

LSU goes global

LSUHSC Global Pulmonary Exchange Program-Turkey

In 2002 Dr Juzar Ali, a faculty member in the section of pulmonary medicine, traveled to Turkey as a visiting Professor as a Fulbright Scholar awardee and participated in the clinical and academic activities of the Chest Department at Ege University, Izmir, Turkey. This experience led to a faculty exchange program between the two schools as part of the Fulbright Alumni Award over the ensuing years. In 2009, a “fellowship exchange” under the aegis of the **Russell C. Klein, MD (’59)** LSU Alumni Professorship was started wherein pulmonary fellows from LSU and Ege can travel between institutions to participate

in clinical rotations, advance their education, participate in academic pursuits and further their understanding of international medical and practice models.

The first visiting fellow from Turkey was Dr Sezai Tasbakan, a senior fellow from Ege. Dr Tasbakan participated in clinical rotations and scientific sessions and also attended the American College of Chest Physician meeting during his stay.

In April 2010, Dr Craig Patterson, a senior pulmonary fellow at LSU, traveled to Turkey to participate in clinical activities at Ege and present his research on the effects of steroids on bacterial host defense at the Turkish Thoracic Society meeting in Istanbul. He related from his experience, “The physicians and staff of the Ege University Department of Chest Diseases were incredibly welcoming and created an experience rich in both academia and culture. The educational experience was a great mix of study in clinical

medicine, health care delivery systems, and medical history, while the cultural curriculum afforded me the opportunity to travel within Turkey and interact with the Turkish people - who were among the most hospitable I’ve encountered.”

In Dr Ali’s words, “the Program is more than a professional exchange of scholars.... It is an exchange of ideas and culture, science and knowledge, personnel and personalities in an ambience of goodwill.” Both the institutions are committed to maintain and further enhance this collaboration.

Dr. Patterson added, “In an increasingly global profession, the Global Pulmonary Exchange Program demonstrates LSU’s commitment to training physicians with *not only* outstanding clinical skills *but also* open minds and unique perspectives. The educational value of an opportunity to view one’s practice through the filter of another culture is immeasurable.”



Dr. Juzar Ali (second from right), the Russell C. Klein, MD, LSU-Alumni Professor of Clinical Medicine, meets with students in the Global Pulmonary Exchange Program.



Dr. Ali (third from left) meets with Turkish trainees.



Hard work is rewarded by a picnic given by Ege University in Izmir, Turkey

Family Day 2010



Gretchen Yandle ('07) with Kevin Gipson

The School of Medicine annually hosts Family Day held here on campus. All parents, spouses, and families are invited to come to the School to spend the day watching skits choreographed by the various classes of medical students, tour the facilities, including the Cohn Student Learning Center and the Klein Center for Advanced Practice, and attend a reception at the conclusion of the day. It is an

attempt to share medical students' daily schedules and experiences with their families. This year, the event was held on Saturday, March 20, and enjoyed its best attendance since Katrina. Shown on this page are family and students at the event.



Left to right: Ryan Rhodes, Megan O'Neal, and Karen and Kent Rhodes ('88)



Left to right: Cindy Murphy, Casey Murphy, and Charles Murphy ('82)



Left to right: George Karam ('71), Susan Karam, and Mary Karam



Left to right: Helene Augustin ('80), Emily Burgin, and David Burgin ('80)



Left to right: Andrew Schumacher, Pam Darr ('81), and Chase Schumacher (L-4)



