Just In Time program

The deadline is quickly approaching for the Just in Time (JIT) program! Deadline for submission is September 14, 2015. Applicants may apply for up to $3,000 to support use of the MRC Cores. Please visit our website for more information and to download application form:

http://www.musculoskeletalcore.wustl.edu/content/Core/3035/A-Administrative

Skeletal Biology & Pathophysiology Mini-Course

Fridays @ 9am | BJCIH Bldg. | 11th flr | A/B Conf. Rm.

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Established by David T. Curiel, MD, PhD, professor of radiation oncology in 2011, the Biologic Therapeutics Center (BTC) continues to drive an important initiative which has been established to foster and catalyze with others the translational ethos here at WUSM, bringing curative therapies more rapidly from the laboratory to the clinic. This is embodied in both the research and educational mission of the center.

The BTC recently hosted the International Society for the Cell and Gene Therapy of Cancer (ISCGT) Annual Meeting in Amsterdam, The Netherlands (http://btc.wustl.edu/iscgt14/indexopen.html). This meeting focused on the most cutting-edge discoveries in translational development of molecular therapeutics and diagnostics for cancer.

Keynote speakers included US Ambassador to the Netherlands, Timothy Broas, and two Stand Up to Cancer Dream Team Awardees, Drs. Hans Clevers and Ton Schumacher.

Based on the evidence that companion dogs suffer cancer and chronic diseases just as humans, Dr. Curiel and his collaborators are engineering viruses in his WUSM laboratory for use in companion canine clinical trials now underway at Auburn University. This is a promising new development in the growing area of comparative, or “One Health” medicine. As result of these linkages, better therapies and new strategies for treating and preventing both human and canine cancers have emerged. This research was featured in the Spring issue of Outlook magazine (http://outlook.wustl.edu/2015/apr/shared-medicine).

Looking ahead, the BTC seeks to formally establish the university’s first One Health Center, based on the emerging concept of “One Health,” and focusing on the health linkages among humans, animals, and their shared environments with a focus on the area of comparative clinical oncology in humans and companion canines.

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*ISCGT Annual Meeting in Amsterdam (L to R): Drs. Geert Kazemier, David T. Curiel, and US Ambassador to the Netherlands, Timothy Broas.*