



A Message from Our Vice Chair for Education

Dear Alumni of the Department of Critical Care Medicine,

Participating in a virtual international scientific conference seemed unthinkable a year ago. Now, we're so used to remote meetings and lectures it was a simple pivot to add the annual Congress of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) to our calendars. The downside, of course, is that we lost the invaluable serendipity of running into old friends and colleagues. Plus, despite all the hard work of the organizers, remotely celebrating the 50th anniversary of the society left me wishing we could have done more to honor its founders.

This issue reacquaints you with Ake Grenvik, a founding member of SCCM and a force within our department for more than 40 years. You'll also read about fellowship cross-training, the distinguished alumnus lectureship, and our efforts to advocate for gender diversity on scientific panels.

Thank you to those who provided us with feedback on our first alumni newsletter. Please [keep your ideas and suggestions flowing](#).

Sincerely,

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Vice Chair for Education



Society of Critical Care Medicine Turns 50

Clinical Associate Professor [Lillian Liang Emler](#) (CCM '06) has been living the 50th anniversary of the Society of Critical Care Medicine for the past year. Fittingly, her role as co-chair for this year's international Congress upheld the tradition of Pitt leadership harking back to Peter Safar when he co-founded the society. Anniversary celebrations included Luminary Lounges with past presidents and video recollections by members.

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If it wasn't for the pandemic, Ake Grenvik (CCM '69) would have been there in person to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Society of Critical Care Medicine in February. He is one of 28 founding members of the society and was president from 1976-77. At age 91, Ake—as he likes to be called—still loves nothing better than a cross-country road trip. Read about his 41-year career and some of his adventuring exploits.

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A Pledge to Diversify Scientific Panels

In a bid to foster greater scientific diversity, more than 30 CCM faculty members signed a pledge to refrain from serving on all-male panels at symposia and workshops. Their [pledge and public statement](#) advocates for greater gender, ethnic, and racial diversity in academic conferences, workshops, committees, research collaborations, and other opportunities for career advancement.



Cross Training: ID-CCM Fellowship Match

We matched our first fellow for the new [combined fellowship in Infectious Diseases and Critical Care Medicine](#). The fellow will begin this three-year program in July 2021.

“This joint venture between the Department of Critical Care and the Division of Infectious Diseases integrates the strong clinical, academic, and professional development aspects of both fellowship programs,” said [Jason Moore](#) (CCM '04), who is associate director of the Adult Multidisciplinary Critical Care Training Program.



Faculty Profile: Hülya Bayır

Pediatric clinician scientist [Hülya Bayır](#) (CCM '02) is high-energy, collaborative, and the driving force behind the founding of the [Children's Neuroscience Institute](#) in late 2019. Her research digs deep into lipid signaling and imaging in cell death and inflammation as well as into mitochondrial injury therapies and redox biomedicine. In February, Hülya was awarded an [NINDS Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award](#) (R37) to study oxidative lipidomics in pediatric TBI. She is the UPMC Endowed Chair in Pediatric Critical Care Research and a recipient of the Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award.

Distinguished Alumnus Lecturer: Trung Nguyen

[Trung Nguyen](#), Associate Professor, Critical Care Medicine; Department of Pediatrics and Division of Thrombosis Research, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

Trung Nguyen (CCM '02) was our 18th alumnus to present the Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Lecture. He spoke to a virtual audience on “The Evolution of



Thrombocytopenia-associated Multiple Organ Failure Research” as part of our department’s Grand Rounds series on Oct. 7, 2020.

If you have suggestions for future Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Lectureship speakers, please contact GME Academic Manager Mackenzie Coffy at martinm9@upmc.edu.

[Listen to Trung's Talk](#)

Quick News Around CCM

- [Lakshmipath “Luke” Chelluri](#), retired on Dec. 31 after 33 years at UPMC and Pitt.
- [Jeremy Kahn](#) is appointed Vice Chair for Research.
- [Timothy Girard](#) is appointed director of the Clinical Research, Investigation, and Systems Modeling of Acute Illness (CRISMA) Center succeeding [Derek Angus](#) (CCM '91), who stepped down to lead the UPMC Office of Healthcare Innovation.
- [John Kellum](#) (MED '94) is taking a two-year leave of absence to become the Chief Medical Officer for Spectral Medical.
- Pitt/UPMC is looking for partners for the [REMAP-CAP: COVID clinical trial](#). Contact [Stephanie Montgomery](#).

Do you have alumni news for us? Please send news items to CCMcommunications@upmc.edu.

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