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Many members of the Auckland Cancer Research Network, as well as a number of participants from the wider research community, attended the recent ACRN Winter School in Anti-cancer Drug Design. This was another successful ACRN event and many thanks to Dr Jack Flanagan who put together an exciting programme of speakers. Jack will, I am sure, be enthusiastically organising the third annual winter school for July 2011. I am sure that you will all continue to support this important initiative.

The recent Cancer Trials NZ (CTNZ) Annual Scientific Meeting was also a success. The meeting featured a session on “new concepts” which was a great opportunity for a number of members of the network to bring forward a number of ideas for translational research. I am sure we will be hearing more about these exciting projects over the next few years.

It is always exciting to hear about new ideas but it is also important to celebrate research successes. I have highlighted below some recently published research publications from across the research groups of the network. Congratulations to all the authors - it is great to see such a depth of research excellence in the network. Please let me know (n.helsby@auckland.ac.nz) of any new research successes (publications, grant awards etc). One important role of the ACRN is to highlight and celebrate the cancer research ongoing in the Auckland region.


Other news: **Daffodil Day is on 27th Aug 2010.** Please support and advocate for this important fundraising event [http://www.daffodilday.org.nz/](http://www.daffodilday.org.nz/)

Please also note **THE RODNEY AND ELAINE DAVIES CANCER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP** has recently been announced, with the purpose of establishing a Repatriation Fellowship is to provide opportunities for promising research scientists who completed their research training at The University of Auckland to wish to return to establish an ongoing project in cancer research. For further details about this award visit our website: [www.acrn.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.acrn.auckland.ac.nz)

Upcoming events: **Tuesday 12th October: ACRN seminar:** Familial GI malignancy. Dr Susan Parry. Clinical Director NZ Familial GI Cancer Registry Genetic Services - Auckland City Hospital

Please can I continue to encourage you to continue to promote the network to your colleagues? **Do you have new members of your group that are not members of ACRN?** Do you know of any paediatric oncology, haematology and surgery researchers within Auckland region who may be interested in the network? Please encourage them to contact us and register as members of the network: **acrn@auckland.ac.nz**

I hope that you have found this ACRN news update of interest. If you have any feedback or suggestions for the newsletter, or for the network, please feel free to contact me: (n.helsby@auckland.ac.nz).

**Let’s continue to celebrate our successes and highlight further areas for collaboration and translational engagement.**

Regards

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