

Faculty & Staff Awards & Special Recognition - 2009

Dr. Bing Li, Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, was honored at the annual meeting of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Kentucky-Southeast Indiana Chapter. Dr. Li is the recipient of a 5 year, \$572,928, Career Transition Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for his work in **Dr. Suttles' laboratory** on the regulation of Th17 differentiation. His was the only such award granted nationally in **2009**. **Drs. Li, Suttles and Stout** were presented with a certificate awarded to the University of Louisville in recognition of the partnership of the MS Society with U of L in the pursuit of MS research.

Dr. Jill Suttles was elected president and **Dr. Robert D. Stout** was elected to the council of the International Society for Leukocyte Biology (2009).

Dr. Venkatakrisna R. Jala won the Eicosanoid Research Foundation "Young Investigator" Award in the category of Structure/Function for his presentation titled "Novel strategies in targeting G-protein coupled leukotriene B4 receptors, BLT1 and BLT2 for inflammatory diseases," sponsored by Enzo Life Sciences International at the 11th International Conference on Bioactive Lipids in Cancer, Inflammation, and Related Diseases, at Cancun, Mexico on October 25 - 28, 2009.

Dr. Pascale Alard was awarded the Jewish Hospital and St. Mary's Foundation Faculty Award - Most Promising Basic Science Research at Research! Louisville 2009.

Christine Akimana, Ph.D. and **Souhaila Al-Khodir**, Ph.D., post-docs in the laboratory of **Dr. Yousef Abu Kwaik** received first prize for the best poster (out of ~150) at the 6th International Conference on Tularemia in Berlin, Germany (2009).

Gary Baron, Unit Business Manager in our business office was recognized by the university for 30 years of service (2009).