CALCULATION

EVENTS AT COLUMBIA

JUNE

16TH, MON.
1:30 P.M.-7:20 P.M. “Forensic Engineering Seminar: Forensic Engineers’ Role in the Determination and Resolution of Design Deficiencies.” Daniel Canco, John Dentenmann, Peter Deming, Donald Dusenbury, Robert Ratay, Michael Zerlin, and Robert Rubin. Registration fee: $75 at the door. For further information, e-mail aparasharami@syska.com.

21ST, SAT.
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. “First Annual Washington Heights Bike Rodeo and Wheel Safety Day” at Riverside Park

HEALTH SCIENCES

10TH, TUE.

11TH, WED.
4:00 P.M. Medical Faculty Seminar. “Molecular Pathogenesis of Hepatic Fibrosis.” David A. Brenner. Medicine, 342-3246. Atchley-Loeb Conference Rm., PH 8 East.

12TH, THUR.
4:30 P.M. “Pediatrics Department Fellowship Orientation and Presentation.” Pediatrics, 305-0958.

20TH, FRI.
12:00 P.M. “Regulation of Functions of p53 and pRB by Phosphorylation.” Yoichi Taya, National Cancer Ctr Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan. Institute of Cancer Genetics. 851-5283. Rose Berrie Lecture Room 1.

24TH, TUE.
12:00 P.M. “CDK Inhibitors in Differentiation and Disease.” Andrey Koff, M.D., Mount Kettering Cancer Ctr. ICG, 851-5276. Russ Berrie Lecture Rm. 1.

26TH, THUR.
12:00 P.M. “Mutational Analysis of the Calreticulin Gene in Familial Hypercholesterolemia.” Victor Velculescu, Johns Hopkins U. ICG, 851-5276. 312 HISC.

EXHIBITS

NOW THRU JUNE 21ST
Wed.-Sat., 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. “Message: City, Spectacle, Capital of Photography.” Opening reception is on April 29th. 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. 554-7283. Wallach Art Gallery, 8th Fl. Schermerhorn.

International Students Subject to New Monitoring

By Ellen S. Smith

Last week President Bush signed HR 2, the “Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.” The bill cuts projected tax revenues by $320 billion and increases outlays by $30 billion. The package reduces taxes on dividends and capital gains, gradually reduces the marriage penalty tax, reduces individual tax rates, changes the child tax credit and retirement tax provisions closely.

In other Federal news, a number of stem cell research due to the Revson Program since 1982. The Charles H. Revson Foundation, has funded the Keves Program since its inception in 1979.

New Web Site Offers Extensive Resources from SARS Conference

As Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) continues to make headlines around the world, a comprehensive new Web site is offering some of the most extensive information available on the disease. Established by Columbia’s Digital Knowledge Ventures (IKV) and the New York Academy of Sciences, the site offers visitors a detailed overview of an international conference on SARS held New York on May 17. The conference addressed issues like screening for SARS, learning lessons from previous outbreaks and determining the role of academia, government and industry in containing the disease.

The Web site, which is still evolving, features hours of video, transcripts, slides, and references related to the panel discussions at the Academy. Users from more than 20 countries have already registered with the site, which was launched in late May. In addition to online SARS information located at the World Health Organization and Center for Disease Control Web sites, the Academy/IKV venture is one of the most complete SARS resources available anywhere.

“In addition to offering worldwide dissemination of the conference materials to those in most need, we are excited to be developing a digital model that will continue to advance scholarly and scientific communication in ways that are both innovative and immediately useful,” said Robert Kasdin, Columbia’s senior executive vice president.

The conference continues an Academy tradition of bringing together leading researchers and scientists for some of the most important issues of the time. In the past half-century, the Academy was the first to convene experts for discussions on antibiotics, AIDS and the West Nile virus, among others. The Web site, accessed at www.columbia.edu, is the first in a series of seminars on infectious diseases that will be captured online by IKV.

—Jason Hollander

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

In a May 13 reception in the Low Library Rotunda, The Charles H. Revson Program on the Public Affairs of the City of New York at Columbia University honored Eli Ginberg, who directed the Program for 23 years before his passing in December 2002.

Revson Fellows are mid-career urban leaders selected for a one-year fellowship at Columbia. Over 120 past and current Revson Fellows gathered with Columbia faculty to celebrate Dr. Ginberg’s contribution to the University and to the City of New York.

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