Pregnancy Foundation Post - July 2016

Support The Pregnancy Foundation in 2016!

Many thanks to all who have made a contribution to the Foundation in 2016. If you have not, there are several ways you can support our mission and help us achieve our goal of 50% participation from SMFM members this year:

- Donate when you renew your SMFM membership dues - it's easy and can be done without leaving the SMFM website!
- Honor Your Mentor - make a tribute donation in honor of someone who influenced your career!
- Honor a Graduating MFM Fellow - recognize the efforts and achievements of MFM Fellows with a donation in honor of a 2016 graduate!
- Support the First Year Fellows Retreat - contribute to the success of this program which is co-funded by SMFM and The Pregnancy Foundation!
- Improve maternal and child health around the world - support the Queenan Fellowships for Global Health!
- Encourage mentoring and leadership development of residents interested in MFM - support the Quilligan Scholars Program!

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Foundation/AAOGF Scholars Program

We are honored to report the success of three of our recent Pregnancy Foundation/AAOGF Scholars:

- Jacob (Jake) Larkin was awarded an R21 as PI of the project "The role of oxysterols in placental biology"
- Joy Vink received a perfect score on her K08, and has received a notice of grant award for her project entitled "Evaluating the role of human cervical smooth muscle cells in normal and premature cervical remodeling"
- Hilary Roeder was a recent recipient of an R03 for her project "Treating prediabetes in the first trimester: A randomized controlled trial"

We continue to work closely with our current and past trainees on their academic career development and research pursuits. As a part of our annual activities, we participated in the Annual Scholars Retreat that was held on July 21-23 at the University of California Irvine. The Foundation/AAOGF current scholars, Joe Hurt and Hilary Roeder, presented updates on their research. Dr. Hurt, of the University of Colorado-Denver, has successfully
completed the first year of the three-year research program that centers on his project, "Hydrogen Sulfide Regulation of Myometrial Contractility and Parturition." Dr. Hilary Roeder from the University of California San Diego completed the program on June 30th and her project entitled "Treating Prediabetes in the First Trimester: A Randomized Controlled Trial." She will make the final presentation of her work at the AGOS meeting in October. Dr. Jennifer Gilner, our new 2016 Foundation/AAOGF scholar from Duke University Medical Center, is studying the role of regulatory T-cells in the maternal-fetal rejection phenotype of preterm birth.

Several members of the Foundation's Scholarly Activities Committee were in attendance, including Yoel Sadovsky, Michelle DiVito, Sean Esplin, Francine Hughes, and the new Scholarly Activities Committee member, Les Myatt, PhD, from Oregon Health Sciences University.

Quilligan Scholars Program

Application Now Available!

The Quilligan Scholars Program is open to PGY-3 ob/gyn residents (PGY-4 in Canada); only one application from each residency program in the U.S. and Canada will be accepted. The program includes funded attendance at two SMFM Annual Meetings, a weekend biostatistics course, and mentorship opportunities for two years. Applications are due by October 1, 2016 and five residents will be selected in November as the 2017 Quilligan Scholars.

Download the application here.

Queenan Fellowships for Global Health
Read about the very impressive experiences and research projects of the 2015 Queenan Fellows:

- **Kelli Barbour** is in Geneva for six months as the Queenan International Agency Fellow
- **Lucie Moravia** describes her two months in Ghana as a Visiting Teaching Fellow
- **Ingrid Liff** provides an interim report on her research project in Botswana

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**GE Supports the Foundation**

The Foundation would like to thank [GE Healthcare](#) for their generous support of our programs in 2016. They have invested in the future of maternal-fetal medicine through educational grants to the Quilligan Scholars Program and the Queenan Fellowships for Global Health. In addition, they participated in our [Honor Your Mentor campaign](#) with a $30,000 educational grant in honor of the pioneers and innovators in the use of ultrasound technology, including 3D, 4D, and fetal echocardiography. We are very grateful for their support of our mission to advance care in pregnancy through research and education!

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