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TO: All School of Pharmacy and USDA Personnel

FROM: Charles D. Hufford, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs

DATE: July 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Research News

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

1. **Dr. Benjamin Banahan** (P.I.-CPMM), **Dr. Yi Yang** (Co-P.I.-Pharmacy Administration), **Dr. John Bentley** (Co-P.I.-Pharmacy Administration), and **Dr. Patrick Pace** (Co-P.I.-CPMM). Using Medicare/Medicaid Claims Data to Support Medication Outcomes and Pharmacovigilance Research (Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS]/Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services), \$500,000, June 1, 2010-May 31, 2011.
2. **Dr. Alice Clark** (P.I.-Pharmacognosy), and **Dr. Ameeta Agarwal** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR). New Drugs for Opportunistic Infections-FY10-11 (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases [NIAID]), \$388,221, July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011.
3. **Dr. Alice Clark** (P.I.-Pharmacognosy), and **Dr. Xing-Cong Li** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR). New Drugs for Opportunistic Infections-Diversity Supplement-FY10-11 (NIAID), \$46,910, July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011.
4. **Dr. John Cleary** (P.I.-Pharmacy Practice), and **Dr. Kayla Stover** (Co-P.I.-Pharmacy Practice). Cardiac Toxicity of Echinocandin Antifungals, \$73,397, May 23, 2010-May 22, 2012.
5. **Dr. Robert Doerksen** (P.I.-Medicinal Chemistry). Rational Design of Novel Natural Product-Derived Cannabinoid Ligands (Center of Research Excellence in Natural Products Neuroscience [CORE-NPN]), \$158,594, September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010.
6. Dr. Gregory Easson (P.I.-Geology and Geological Engineering), and **Dr. Marc Slattery** (Co-P.I.-Pharmacognosy). Seagrass Health Modeling and Prediction with National Aeronautics and Space Administration Science Data (NASA), \$295,608, December 1, 2009-November 30, 2010.
7. **Dr. Abir El-Alfy** (P.I.-Pharmacology). Mechanism of Antidepressant Action of Cannabinoids (CORE-NPN), \$161,360, September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010.
8. **Dr. Mahmoud ElSohly** (P.I.-NCNPR), and **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR). Production, Analysis and Distribution of Cannabis, Marijuana Cigarettes and Related Materials-FY10-11 (National Institute on Drug Abuse/National Institutes of Health [NIDA/NIH]), \$500,000, March 16, 2010-March 15, 2011.
9. **Dr. Daneel Ferreira** (P.I. - Pharmacognosy). Oligomeric/Polymeric Procyanidins: Development of Synthetic and Analytical Protocols (Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc.), \$175,000, December 1, 2009-February 28, 2012.

10. **Dr. Deborah Gochfeld** (P.I.-NCNPR). Collaborative Research: Host-Environment-Pathogen Interactions in a Model Coral Disease System (National Science Foundation [NSF]), \$198,455, June 1, 2010-May 31, 2013.
11. **Dr. Mark Hamann** (P.I.-Pharmacognosy). The Isolation and Characterization of Antimalarial Agents with Marine Micro-Organisms-Year 5 (Medicines for Malaria Venture), \$15,000, January 1, 2006-December 31, 2011.
12. **Dr. Mark Hamann** (P.I.-Pharmacognosy). Vibrio Biotechnology: Anticancer Marine Natural Products from GOM Bacteria (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA]/ National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology [NIUST]), \$96,172, October 1, 2009-September 30, 2010.
13. **Dr. Mark Hamann** (P.I.-Pharmacognosy). Food Additives from Marine Bacteria (Kraft Foods, Inc.), \$100,000, September 1, 2009-August 30, 2010.
14. Dr. Raymond Highsmith (P.I.-NIUST), **Dr. Marc Slattery** (Co-P.I.-Pharmacognosy), and Dr. Carol Lutken (Co-P.I.-MS Mineral Resources Institute). NIUST Integrated Research and Technology Development: OAR Charter Fund Request (U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA), \$173,200, October 1, 2010-September 30, 2011.
15. **Dr. Melissa Jacob** (P.I.-NCNPR), and **Dr. Khalid Ashfaq** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR). Development of New Agents Against Cryptococcal Infections-Year 2 (Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University/NIH) \$12,875, June 1, 2009-May 31, 2010.
16. **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** (P.I.-NCNPR), **Dr. Mahmoud ElSohly** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR), **Dr. Troy Smillie** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR), and **Dr. Aruna Weerasooriya** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR). Advancing Drug Development in Medicinal Plants Using Transcriptomics and Metabolics (University of Kentucky/NIH), \$385,095, September 30, 2009-August 31, 2010.
17. **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** (P.I.-NCNPR), and **Dr. Troy Smillie** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR). Quality Assessment of Botanicals-FY09-10 (Herbalife International, Inc.), \$100,000, December 21, 2009-December 20, 2010.
18. **Dr. Xing-Cong Li** (P.I.-NCNPR), and **Dr. Shabana Khan** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR). Chemical Evaluation of *Capsicum annum* (Novus Nutrition Brands, LLC), \$75,000, January 1, 2010-March 31, 2011.
19. **Dr. Soumyajit Majumdar** (P.I.-Pharmaceutics). CORE-NPN Small Grant (National Center for Research Resources [NCRRR]), \$34,104, September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010.
20. **Dr. Susan Manly** (P.I.-NCNPR), and **Dr. Khalid Ashfaq** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR). Production of Tolerance and Desensitization to Poison Ivy Urushiols (ElSohly Laboratories, Inc./NIH/ National Institute of Arthritis and Muculoskeletal and Skin Disease), \$172,329, September 7, 2009-August 31, 2010.
21. **Dr. Katie McClendon** (P.I.-Pharmacy Practice). Assessment of Outcomes Following Bariatric Surgery for Mississippi State Employees (Allergan), \$66,972, December 1, 2009-June 1, 2013.
22. **Dr. Christopher McCurdy** (P.I.-Medicinal Chemistry). Novel Pharmacologic Interventions for Drugs of Abuse-Year 4 (NIH/NIDA), \$345,584, April 1, 2010-March 31, 2011.
23. **Dr. Christophe Mesangeau** (P.I.-Medicinal Chemistry), and **Dr. Christopher McCurdy** (Co-P.I.-Medicinal Chemistry). Non-Peptidic Neuropeptide FF Receptor Probes (NIH), \$176,555, July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011.
24. **Dr. Narasimha Murthy** (P.I.-Pharmaceutics). Transdermal Delivery of Iron (NIH), \$69,305, May 1, 2010-April 30, 2011.

