Memorial Award
On February 5, Dr. Woody received a memorial award in honor of Alexei Alexeevich Likhachev, the founder of the Pharmacology Department of the Women’s Medical Institute of St. Petersburg, Russia (later renamed Pavlov State Medical University), and gave a presentation entitled “Naltrexone treatment and HIV risk reduction for heroin addiction: 10-years Penn-Pavlov experience”. The occasion was a meeting celebrating the 110th year of the Department of Pharmacology at Pavlov State Medical University. Congratulations Dr. Woody!

Gvantsa Piralishvili, M.D., Ph.D., NIDA Invest Fellow presented on the drug situation in the Republic of Georgia at the Fellows Orientation Meeting of the NIDA International Program on January 22-23, 2009 in Bethesda, MD.

Dr. Piralishvili will complete her NIDA/CTN fellowship year when she returns to Tbilisi on March 26. She has learned how NIDA grants are developed, funded and implemented during her time with the Delaware Valley Node. An R21 application to study the impact of daily observed methadone as compared to Suboxone for treating Subutex injectors was favorably received by NIDA and we hope to implement this project within the next year. In addition to her presentation to the NIDA staff, she has written a paper showing the results from one of the first methadone treatment programs in the Republic of Georgia that is being submitted for publication. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Dr. Piralishvili and her colleagues upon her return to Tbilisi.

Regulatory Q&A
Human Subjects Documentation
When, in the award process, should documentation of the required human subjects education be provided to NIH? The Institute/Center that would be funding the project will request documentation that all Key Personnel have received the required education prior to issuing the award. The information should be submitted to your Grants Management Official with other Just-In-Time requirements and must contain the signature of an authorized institutional official.

Will an award be delayed until documentation of completion of the required education is provided? Yes. The award may be delayed in its entirety or NIH Staff may choose to issue an award restricting all human subjects research until documentation of completion of the education requirement has been received. If problems are encountered investigators should contact the program official or grants management specialist. Contractors and prospective contractors should consult with the project officer or contract officer.

Does the education requirement apply to new Key Personnel involved in human subjects research whose names are added on non-competing Progress Reports? Yes. NIH expects that all Key Personnel will receive the required education before beginning research involving human subjects. If Key Personnel are added to an award in a non-competing year, documentation that they have received the required education should be included in the non-competing Progress Report.

For more information on human subjects documentation, go to: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/hs_educ_faq.htm
DelVal Node Trial Progress:

CTN 0027 - START
Study Update by: Edgar Weiss, Assoc. Project Manager; Site: NET Steps, Phila, PA
Close out procedures are continuing at NET Steps. Devlin Hart, the project Research Assistant, is approximately 2/3rds through cross referencing all subject charts with enrollment, AE, PV, and Deviation Logs.

Tom Brown, the study RN, is cleaning up queries that came up during local QA visit, as well as making sure all dosing documentation is complete.

CTN 0028 – ADHD - Charlotte Royer-Malvestuto, Project Manager, Site: RAW Paoli, PA
We have just been notified that protocol data lock was accomplished on Friday February 13, 2009. We can now shift our focus to packing up and storing all study materials and information in accordance with local regulations.

Dr. Woody visited the Paoli site at RAW earlier this week to collect all of the data files and study materials.

Thanks to Tom Whiteman and staff at RAW for all of their efforts and support of the project.

CTN Dissemination Library
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For a detailed list of upcoming conferences, click on “Upcoming Conferences” under “Dissemination Opportunities”

Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

NIDA SC Meeting
The NIDA CTN Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 24-26, 2009 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Bethesda, Maryland. Registration is open: www.sci2003.com/NIDA/CTN/meetings.

Delaware Valley Node Steering Committee
The next meeting of the Delaware Valley Node Steering Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 2 PM at TRI.

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Links to DelVal Node CTPs/Collaborators

Caron Treatment Centers http://www.caron.org/
Consortium http://www.consortium-inc.org/
Fresh Start Foundation http://www.freshstartfoundation.org
Jonathan Lax Center http://www.fight.org/
NET http://www.net-centers.org/
PHMC http://www.phmc.org/
Presbyterian http://pennhealth.com/behav_health/addiction/pressy/
PRO-ACT www.proact.org
RAW http://www.rehabafterwork.com/contact.htm
Seabrook House http://www.seabrookhouse.org/
Thomas Jefferson University http://www.jeffersonhospital.org/psychiatry/article4821.html
Treatment Research Institute www.tresearch.org
The University of Pennsylvania, Center for Studies on Addiction http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/trc/
Van Horn Consulting http://www.vanhornconsulting.com

Grants Corner
The following grant opportunities may be of interest to researchers:

Notices
Revision: Notice of Re-issuance of Kirschstein-NRSA T32 (PA-08-226) and T35 (PA-08-227)
Funding Opportunity Announcements
(NOT-OD-09-049)
National Institutes of Health

*Notice of Participation of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in PAR-07-024, Ancillary Studies to Major Ongoing NIDDK and NHLBI Clinical Research Studies (R01) (NOT-DA-09-005)
National Institute on Drug Abuse

Notice of Changes in Receipt Date and Council Date for NIDA P30 (PAR-08-073), P50 (PAR-08-046) and P60 (PAR-08-086) Center of Excellence Grant Programs (NOT-DA-09-007)
National Institute on Drug Abuse

*Measuring the Propensity and Severity of Drug Addiction (NOT-DA-09-025)
National Institute on Drug Abuse

Program Announcements
*New Technologies for Liver Disease STTR (R41/R42) (PA-09-094)
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
National Cancer Institute
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement.

*New Technologies for Liver Disease SBIR (R43/R44) (PA-09-095)
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
National Cancer Institute
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
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*New Technologies for Liver Disease (R01) (PA-09-096)
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
National Institute on Drug Abuse
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*Mechanisms of Alcohol and Nicotine Co-Dependence (R21) (PA-09-098)
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute on Drug Abuse
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement.

*Mechanisms of Alcohol and Nicotine Co-Dependence (R01) (PA-09-099)
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute on Drug Abuse
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*Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy System Technology Research and Development (SBIR [R43/R44]) (PA-09-100)
National Institutes of Health
National Center for Research Resources
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institute on Aging
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
National Institute of General Medical Sciences
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement. http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-100.html

*Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy System Technology Research and Development (STTR [R41/R42]) (PA-09-101)
National Institutes of Health
National Center for Research Resources
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institute on Aging
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
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National Institute of General Medical Sciences
Application Receipt/Submission Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement. http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-101.html

*Centers for AIDS Research: D-CFAR, CFAR (P30) (PAR-09-103)
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
John E. Fogarty International Center
National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine
National Cancer Institute
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institute on Drug Abuse
National Institute of Mental Health

Reminder: Spring Forward on March 8, 2009
Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March.

Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because Daylight Saving Time provides a convenient reminder. A working smoke detector more than doubles a person’s chances of surviving a home fire. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries. Please, change your batteries, save your life.

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