Left to right: Mike Rolfsen ('82), Michael Rolfsen, and Jeannette Rolfsen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAMP TIGER

now in its 25th Year

In May 2010, Camp Tiger, a class project of our first-year medical students, celebrated its 25th anniversary. It was the largest Camp Tiger gathering in the history of the Camp, with more than 426 participants, including 173 rising second-year students, 118 incoming students, six Emergency Medicine faculty, one Acadian Ambulance, plus six EMS staff and eight Calco buses. The Class of 2013 raised over \$135,000 on their own to support the camp, while adjusting to their own first year of medical school. Camp Tiger, which is free to the campers, gives disadvantaged and challenged children a chance to go to camp and enjoy various activities. To that end, this year the camp gave 135 special-needs children a rewarding camp experience. Activities for this year's camp included the Global Wildlife Center, Audubon Zoo and Aquarium, Louisiana Children's Museum, and City Park. The week concluded with a carnival and closing ceremonies at Jesuit High School, where each camper was recognized and awarded a trophy and certificate. Since its inception in 1985, Camp Tiger has served over 1,500 children. It owes much of its success not just to the medical students but also to the confidence and support from the campers' families as well as the outstanding efforts of Dr. Joseph DeCarpio, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, and his support staff.

Match Day 2010

An annual Match Day for LSU School of Medicine seniors was held on March 18 and was celebrated with a crawfish boil for seniors and their families on the school campus.

Gerard Peña ('82), President of the Alumni Board, presented alumni lapel pins to each graduate during the ceremony and welcomed them to the alumni family. This year's match was the best in a decade for the School. Of our 165 graduating seniors, 100% found post-graduate training positions, 60% chose to remain in Louisiana for their training and the LSU residency programs were all filled. Shown here is a sampling of participants in the event.



Left to right: Paul Heick, Sarah Frances Peña, Trisha Peña, and Gerard Peña ('82)



Left to right: Zachary Liner, Malloy Liner, and F. Jeff Liner ('76)



Left to right: Donna Dauterive, Edward Weeks Dauterive, Jr. ('78), Edward Dauterive III, and Gretchen Grisoli Dauterive



Benjamin Martinez and Jorge Martinez ('76)



Left to right: Mary Kay Faust, Katherine Faust, and Donald C. Faust ('77)



Left to right: Thomas Kennedy ('77), David Kennedy, and Mary Kennedy



MATCH DAY CELEBRATION
A crawfish boil is held annually after Match Day for the graduates and their families. Pictured at right, enjoying the event, are graduating seniors **Dywanda Lewis** (foreground) and **Cornel Rogers**. (right). To the left in the picture are two of Cornel Rogers' family members.



Left to right: Mary Ellen Curole, Jennifer Curole, and David Curole ('74)

Faculty News

Appointment

Dr. Alistair Ramsay has accepted the position of Department Head of Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology effective July 1, 2010. Dr. Ramsay, who received his PhD from the University of Otago (New Zealand), came to LSU School of Medicine in 2001. His research focuses on host-pathogen interactions, particularly those involving intracellular pathogens. He succeeds Dr. Ronald Luftig, who has served the department and school for over 25 years.

Awards/Honors

The Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award went to John P. Hunt, MD, Professor of Surgery (award in Medicine - Clinical) and to Peter Winsauer, PhD, Professor of Pharmacology (award in Medicine - Basic Science).

Two members of the LSUHSC faculty were honored by the American Thoracic Society at their annual meeting in New Orleans in May 2010. **Ben deBoisblanc ('81)**, Professor of Medicine, was asked to give the keynote address at the Opening Ceremonies. Dr. Warren Summer was recognized for his lifetime contributions in education and mentoring in the fields of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine.



Left to right: *John Guidry ('77)*, *Benjamin Guidry ('10)*, and *Patricia Guidry ('97)*



Left to right: *Gary Mayeux ('84)*, *Gary Mayeux ('10)*, *Andrea Mayeux* and *Allyson Mayeux ('86)*

Graduation

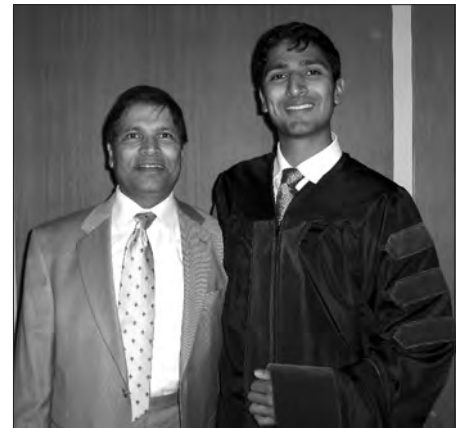
On May 13, 2010, nearly 700 students from LSU Health Sciences Center's six schools graduated at a commencement ceremony held at the UNO Lakefront Arena. Rear Admiral Richard Vinci, a graduate of the LSU School of Dentistry who is commander of the Navy Medicine Support Command and chief of the Navy Dental Corps, delivered the commencement address. Doctor of Medicine graduates totaled 164.

