

**1. SUMMARY OF THE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (June 2004)**

**Paper accepted in June 2004**

1. Aberle II NS, Burd L, Zhao BH, Ren J. Acetaldehyde-induced cardiac contractile dysfunction may be alleviated by vitamin B<sub>1</sub> but not vitamin B<sub>6</sub> or vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. *Alcohol Alcoholism* in press.
2. Dai S, Duan J, Lu Y, Zhang Y, Cheng J, Zhao X, Ren J, Wu Y, Ge Q, Wu Y. Phytoestrogen  $\alpha$ -Zearalanol inhibits the progression of atherosclerosis and improves lipid profile in ovariectomized cholesterol-fed rabbits. *Endocrine* accepted.

**Manuscript submitted in June 2004**

3. Ren J, Ceylan-Isik AF. Diabetic cardiomyopathy: Do women differ from men? *Endocrine* invited review.
4. Ren J. Traditional Chinese medicine and diabetes heart diseases. *Drug Design Reviews* invited.

**Meeting abstract submitted in June 2004**

5. Xiaoping Yang, Kamalakannan Palanichamy, Cindy X. Fang, Jun Ren, Nair Sreejayan. A Novel Chromium (Phenylalanine)<sub>3</sub> Complex Improves Insulin Signaling and Glucose Tolerance in Obese (ob/ob) Mouse. American Heart Association Council of Basic Science: Stress Signals, Molecular Targets and Genome. Stevenson, WA, July 14-18, 2004.

**Proposal submitted and funded:** Dr. Sreejayan submitted an AACP new faculty grant application.

**Meeting presentations:** Dr. Sreejayan's lab went to the annual American Diabetes Association's meeting in Orlando, Florida between June 4 – June 8. Drs. Culver and Sreejayan went to the annual WWAMI meeting in Seattle, WA on June 2 and June 3.

**2. LABORATORY ISSUES, NOTE & OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Feng, Bruce and Dean Vandell finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respective in 2004 NHL hockey pool. Congratulations.
2. Please keep a good habit in the lab. Take care of our equipments such as the balance.
3. Enjoy the summer and the new fiscal year. There is new form provided by Bobbie for vacation/sick leave. If you don't have a copy, ask for one from Bonnie. It is highly recommended that you take some time off to enjoy the other things out of lab. Don't get burned out before too long.
4. We will switch to a bi-monthly cycling time for this newsletter.
5. Thanks to the presence of the SRAP students. They are truly good helpers and energizers.

**Have a good July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day break!!!**