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TO: All School of Pharmacy Personnel
FROM: Charles D. Hufford, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs
DATE: November 18, 2004
SUBJECT: Research News (#3)

The following **GRANTS/CONTRACTS** have recently been awarded:

1. **Dr. Mitchell Avery** (P.I. – Medicinal Chemistry), **Dr. John Williamson** (Co-P.I. – Medicinal Chemistry), **Dr. John Rimoldi** (Co-P.I. – Medicinal Chemistry) – Development and Testing of New Medicines for Treatment of Emerging Infectious Diseases (DHHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), \$1,500,000.00 – September 15, 2004-September 14, 2005.
2. **Dr. Mitchell Avery** (P.I. – Medicinal Chemistry), **Dr. John Williamson** (Co-P.I. – Medicinal Chemistry), **Dr. John Rimoldi** (Co-P.I. – Medicinal Chemistry) – Development and Testing of New Antimalarial Drugs (DHHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), \$3,000,000.00 – August 1, 2004-July 31, 2005.
3. **Dr. Alicia Bouldin** (P.I. – Pharmacy Administration) – Toward an Understanding of Personal Involvement and Intrinsic Motivation to Learn Among Pharmacy Students (American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy/American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education New Investigators Program), \$5,307.00 – January 1, 2005-January 1, 2006.
4. **Dr. Charles Burandt** (P.I. – RIPS/NCNPR) – MAJIC Planning Grant Proposal – Medicinal Plant Processing Facility and Extraction Site (Mississippi Development Authority), \$25,000.00 – July 1, 2004-December 31, 2004.
5. **Dr. John Cleary** (P.I. – Pharmacy Practice) – Pharmacogenomics of Natural Products with Antifungal Activity (National Institutes of Health), \$313,331.00 – July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005.
6. **Dr. John Cleary** (P.I. – Pharmacy Practice) – Pharmaceutical Company Support (Pfizer Global Pharmaceuticals), \$1,000.00 – October 20, 2004-December 31, 2004.
7. **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** (P.I. – RIPS/NCNPR) – Optimizing Therapeutic Ratios of Herbs: Ginkgo as a Model (Harvard Medical School/National Institutes of Health), \$44,001.00 – July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005 (Sub-contract).
8. **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** (P.I. – RIPS/NCNPR) and **Dr. Troy Smillie** (Co-P.I. – RIPS/NCNPR) – Phytotoxins from Asian Soybean Rust *Phakopsora pachyrhizi* (Mississippi State University NSF proposal), \$74,681.00 – October 1, 2004-March 31, 2005.
9. **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** (P.I. – RIPS/NCNPR) – Mechanisms of Ginkgo Biloba Neuroprotection (The University of Southern Mississippi/National Institutes of Health), \$44,000.00 – September 15, 2004-May 31, 2005.

10. **Dr. Larry Walker** (P.I. – RIPS/NCNPR) – Development of Natural Products from Plants and Microbes for Replacement of Synthetic Pesticides (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture), \$2,388,211.00 – November 21, 2004-October 31, 2005.
11. **Dr. Larry Walker** (P.I. – RIPS/NCNPR) and **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** (Co-P.I. – RIPS/NCNPR) – Botanical Dietary Supplements: Science-Base for Authentication and Analysis (Food and Drug Administration), \$831,547.00 – September 30, 2004-September 29, 2005.
12. **Dr. Larry Walker** (P.I. – RIPS/NCNPR) and **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** (Co-P.I. – RIPS/NCNPR) – Botanical Dietary Supplements: Science-Base for Authentication and Analysis/Supplemental Funding (Food and Drug Administration), \$493,453.00 – September 30, 2004-September 29, 2005.
13. **Dr. Barbara Wells** (P.I. – RIPS/School of Pharmacy) and **Dr. Charles Huffod** (Co-P.I. RIPS/School of Pharmacy) – National Center for Natural Products Research – Phase II (Dept. of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration), \$1,781,329.00 – July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005.
14. **Dr. Noel Wilkin** (P.I. – Pharmacy Administration) – ESRD Outpatient Medications (Network 8, Inc.), \$198,250.00 – July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005.
15. **Dr. Kristie Willett** (P.I. – Pharmacology) – Roles of CYP1 & 19 in Fundulus Steroid & PAH Metabolism (NIH/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences), \$256,913.00 – July 1, 2004-April 30, 2005.
16. **Dr. John Williamson** (P.I. – Medicinal Chemistry) – IGERT – Entrepreneurship at the Interface of Polymer Science and Medicinal Chemistry (The University of Southern Mississippi/National Science Foundation), \$299,760.00 – October 1, 2004-September 30, 2005.

