Infectious Diseases & Global Public Health

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Achievements:
The Atlantic Philanthropies has announced that Talia Al-Rousan is one of its 2018 Atlantic Fellows in its cohort. “The Fellows programs are an intentional effort to bring together mid-career individuals from diverse professions, backgrounds and areas of expertise to learn from one another, find solutions to pressing problems, and achieve demonstrable impact.” Read more about it here.

Community Outreach:

Transgender Wellness Day
The UC San Diego AIDS Research Center (ARSC) Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming Community Advisory Board, in collaboration with the UC San Diego Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming Community Advisory Board, hosted the first annual San Diego Transgender Health and Wellness Day. This event brought together the transgender community in the San Diego region to raise awareness and advance their health and wellness.

AIDS Walk & Run San Diego
The UC San Diego AIDS Research Program (ARSP) and the UC San Diego Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) and the Division of Infectious Diseases & Global Public Health joined forces in participating in the AIDS Walk & Run to help bring the most funds possible back to UC San Diego’s AIDS Research Program. This event aims to remember the many individuals who were lost to AIDS and to raise funds to support San Diegans that are living today with HIV.

Seminars:
Thursday, October 11, 1:00 – 2:00 PM: Daniel Escudero, PhD, MPH, is a Research Associate in the Department of Epidemiology at Harvard University. He will discuss, “Using individual-based epidemiologic modeling to estimate the effectiveness of the Miami Getting to Zero campaign.” Dr. Escudero will be speaking in the 2nd floor conference room of the Centralized Research Services Facility (CRSF). Please RSVP on Eventbrite.

ID/GPH In the News:

Indiana HIV outbreak among drug users may have been avoidable
A year-long HIV outbreak among intravenous (IV) drug users in Indiana might have been avoided if the state’s top medical and political leaders had acted sooner on early warnings….

Phage therapy draws renewed interest to combat drug-resistant microbes
The married professors were spending their Thanksgiving holiday in Egypt when the husband, Thomas L. Patterson, Ph.D., got very sick very quickly, experiencing fever, nausea and a racing heartbeat...

HIV+ volunteers are bequeathing their organs to new project
Much of the medical research conducted on HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, looks at patients’ blood. This is no surprise. Blood is both easy to collect and easy to preserve….

LGBQ Teens May Be More Likely to Use Dangerous Drugs
Lesbian, gay, bisexual, or questioning (LGBQ) teens are at substantially higher risk of substance use than their heterosexual peers, according to a new study.

UCSD Launches Center to Combat ‘Superbugs’
Two years ago, while on vacation in Egypt, Tom Patterson contracted an antibiotic-resistant infection and was on the brink of death until a team of experts, including those from University of California, San Diego, developed a cocktail of viruses….

MSM Found to Underestimate Risk of HIV Infection
Scientists from San Diego will visit virtually every corner of the globe during the upcoming summer field research season to take up an equally broad range of questions….

Proteus Digital Health Announces Digital Medicines Pipeline Development and Expansion into Oncology
Proteus Digital Health, Inc. today announced that together with its collaborators, the company has developed a pipeline of 31 digital medicines for mental health, cardiovascular and metabolic conditions, infectious diseases, and oncology.

If you have any updates or requests for future newsletters, please send an email to Mayra V Miller at mvmiller@ucsd.edu. Thank you!

We would like to introduce Ezra Prakash-Haft (Ezzy) to the ID & GPH Division! His favorite pastimes are napping during the day and ‘singing’ all night. Congratulations to Dr. Katya Prakash and her wonderful family!

We would like to welcome Zuki (Zuleika) to the ID & GPH Division! Zuki loves to look cute and spend time with her family. Congratulations to Dr. Dan Weinberg and his beautiful family!