

Pulmonary/Critical Care Division News

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- The Pulmonary/Critical Care Division recently inaugurated the yearly Muren Lectureship to honor the distinguished career in academic medicine of **Dr. Orhan Muren**, Professor Emeritus. Dr. Muren, who retired in 1991, served in the Department of Internal Medicine faculty for over thirty-three years. The yearly lecture will feature a prominent figure in the field of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Muren and his wife Helga were honored December 8, 1999 at a banquet held at the Bull and Bear Club in downtown Richmond, Virginia. The first Muren Lecturer was Dr. Leonard Hudson, Professor and Chairman, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Dr. Hudson's lecture was titled: "The Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome." This year's lecture was supported by a grant from Pfizer Corporation.



- The Pulmonary/Critical Care Division welcomes **Ms. Debora Barrow-Wyatt** as the new Division business manager. Ms. Barrow-Wyatt's duties will focus on grants accounting, Division billing and Pulmonary Fellowship issues.



- **Dr. Paul Fairman**, Professor of Medicine, and a Pulmonary/Critical Care Division Faculty member will participate in the cross-America "Big Ride" sponsored by the American Lung Association. Dr. Fairman and several hundred individuals will begin their trek in the state of Washington and cross the country in 71 days. Please click Dr. Fairman's Big Ride on the Division website front page for details.
- **Dr. Kenneth Haft**, senior fellow in the Pulmonary/Critical Care Division and Dr. Leonard C. Moses Assistant Professor of Medicine will present a poster entitled: *The First Reported Case Of Scopulariopsis Species Pneumonia In An Orthotopic Heart-Lung Transplant Patient* at the March meeting of Virginia Chapter of The American College of Physicians meeting in Roanoke, Virginia.
- Congratulations to Post-Doctoral research fellow, **Dr. Ramesh Natarajan**. Dr. Natarajan has successfully competed for an Individual National Research Service Award funded by the National Institutes of Health. His grant is entitled: Role of Nitric oxide in modulation of IL-8 expression. Dr. Natarajan has also had an abstract entitled: *Nitric oxide down regulates IL-8 expression via the signal transduction pathway activating AP-1* accepted for presentation at the ATS 2000*Toronto, the 96th International Conference in Toronto, ON, Canada



- The monthly **Richmond City Chest Conference** has moved to the University of Richmond Jepson Alumni Conference Center. The monthly conference occurs on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 am and is open to area physicians and other health professionals interested in chest disease. The conference is currently attended by Division faculty members, private practitioners of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and Thoracic surgeons both from both VCU and private practice in Richmond. Directions to the conference center can be found at this link "http://views.vcu.edu/pulm-ccm/img/Jepson_Alumni_Center.gif". The Richmond City Chest Conference is made possible by the generous support of the Pfizer Corporation.

