ICTR Symposium 2010 The Einstein-Montefiore Institute for Clinical and Translational Research held its annual CTSA Symposium on November 12th at Cherkasky Auditorium. The event attracted a diverse crowd of investigators, clinical trainees, community partners, and colleagues from other local institutions. Addressing the theme of “Translating Clinical Research into Better Health,” Einstein-Montefiore investigators focused on national clinical trials conducted here in the Bronx that affect every day practice, and included Drs. Jill Crandall (diabetes), Mark Einstein (cervical cancer), and Simon Maybaum (heart failure).

Keynote presenters were Thomas Farley, New York City Health Commissioner, and Michael Lauer, Director of the NHLBI Division of Cardiovascular Diseases Prevention (NIH). Dr. Farley focused on public health policy and its impact on improving health in New York City, while Dr. Lauer addressed comparative effectiveness research and the interdependencies with health care reform.

Following the presentations, a poster session featured over 20 awardees of career development and pilot grants. Presentations can be found on the ICTR website http://www.einstein.yu.edu/ictr/.

Bronx Night 2010 celebrated the 50 year partnership between Einstein and the Men’s Division. The event was held at Yankee Stadium and highlighted 13 career development awardees, some of whom appear below with Dean Speigel. The Men’s Division Research Scholars Program is a $3 million fundraising initiative that supports collaborations between Einstein’s physician-scientists and MDs embarking on careers in clinical and translational research.

Kudos and Updates

Jill Crandall, MD was recently awarded a Clinical/Translational Research Award from the American Diabetes Association entitled Resveratrol and Glucose Intolerance in Aging.

Craig Branch, Ph.D. is the Director of the MRRC. A Biomedical Physicist with extensive MR experience, Dr. Branch’s interests center upon translational studies of structure: function and their inter-relationships in the pathology of disease. Michael Lipton, M.D., Ph.D. is Associate Director. Dr. Lipton oversees clinical imaging and research. Both a Neuroradiologist and a neuroscientist, Dr. Lipton has extensive experience with MRI, especially at 3T. Mark E. Wagshul, Ph.D. is an MRI physicist who is a senior project scientist. Dr. Wagshul supports human research at 3.0 T and animal research at 9.4T. Xiaobo Li, Ph.D. is a biophysicist who serves as head of image analysis. Her research interests apply MRI to diseases affecting neurological function in adolescents and adults, including ADHD and schizophrenia. Dr. Li facilitates new data analysis and the implementation of new human protocols.

The Gruss Magnetic Resonance Research Center’s (MRRC) human and animal MR systems now boast state-of-the-art technologies, including capabilities for auditory and visual stimulus delivery, infusions, and eye tracking within the brand-new Philips 3T TX magnet. Drs. Branch and Lipton and colleagues work with investigators to come up with study designs, develop pilot data for grant applications, perform sophisticated analyses, and create a sustainable project timeline and staffing plan. The team of experts is pictured above, and the 3T magnet system at the right. To access MRRC resources, or training sessions, visit: http://www.einstein.yu.edu/mrrc