From the President's Desk
Welcome to the Fall/Winter 2019 issue of the International Zebrafish Society (IZFS) "News Splash" newsletter! We have some new initiatives and opportunities to tell you about.

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14th IZFC meeting June 12-16, 2019
Hosted for the first time in the Asia-Pacific region, at the Suzhou International Expo Center in Suzhou, China from June 12 - June 16, 2019.

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Volunteers Needed for Career Development Session
This session will be held at the IZFC China conference on June 12th, before the opening ceremony. It will start with a postdoc symposium followed by a Keynote address from John Postlethwait. After lunch we will have workshops, and then a one-on-one Q&A blitz session. We need PIs for the workshops (student/postdoc/junior PI) to help lead
the discussions, and for the one-on-one Q&A blitz sessions. This will be a lot of fun in a great atmosphere!

Please e-mail Elizabeth Patton at e.patton@igmm.ed.ac.uk if you can help, and please let your students/postdocs/junior PIs know about this event.

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### 8th Strategic Conference of Zebrafish Investigators

Another successful SCZI at the Asilomar Conference Grounds this past January. Thanks to organizers: Mary Halloran, Micahel Brand and Peter Currie. Over 200 PIs were in attendance with nearly 100 talks and more than 100 poster presentations. [Read More](#)

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### 2018 Fall Mid-Atlantic Region Zebrafish Meeting

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Zebrafish (MARZ) Meeting returned to University of Pennsylvania for the 2018 fall meeting. The MARZ meeting started 22 years ago and has grown leaps and bounds since then! The most recent meeting had one of the highest number of participants yet: 198 attendees from 38 different institutions! The auditorium was nearing capacity but the overflow hall right outside the auditorium allowed all the attendees to follow the presentations. [Read More](#)

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### 51st Annual Northwest Developmental Biology Meeting

Every year, up in the San Juan islands of Washington state, developmental biologists from across the northwest gather to share their research, discuss developmental biology education (this year with a talk from Dr. Scott [Read More](#)
Gilbert!), and have a really great time. This small, three day meeting takes place in mid-March at the University of Washington’s Friday Harbor campus. Read More

Announcing the Christine Beattie Travel Award
The Christine Beattie Travel Award has been established to honor the memory of Dr. Christine Beattie (1965 – 2018) and her commitment to training the next generation. Christine was a developmental neurobiologist who made numerous contributions to our understanding of neuromuscular development and disease using the zebrafish model. During her postdoctoral years with Judith Eisen at the University of Oregon, Christine began working on zebrafish motoneuron development, research she continued as an independent investigator at The Ohio State University. At Ohio State, Christine expanded her studies to understand how motor axons are disrupted in neuromuscular disease, specifically Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), and developed one of the most genetically accurate zebrafish models of a human disease.

The deadline for application for the inaugural award is April 8. Please go to https://www.izfs.org/page/BeattieAward for more information and to submit your application.

The award fund was established with generous donations from Dr. Beattie’s colleagues and friends. We welcome additional contributions to support future awards to junior investigators.

IZFS responds to NICHD’s request for strategic plan feedback
In January 2019, the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) solicited feedback on a draft of their proposed five year strategic plan (Read the full plan here). The strategic plan lays out the research themes, goals and opportunities that will receive priority from NICHD. Given NICHD is a critical institute supporting research using model organisms, including zebrafish, to fulfill its mission, it was important for IZFS to provide feedback on the plan in support of the zebrafish community. The response from IZFS was written by Mary Mullins, current president of IZFS, and David Grunwald, IZFS member, and sent to NICHD. The text is provided below.

"We appreciate the vision of the NICHD in developing Five Year Strategic Plans and in seeking input from experienced investigators and interested parties regarding the goals and research priorities of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. The current Draft of the Strategic Plan sets forth many laudable Research Themes and Goals. The Draft Plan falls short, however, in failing to recognize and call for crucial research strategies using model organisms in all six research themes, which are needed to advance maximally the stated goals in the NICHD plan." Read more

NEW! Discount Available for IZFS/ZDMS Members
With the cooperation of the Zebrafish
Disease Models Society, IZFS will be offering a 10% reduction on your annual dues. ZDMS is offering this 10% discount for its members that are also IZFS members. Use Promo Code ZDMS to get the discount when renewing. Please note that memberships will be validated across societies.