25. **Dr. Narasimha Murthy** (P.I.-Pharmaceutics). Vehicles to Enhance Nose to Brain Bioavailability of Drugs (CORE-NPN), \$149,771 September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010.
26. **Dr. Dale Nagle** (P.I.-Pharmacognosy), and **Dr. Yu-Dong Zhou** (Co-P.I.-Pharmacognosy). Anticancer Drug Discovery that Targets Tumor Hypoxia-Year 6 (NIH/National Cancer Institute), \$270,237, June 1, 2010-May 31, 2011.
27. **Dr. Nirmal Pugh** (P.I.-NCNPR). Biological Standardization Assay Development (Scandinavian Clinical Nutrition), \$7,756, July 1, 2010-August 31, 2010.
28. **Dr. Michael Repka** (P.I.-Pharmaceutics). Bioadhesive Properties of a Generic Nail Lacquer in Comparison to a Branded Product (Chanelle Medical), \$4,950, February 1, 2010 - February 28, 2010.
29. **Dr. Michael Repka** (P.I.-Pharmaceutics), and **Dr. Soumyajit Majumdar** (Co-P.I.-Pharmaceutics). Fundamental Studies in the Application of Low MW Klucel and Hot-Melt Extrusion for the Oral Delivery of Insoluble Drugs from Tablets, Capsules and Oral Film Dosage Forms-Year 1 (Hercules, Inc.), \$47,440, January 1, 2010-December 31, 2010.
30. **Dr. Michael Repka** (P.I.-Pharmaceutics), and **Dr. Soumyajit Majumdar** (Co-P.I.-Pharmaceutics). Center for Thermal Pharmaceutical Processing (Department of Health and Human Services/Health Resources and Services Administration), \$611,820, September 1, 2009-August 31, 2011.
31. **Dr. Michael Repka** (P.I.-Pharmaceutics), and **Dr. Soumyajit Majumdar** (Co-P.I.-Pharmaceutics). Properties of HME Extruded Films Containing Kollidon VA-64 and New Polymer (BASF SE), \$38,679, January 1, 2010-December 31, 2010.
32. **Dr. John Rimoldi** (P.I.-Medicinal Chemistry). Synthesis of Carbon Monoxide Donors and Heme Oxygenase Inhibitors (University of Mississippi Medical Center/NIH/National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute), \$26,870, September 1, 2008-July 31, 2010.
33. **Dr. Leigh Ann Ross** (P.I.-Pharmacy Practice). Mississippi State Hospital and University of Mississippi, School of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Practice Agreement-FY10-11 (Mississippi State Hospital), \$28,000, May 1, 2010-June 30, 2011.
34. **Dr. Ziaeddin Shariat-Madar** (P.I.-Pharmacology). CORE-NPN Small Grant (NCRR), \$35,750, September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010.
35. **Dr. Marc Slattery** (P.I.-Pharmacognosy). Rapid Phase Shift to Algal Dominated Mesophotic Reef Communities in Response to Lionfish Invasion (University of New Hampshire/NSF) \$28,980, December 1, 2009-November 30, 2010.
36. **Dr. Troy Smillie** (P.I.-NCNPR). Analysis of Plant Samples or Dietary Supplements for the Presence of *Hoodia gordonii*-Modification 4 (Federal Trade Commission), \$4,000, January 8, 2009-June 30, 2010.
37. **Dr. Larry Walker** (P.I.-NCNPR). Development of Natural Products from Plants and Microbes for Replacement of Synthetic Pesticides-Amendment 6 (USDA/Agricultural Research Service), \$2,380,393, September 6, 2006-July 31, 2011.
38. **Dr. Larry Walker** (P.I.-NCNPR). Bioassay Support (NIUST), \$184,727, October 1, 2006-September 30, 2011.
39. **Dr. Larry Walker** (P.I.-NCNPR), and **Dr. Charles Hufford** (Co-P.I.-Dean's Office). Phase II Construction of NCNPR Research Wing (NIH/NCRR), \$13,915,445, April 1, 2010-March 31, 2015.
40. **Dr. Larry Walker** (P.I.-NCNPR), and **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR). Discovery and Development of Natural Product-Based Insect Management Compounds for Medical,

