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**TO:** All School of Pharmacy Personnel

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

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**SUBJECT:** Research News (#2)

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

1. **Dr. Joseph Byrd** (P.I. – Pharmacy Practice). Mississippi State Hospital and University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy Agreement (FY 07-08) (Mississippi State Hospital), \$24,000, May 1, 2007-April 30, 2008.
2. **Dr. John Cleary** (P.I. – Pharmacy Practice). REO Award (Mary Hamilton Chestnut) (University of Southern Mississippi/ National Institutes of Health [NIH]/Mississippi Functional Genomics Network), \$1,000, May 2, 2007-June 15, 2007.
3. **Dr. Asok Dasmahapatra** (P.I. – NCNPR). Identification of Ethanol-Sensitive Gene in Japanese Medaka – REO Award (Jerrell Sims) (University of Southern Mississippi/NIH/Mississippi Functional Genomics Network), \$1,000, May 1, 2007-June 15, 2007.
4. **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 (Year 3) (National Institute on Drug Abuse[NIDA]/NIH), \$1,019,428, March 16, 2007-March 15, 2008.
5. **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 (Year 3-Amendment 5) (NIDA/NIH), \$362,691, March 21, 2007-March 15, 2008.
6. **Dr. Daneel Ferreira** (P.I. – Pharmacognosy). Microbial Transformation of Pomegranate Constituents (POM Wonderful, LLC), \$47,000, June 7, 2007-June 6, 2008.
7. **Dr. Deborah Gochfeld** (P.I. – NCNPR). Development of Molecular Tools to Assess Disease Resistance in Corals and Sponges (U.S. Dept. of Commerce/National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration [NOAA]), \$63,128, October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007.
8. **Dr. Thomas Harrell** (P.I. – Pharmacy Practice) and **Dean Barbara Wells** (Co-P.I. – School of Pharmacy). Pharmacy Education Management System (CVS Pharmacy), \$9,500, January 1, 2007-December 31, 2007.
9. **Dr. Rae Matsumoto** (P.I. – Pharmacology). Synthesis and Evaluation of Sigma-Active Cocaine Antagonists (NIH/NIDA), \$336,617, June 1, 2007-March 31, 2008.
10. **Dr. Christopher McCurdy** (P.I. – Medicinal Chemistry) and **Dr. Rae Matsumoto** (Co-P.I. – Pharmacology). Novel Pharmacologic Interventions for Drugs of Abuse (NIH/NIDA), \$356,198, April 15, 2007-March 31, 2008.

11. **Dr. Dale Nagle** (P.I. – Pharmacognosy) and **Dr. Yu-Dong Zhou** (Co-P.I. – Pharmacognosy). Anticancer Drug Discovery that Targets Tumor Hypoxia (Year 4), (National Cancer Institute), \$257,080, May 1, 2007-April 30, 2008.
12. **Dr. Nirmal Pugh** (P.I. – NCNPR) and **Dr. David Pasco** (P.I. – NCNPR). Mannatech Phase I (Mannatech), \$28,935, May 1, 2007-August 31, 2007.
13. **Dr. Michael Repka** (P.I. – Pharmaceutics). Transmucosal Matrix Patch System for Delivery of Prochlorperazine (Wraser Pharmaceuticals), \$38,940, February 1, 2007-January 31, 2008.
14. **Dr. Nisaratana Sangasubana** (P.I. – Pharmacy Administration). The Elderly and OTC Labeling Information: A Randomized Controlled Experiment Testing a Perceived Risk Model on OTC Perceptions and Choice of Information Source (DHHS/Agency for Health Care Research and Quality), \$54,059, March 1, 2007-February 29, 2008.
15. **Dr. Marc Slattery** (P.I. – Pharmacognosy). Coastal Mississippi Ecosystem Management in Response to Hurricane Katrina (University of Southern Mississippi/Mississippi Research Consortium/NOAA), \$63,788, January 11, 2007-January 10, 2008.
16. **Dr. Robert Speth** (P.I. – Pharmacology). Inhibition of Angiotensin II – Induced Cardiac Fibrosis (Phase III) (University of Florida), \$1,050, June 1, 2007-May 31, 2008.
17. **Dr. Kristine Willett** (P.I. – Pharmacology). Roles of CYP1 & 19 in Fundulus Steroids & PAH Metabolism (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences/NIH), \$224,672, May 1, 2007-April 30, 2008.
18. **Dr. Kristine Willett** (P.I. – Pharmacology). Roles of CYP1 & 19 in Fundulus Steroids & PAH Metabolism – Supplement (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences/NIH), \$7,632, June 1, 2007-September 1, 2007.
19. **Dr. Sean Wilson** (P.I. – Pharmacology). Summer Research Opportunities for Undergraduates (Matthew Loftin) (Mississippi Functional Genomics Network/NIH), \$1,000, May 14, 2007-Aug. 10, 2007.
20. **Dr. Sean Wilson** (P.I. – Pharmacology). Summer Research Opportunities for Undergraduates (Allison Derrick) (Mississippi Functional Genomics Network/NIH), \$1,000, May 14, 2007-Aug. 10, 2007.

