supports multidisciplinary research.
     Deadline: **none, apply at any time**
   - Please check out other funding opportunities from the Medical Foundation (some available only through internal selection, within each eligible academic institution).
   - Do you have any funding-related news that could benefit your Romanian peers? Please email them here.

4. **Upcoming Biomedical Research Events** — Check out these upcoming meetings to take place in Boston — brought to you courtesy of Lucian Moldovan and Octavian Bucur. For an overview of seminars and presentations on the HMS campus, check out the **HMS Events Calendar**.
   - **Boston DNA Repair and Mutagenesis (DRAM) Group** monthly seminar series is restarting in October. The talks will take place at the MIT, building 56-614, 7-9pm and are open to everyone. Lucian Moldovan will give the first talk of the series, on October 21.
**LabLinks: Epigenetic Regulation of Gene expression**, October 23rd 2009, Jimmy Fund Auditorium, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Participation at this one-day symposium is free, and no registration is required.

**The Annual JBL Symposium** at the John B. Little Center for Radiation Sciences and Environmental Health, Harvard School of Public Health, October 23-24. No participation fee, but registration is required.

5. **Upcoming Biomedical Career Events** – Check out these upcoming events at DFCI and HMS – brought to you courtesy of Lucian Moldovan and Luminita Pojoga

- **How to Find and Apply for Fellowships**, October 29, 2009, 4:00-6:00pm. Instructors: Sonal Jhaveri, PhD and Tami Simmons from the Office of Grants and Contacts at DFCI Location: Jimmy Fund Building, Room 836 A/B.
- **Negotiating a Job Offer** November 12, 2009, 4:00-6:00pm. Panel: Chuck Stiles, PhD (Cancer Biology), Dipanjan Chowdhury, PhD (Radiation Oncology), and Carl Novina, MD, PhD (Cancer Immunology & Aids). Location: Smith 308/309.
- **HMS Leadership and Development for Physicians and Scientists**, April 13-April 16, 2010. Location: **Conference Center at Harvard Medical School**. Completed applications must be received via email by 12:00 Noon on October 30, 2009.

6. **Tip of the month**

   How should I deal with the multiple challenges of my postdoctoral life? How can I focus on my research, while also teaching or having clinical responsibilities? How should I find time to apply for grant support, publish, increase my visibility, hire staff and keep my lab running smoothly? What are the dos and don’ts of collaboration? What should I know about tenure-track positions? If you asked yourself any of these questions, you are not alone. We have not been trained in scientific management, but we can avoid making costly mistakes by recognizing this gap and starting to fill it.

   - Watch your inbox for management/negotiation seminars and leadership/mentoring courses organized by your institution.
   - Ask your mentor about organized learning opportunities and talk to him/her about management challenges you meet in your work life. A good mentor will share with you managerial wisdom that helped him/her become a successful scientist.
   - The Howard Hughes Medical Institute has a great book that can be downloaded on their website: *Making the Right Moves: A Practical Guide to Scientific Management for Postdocs and New Faculty*.

Did you find something useful to your career that could help others? Please send in your tip – you will make your Romanian fellows a favor and be credited with the information that we put in the newsletter. Did you just have your paper published? Did you receive a promotion or an award/grant? Please share the good news with us!

7. **Unsubscribe**

   We are building our community as we go, and likely have included your name and email without asking.

   - If you do not want to receive this newsletter but still want to participate in other BRBRC events, please send us a **blank email**, with "unsubscribe newsletter" in the subject line.
   - If you would rather not receive any notification from us, including seminar presentations, please send send us a **blank email**, with "unsubscribe BRBRC" in the subject line.
   - If however you know of other Romanian fellows interested in joining, please let us know at the same email address.

*Best regards,*

Luminita Pojoga for BRBRC