Veterinary and Urban Concern-Amendment 3 (USDA), \$507,319, September 24, 2007-September 23, 2012.

41. **Dr. Kristine Willett** (P.I.-Pharmacology), and **Dr. John Rimoldi** (Co-P.I.-Medicinal Chemistry). Seagrass Proteomics: Profiling and Surveillance in the Gulf of Mexico (NOAA/NIUST), \$100,000, October 1, 2009-September 30, 2010.
42. **Dr. Kristine Willett** (P.I.-Pharmacology). BaP-mediated Reproductive and Developmental Toxicity (NIH/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences), \$69,305, April 13, 2010-March 31, 2011.
43. **Dr. Kristine Willett** (P.I.-Pharmacology). Distribution, Bioaccumulation and Toxicity of Nanosilver Particles in Medaka (*Oryzias latipes*)-Year 2 (U.S. Army Engineering Research and Development Center), \$140,805, February 27, 2010-February 26, 2011.
44. **Dr. John Williamson** (P.I.-Medicinal Chemistry). Fungal Endophytes as a Source for Anti-Malarial Drug Leads (U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity), \$310,055, April 12, 2010-May 11, 2011.
45. **Dr. Yu-Dong Zhou** (P.I.-Pharmacognosy), and **Dr. Dale Nagle** (Co-P.I.-Pharmacognosy). Methods to Examine Mitochondria-Targeted Marine Natural Products (NOAA/NIUST), \$109,290, October 1, 2009-September 30, 2010.
46. **Dr. Jordan Zjawiony** (P.I.-Pharmacognosy). Diterpenes as Selective Kappa Opioid Receptor Agents (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill/NIDA), \$68,129, February 15, 2010-January 31, 2011.
47. **Dr. Jordan Zjawiony** (P.I.-Pharmacognosy), and **Dr. Charles Burandt** (Co-P.I.-NCNPR). Chemistry and Pharmacology of Newly Emerging Psychoactive Plants-Year 2 (NIH), \$71,500, May 1, 2009-April 30, 2011.

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- **Mr. Sunil Battu** (Pharmaceutics) and **Mr. Swapnil Kulkarni** (Medicinal Chemistry) were honored with *Graduate Achievement Awards* during Commencement activities in May.
- **Ms. Sarah Chajkowski** was presented with the *Robert A. Magarian Outstanding Podium Presentation Award*, and **Mr. Swapnil Kulkarni** was presented with the *Thomas L. Lemke Outstanding Poster Presentation Award*, during the 2010 MALTO meeting held in May. Both are Medicinal Chemistry graduate students. MALTO is an annual meeting of the Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacognosy departments from Schools of Pharmacy in Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma.
- **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** was selected as the recipient of the 2010 American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) *Herbal Insight Award*. This award is given to individuals or non-commercial organizations that have a significant impact on furthering knowledge and understanding of botanicals and their uses. **Dr. Khan** was also named as the recipient of the *2011 Tyler Prize* during the annual meeting of the American Society of Pharmacognosy. The Tyler Prize is awarded to recognize an individual who has made outstanding scientific contributions to the broad field of dietary supplements, with special emphasis on botanicals.
- **Dr. Leigh Ann Ross** was named by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy as one of three finalists for the *Transformational Community Service Award*. This award recognizes the project that her very capable and committed team is doing in the Mississippi Delta to meet the needs of under served citizens. This complex and innovative project is truly making a difference in the lives of families and simultaneously creating learning opportunities for our students and pharmacy residents.
- **Mr. Philip Schwab** (Pharmacy Administration) received the *APhA-APRS ESAS Postgraduate Best Paper Award Honorable Mention* during the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in March,

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