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TO: All School of Pharmacy & USDA Personnel
FROM: Charles D. Hufford, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs
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SUBJECT: Research News (#2)

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 08-09 (Mississippi State Hospital), \$24,000, May 1, 2008-April 30, 2009.
2. **Dr. Joseph Byrd** (P.I. - Pharmacy Practice). University of Mississippi Medical Center/University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy/Department of Pharmacy Practice Agreement - FY 08-09 (UMMC, Department of Pediatrics), \$23,575, July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009.
3. **Dr. Stephen Cutler** (P.I. - Medicinal Chemistry). Center for Excellence in Natural Products Neuroscience - Year 3 (National Institutes of Health/National Center for Research Resources), \$1,967,642, July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009.
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 - Mod. No. 9 (National Institute on Drug Abuse), \$260,910, March 15, 2005-March 14, 2010.
5. **Dr. Mark Hamann** (P.I. - Pharmacognosy) and **Dr. Jiangnan Peng** (Co-P.I. - Pharmacognosy). Assessment of Supercritical CO₂ Inactivation of Oyster Associated Bacteria (Mississippi/Alabama Sea Grant Consortium/The University of Southern Mississippi/U.S. Department of Commerce/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), \$14,996, February 1, 2008-January 31, 2009.
6. **Dr. Mark Hamann** (P.I. - Pharmacognosy). The Isolation and Characterization of Antimalarial Agents with Marine Micro-Organisms - No. 3 (Medicines for Malaria Venture), \$15,000, January 1, 2006-December 31, 2011.
7. **Dr. Muhammad Ilias** (P.I. - NCNPR), **Dr. Babu Tekwani** (Co-P.I. - NCNPR), and **Dr. Ikhlas Khan** (Co-P.I. - NCNPR). Standardization of *Banisteriopsis caapi* for Chemical and Biological Markers - Year 2 (National Institutes of Health), \$211,680, May 1, 2008-April 30, 2009.
8. Dr. Thomas Lombardo (P.I. - Psychology/ORSP), **Dr. John Bentley** (Co-P.I. - Pharmacy Administration), and **Dr. Sandra Bentley** (Co-P.I. - Pharmacy Practice). "ACT Now" Tobacco Intervention Program - FY 08 (University of Mississippi Medical Center/State of Mississippi), \$5,000, May 1, 2008-June 30, 2008.
9. **Dr. Michael Repka** (P.I. - Pharmaceutics), and **Dr. Soumyajit Majumdar** (Co-P.I. - Pharmaceutics). Equipment for Center for Thermal Pharmaceutical Processing (Health Resources and Services Administration), \$284,030, June 1, 2008-September 30, 2010.

10. **Dr. Michael Repka** (P.I. - Pharmaceuticals), and **Dr. Soumyajit Majumdar** (Co-P.I. - Pharmaceuticals). Transmucosal Intra-Oral Drug Delivery Systems for THC (ElSohly Laboratories, Inc./NIH, \$189,654, June 1, 2008-May 31, 2009).
11. **Dr. Ziaeddin Shariat-Madar** (P.I. - Pharmacology). Evaluation of the Physiologic Effects of FX_{1a} Inhibitors Possessing Plasma Kallikrein Activity (Pfizer, Inc.), \$50,000, March 14, 2008-March 13, 2009.
12. **Dr. Marc Slattery** (P.I. - Pharmacognosy), and **Dr. Deborah Gochfeld** (Co-P.I. - NNCPR). New Ocean Resources: Exploration and Drug Discovery in the “Twilight Zone” (U.S. Department of Commerce - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), \$23,230, May 1, 2008-April 30, 2009.
13. **Dr. Robert Speth** (P.I. - Pharmacology). Inhibition of Angiotensin II - Induced Cardiac Fibrosis-Phase V (University of Florida), \$4,500, 6/1/06-5/31/08.
14. **Dr. Robert Speth** (P.I. - Pharmacology). Summer Research Opportunities for Undergraduates Program (Mississippi Functional Genomics Network/NIH), \$1,000, May 14, 2008-August 15, 2008.
15. **Dr. Noel Wilkin** (P.I. - Research Institute for Pharmaceutical Services/Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management), **Dr. William Lobb** (Co-P.I. - RIPS/CPMM), **Dr. Benjamin Banahan** (Co-P.I. - RIPS/CPMM). The Role and Value of Compounded Prescription Medications (International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists), \$15,003, September 1, 2007-June 30, 2008.
16. **Dr. Kristine Willett** (P.I. - Pharmacology/Environmental Toxicology Research Program). Coastal Health: Katrina (U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NOAA), Regrant - Increase Funding from \$57,024 to \$83,527, October 1, 2006-September 30, 2011.
17. **Dr. Kristine Willett** (P.I. - Pharmacology). Roles of CYP1 & 19 in Fundulus Steroids & PAH Metabolism (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences), \$220,178, May 1, 2008-April 30, 2009.
18. **Dr. John Williamson** (P.I. - Medicinal Chemistry). Mississippi Functional Genomics Network (The University of Southern Mississippi/NIH), \$86,400, May 1, 2008-April 30, 2009.