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2. **Zulfiqar Ali, Shabana Khan, Rahul Pawar, Daneel Ferreira and Ikhlas Khan**, “9,19-Cyclolanostane Derivatives from the Roots of *Actaea pachypoda*”, *Journal of Natural Products*, 70, 107-110 (2007).
3. **Zulfiqar Ali, Shabana Khan, F.R. Fronczek, and Ikhlas Khan**, “9,10-*seco*-9,19-Cyclolanostane Arabinosides from the Roots of *Actaea podocarpa*”, *Phytochemistry*, 68, 373-382 (2007).
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5. **Zulfiqar Ali, Ikhlas Khan, and F.R. Fronczek**, “Revision of the Structure of Podocarpaside *E*, from *Actaea podocarpa*”, *Acta Crystallographica*, 63, 2101-2103 (2007).
6. **Zulfiqar Ali, Shabana Khan, Daneel Ferreira and Ikhlas Khan**, “Podocarpaside, a Triterpenoid Possessing a New Backbone from *Actaea podocarpa*”, *Organic Letters*, 8, 5529-5532 (2006).
7. **Premalatha Balachandran, Nirmal Pugh, Guoyi Ma and David Pasco**, “Toll-like Receptor 2-Dependent Activation of Monocytes by *Spirulina* Polysaccharide and Its Immune Enhancing Action in Mice”, *International Immunopharmacology*, 6, 1808-1814 (2006).
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12. **Jingqiu Dai**, **Yang Liu**, **Yu-Dong Zhou** and **Dale Nagle**, "Hypoxia-Selective Antitumor Agents: Norsesquiterpene Peroxides from the Marine Sponge *Diacarnus levii* Preferentially Suppress the Growth of Tumor Cells under Hypoxic Conditions", *Journal of Natural Products*, 70, 130-133 (2007).
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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.)

Research Disclosures Filed in FY2006-2007:	10
U. S. Patent Applications Pending:	33
Recent U. S. Patents Granted:	2

*Potent Immunostimulants from Microalgae.* **Pasco, David; Pugh, Nirmal; ElSohly, Mahmoud, Ross, Samir, ElSohly, Hala.** US Patent #7,205,284

*High Molecular Weight Polysaccharide from Aloe Vera with Immunostimulatory Activity.* **Pasco, David; Pugh, Nirmal; ElSohly, Mahmoud, Ross, Samir.** US Patent #7,196,072

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

- **Mr. Nicholas Hammond** (Medicinal Chemistry Graduate Student) has been awarded a 2007 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education (AFPE) with a stipend of \$6000 for September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2008.
- **Mr. Sanju Narayanan** (Medicinal Chemistry Graduate Student) was presented with an award for his poster at the UM Sigma Xi Poster Symposium in March 2007. His poster was entitled “Design, Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Novel Sigma Receptor Antagonists as Anti-cocaine Agents”. He won best in his class of Health Sciences and also won the Best Poster involving Natural Products research from the National Center for Natural Products Research.
- **Dr. John Williamson** was involved in presentations during the 232nd ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, California – Sept. 10-14, 2006: (a) D.A Wicks, L.J. Mathias, K. Malone, and **John Williamson** – “Entrepreneurship at the Interface of Medicinal and Polymer Sciences: An NSF IGERT Program to Prepare Students for an Uncertain Future”; and (b) A.M. Rhoades, D.A. Wicks, and **John Williamson** – “The Counterions of Arginine Amino Acids Impact Efficacy and Solution Properties of the Antimicrobial Peptide Ac-RRWWRF-NH<sub>2</sub>”.
- **Dr. John Williamson** has also been selected as a 2007-2008 Phi Kappa Phi *Forum* columnist; has been elected Chair of the 2007-2008 University Senate of the Faculty; and has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of *Current Medicinal Chemistry* (Impact Factor 4.90).
- The 2007 Graduate Student Achievement Awards in Pharmacy were presented to: **Nidhi Singh** and **Jianping Zhao**. Ms. Singh was a Medicinal Chemistry Ph.D. candidate who received her degree in May (Advisor is **Dr. Christopher McCurdy**). Mr. Zhao was a Pharmacognosy Ph.D. candidate who received his degree in May (Advisor is **Dr. Ikhlas Khan**).

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