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6. **Bharathi Avula** and **Ikhlas Khan** – “Separation and determination of ephedrine enantiomers and synephrine by high performance capillary electrophoresis in dietary supplements”, *Chromatographia*, **59**, pp. 71-77, 2004.
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9. **Sreekhhar Cheboyina**, **Walt Chambliss** and **Christy Wyandt** – “A Novel Freeze Pelletization Technique for Preparing Matrix Pellets”, *Advanstar Communications*, 2003.
10. **Amar Chittiboyina**, **Raji Chada**, **Blake Watkins** and **Mitchell Avery** – “First synthesis of antimalarial Machaeriols A and B”, *Tetrahedron Letters*, **45**, pp. 1689-1691, 2004.
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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER transactions:

In the interest of protecting confidential information, the names and titles associated with School of Pharmacy invention disclosures and patent applications will no longer be published until after a patent has issued.

Invention Disclosures Filed in 2004: 10
Patent Applications Pending: 29
Recent Patents Granted: 1
 “Dihydroartemisinin and dihydroartemisinin dimers as anti-cancer and anti-infective agents”
 US Patent #: 6,790,863
Mahmoud A. ElSohly, Samir A. Ross, Ahmed M. Galal
 September 14, 2001

The following **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** are also listed:

- The research of **Robert J. Doerksen** (Medicinal Chemistry and RIPS) on computational approaches to effective and selective antimicrobial oligomers was featured recently in the Society Journal of the American Society for Microbiology (July 2004) and in Business Week (April 19, 2004).
- The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Annual Southern Regional Meeting (AAPS SRDG) was held May 17-18, 2004 at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN. The following Podium and Poster presentations were presented:
Podium Presentation: **Suneela Prodduturi, Melissa Jacob, Steven Stodghill, Michael Repka** – “Characterization of hot-melt extruded films containing antifungals for oral candidiasis”.
Poster Presentations: (1) **Praveen Mididoddi, Steven Stodghill, Michael Repka** – “Influence of 'etching' on the permeability of ketoconazole through the human nail”, (2) **Sreekhhar Cheboyina, Christy Wyandt** – “Evaluation of the effect of drug solubility on the characteristics

of matrix pellets prepared by the freeze pelletization technique”. (3) **Amit Shah, John Williamson, Christy Wyandt** – “Pre-formulation studies of a novel anti-tumor agent”.
Pharmaceutics graduate students received the following awards for their exceptional presentations: **Suneela Prodduturi** – Outstanding Podium Presentation award; **Praveen Mididoddi** – Outstanding Poster Presentation award.

The next AAPS SRDG Annual meeting will be held here at Ole Miss in May 2005.

- The following presentation was made during the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Meeting in Baltimore, MD, November 2004: **Amit Shah, John Williamson, Steven Stodghill and Christy Wyandt** – “Characterization of novel tubulin binding agent and its comparison with taxol”.
- **John Williamson** participated in the Special Emphasis Panel, National Cooperative Drug Discovery Groups for Cancer (NCDDG) Chemistry/Natural Products Review Panel, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Gaithersburg, MD October 27-29, 2004.
- **Dr. Williamson** has also been invited to participate in: (a) Special Emphasis Panel, United States Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR), Rural & Community Development, January 2005; and (b) Special Emphasis Panel, the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) program, National Science Foundation (NSF), Arlington, VA January 27-28, 2005.

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