More News from ZDMS
Click here to view last month’s issue of the ZDMS Wave and find out more about the upcoming meeting: Zebrafish Disease Models Conference in Boston from July 15018, 2019

Meet the Trainee
Abdalla Khairy Elbialy

Meet the Investigator
Karuna Sampath

IZFS members elected AAAS Fellows in 2018
The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) inducted newly elected Fellows at the 2019 Annual meeting on Feb 19th. Fellows are elected in recognition of their achievements in advancing science. Pictured to the right are zebrafish researchers, inducted in this class, who include Liliana Solnica-Krezel (Washington University Medical School (St. Louis), Rebecca D. Burdine (Princeton University), and Steven D. Leach (Dartmouth College). For more information on 2018 Elected Fellows click here.
**Fish Trails**

*Editor’s Note – This month, we have a new feature “Fish Trails” where we will interview people from the zebrafish community about their career paths. This issue we talk with Tomasz Dobrzycki about his decision to go into industry after obtaining his Ph.D. from Oxford.* [Read More]

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**Ask Splash**

Should you apply for a fellowship, even if you don't think you are competitive? Ask Splash! [Read More]

**Fish and Chips**

News from ZFIN and the Zebrafish International Resource Center (ZIRC). [Read More]

**ICYMI**

Highlights of selected publications from the zebrafish community, in case you missed it! In this issue - *Zebrafish Pigment Cells: Earning Their Stripes.* [Read More]

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**Water Colors**
Calling all New Zebrafish PIs!
If you established your own research group anytime in 2018 through spring 2019, we’d like to feature you in the next newsletter. Please send the following information to info@izfs.org.

1. Headshot
2. Current department and institution affiliation
3. Previous institution affiliation and mentor
4. 2-3 line about your research focus
5. Webpage link
6. Other social media links (Facebook page, Twitter handle, etc.)
7. Are you hiring? If so what are you looking for. Any links for this would also be appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Mid-Atlantic Regional Zebrafish Meeting
April 5, 2019
From 12:30-7:30pm
University of Maryland School of Medicine,
Leadership Hall
Register

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12th Zebrafish Disease Models Conference
Join us July 15-18, 2019
At the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center
At Harvard Medical Center
In Boston, Massachusetts. Read More

Zebrafish Development and Genetics
August 5-19, 2019
The deadline to apply for the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory "Zebrafish Development and Genetics" summer course is MONDAY, APRIL 15th.
This intensive two-week course caters to advanced graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and independent investigators who are incorporating the zebrafish model into their research and/or teaching. Read More

9th Strategic Conference for Zebrafish
February 4th-8th, 2020
Principal investigators are invited to attend the 9th Strategic Conference of Zebrafish Investigators (SCZI), hosted by the International Zebrafish Society (IZFS). The conference will be held at National Taiwan University (NTU), Taiwan. Read More

GSA TAGC 2020
April 22-26, 2020
The Genetics Society of America is hosting The Allied Genetics Conference, in Washington, DC. IZFS will organize the zebrafish sessions. Read More

Job Posts
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Postdoctoral Position at the NIH - Epigenetics
Posted 3/20/19

Postdoctoral Position at the NIH - BioInformatics
Posted 3/20/19

Postdoctoral Position at the NIH - Angiogenesis and Lymphangiogenesis
Posted 3/20/19

Postdoc Fellow, Laboratory Role w/ Henry M. Jackson Foundation
Posted 3/19/19

Post-Doctoral Position in Optics/Neuroscience
Posted on 1/25/2019
Three PI positions in Developmental Biology & Neuroscience
Posted on 1/13/2019

Research Fellowship Positions - Pediatric Cancer and Stem Cells - Massachusetts
Posted 11/20/2018

Postdoctoral Position - Eugene, Oregon
Posted 9/21/18