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4. **Zulfiqar Ali and Ikhlas Khan**, “Alkaloids and Saponins from Blue Cohosh”, *Phytochemistry*, 69, 1037-1042 (2008).
5. **Zulfiqar Ali, Shabana Khan, and Ikhlas Khan**, “New Cycloartane-Type Triterpene Arabinosides from the Roots of *Actaea podocarpa* and their Biological Study”, *Letter... Planta Med*, 73, 699-703 (2007).
6. **Zulfiqar Ali, Daneel Ferreira, Paulo Carvalho, Mitchell Avery, and Ikhlas Khan**, “Nigellidine-4- O-Sulfite, the First Sulfated Indazole-Type Alkaloid from the Seeds of *Nigella*” *Journal of Natural Products* 71, 1111-1112 (2008).
7. **Zulfiqar Ali, F.R. Fronczek, and Ikhlas Khan**, “Phenylalkanoids and Monoterpene Analogues from the Roots of *Rhodiola rosea*”, *Letter... Planta Med*, 74, 178-181 (2008).
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10. **Scott Baerson, Agnes Rimando, and Zhiqiang Pan**, “Probing Allelochemical Biosynthesis in Sorghum Root Hairs”, *Plant Signaling & Behavior*, 3, 1-4 (2008).
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32. **Dharmika Nanayakkara**, A.L. Ager, M.S. Bartlett, V. Yardley, S.L. Croft, **Ikhlas Khan**, J.D. McChesney, and **Larry Walker**, “Antiparasitic Activities and Toxicities of Individual Enantiomers of the 8-Aminoquinoline 8-[(4-Amino-1-Methylbutyl)Amino]-6-Methoxy-4-Methyl-5-[3,4-Dichlorophenoxy]Quinoline Succinate[□]”, *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy*, 52, 2130-2137 (2008).
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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 FY2007-2008: 11

U. S. Patent Applications Pending: 26

Recent U. S. Patents Granted: *Novel Compounds and Methods for Inhibiting Cellular Responses to Hypoxia*; Zhou, Yu-Dong; Nagle, Dale; Mohammed, Asjad; Hossain, Chowdhury. U.S. Patent # 7,375,132

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

- **Dr. Michael A. Repka** was:
 - (a) Invited Speaker, "Stabilization of actives in hot-melt extruded PEO films, APV Experts' Workshop on Hot-Melt Extrusion and its use in the manufacturing of pharmaceutical dosage forms", March 4-5, 2008 in Ludwigshafen, Germany.
 - (b) Invited Speaker and Chair of Plenary Sessions, "Evaluation of Buccal Delivery of Δ^9 -Tetrahydrocannabinol Prodrugs Utilizing Hot-Melt Processed Oral Transmucosal Patch Systems, 6th World Meeting on Pharmaceutics, Biopharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology", April 7-10, 2008 in Barcelona, Spain.
 - (c) Recently appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of distinguished pharmaceutical journals, *AAPS PharmSciTech* and *Pharmaceutical Development and Technology*.

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