Katherine Faust received the Richard Paddison, MD, Alumni Award. **Rachel Ann Pastorek** won the Chancellor's Award in medicine, and **Danny Lee Robinson** was the recipient of the Dean's Award in medicine. **Erin Therese Cunningham** graduated summa cum laude.

Unfortunately, we were unable to get pictures of all graduating alumni children.



David Kennedy ('10) and *Thomas Kennedy ('77)*



Akshay Gupta ('97) and *Manecsh Gupta ('10)*



PHOTO, RIGHT
The Martinez clan, left to right: Jorge Martinez ('76), Ricardo Martinez ('80), Benjamin Martinez ('10), Jorge Martinez-Lopez ('50)



Eye on Alumni in Medical Mission work

Bert Oubre ('68)

After graduation from LSU School of Medicine, Bert interned at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, Texas, and completed a general surgery residency at San Joaquin General Hospital in California.

While practicing general surgery, Bert's wife of 24 years, Alayne, developed breast cancer and ultimately succumbed to metastatic disease. During her illness, Bert experienced a life-changing conversion and began a life focused on "spiritually and physically needy people." The rest of this message is a summation from his communication to the alumni office.

After Alayne's death, Bert volunteered with World Medical Mission and traveled to Zaire and Cameroon for a year of service in a mission hospital. During that assignment he met and married a Swiss-American RN, Debbie, and cared for many leprosy patients. "I remember

Dr Paul Brand who had taken our LSU Medical School class to the US Hansen's Disease Center in Carville, Louisiana, many years before." Bert completed a fellowship in reconstructive surgery as it applies to leprosy and returned to Cameroon, teaching surgical techniques to other missionary surgeons and administering care to nomadic tribal populations across Central and West Africa.

In 1988, Bert, in conjunction with other founding members, established a new mission, the Medical Centers of West Africa (MCWA). Its goal to start hospitals across Africa to reach people in remote areas with physical and spiritual care; the main office remains in Baton Rouge. Construction on the first hospital began in 1992 in the village of Meskine, near the provincial capital, Maroua, and was completed in 1994, growing to over



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100 beds at present (Hospital de Meskine). Over 200 outpatient daily visits are made daily, with thousands of annual surgical procedures, now mostly provided by nationals who trained there.

In 2002, Bert founded the Cutting Edge Foundation and became the first International Medical Director of the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM). In conjunction with other faith-based organizations, Bert has continued to establish hospitals in Sudan and Chad. The hospital in Chad (Hospital de Guinebar II) is near the capital of N'Djamena and is expected to be involved in the training of students from the medical school there.

Bert opened the Emmaus Medical Surgical Clinic in Lexington, South Carolina, in August 2009, but he continues to travel to Africa. More information about Cutting Edge Foundation may be found at their website: www.cefoundation.net.



Haiti Relief

A report from Richard A. Vinroot, Jr., MD ('03), MPH



Following my return from Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, several months ago, where I had been employed as a TB/HIV field physician with Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders, I recently found myself in La Valee Jacmel in Southern Haiti. While working with an NGO-Association Haitienne de Development Humain, I



Dr. Vinroot pauses with a Haitian friend at the end of a busy day.



worked in a small functioning dispensary managing emergencies, daily medical needs, and catastrophe-related issues such as dysentery, meningitis, and dehydration. My training as an emergency medicine physician with LSU and the Ochsner Clinic Foundation in New Orleans and my international medical experience allowed me to be effective in the post-earthquake Haitian environs.