Message from the director, Dr. Todd Golde

Dear Colleagues:

The fall semester is off and running and as always, I’m so proud of the outstanding work our MBI researchers are engaged in.

I ask everyone to please take some time from your busy schedules to create an entry for the MBI’s enhanced, online membership. Note that both new and existing MBI members need to complete the new online process, which requires you to log in with your GatorLink credentials. By thoughtfully completing your membership profile, you will help us foster new collaborations, broaden our impact, target our messaging and accurately report our research activities. Click here to create your new online membership profile.

We hope to see you all at our Dec. 7 celebration of the MBI’s 20th Anniversary at the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention, which will serve as this year’s holiday party. Click here to learn more. If you have photos to share from the past 20 years at the MBI, please send them to assistant director of communications Todd Taylor.

This summer, the MBI launched Facebook and Twitter accounts. I encourage you to follow them — they are great platforms to further promote the MBI and our research. Stay tuned for social media workshops led by our communications team to help you navigate these new resources.

Finally, remember that if you are approached by the media, please immediately connect with assistant director of communications Todd Taylor, science writer Michelle Koidin Jaffee or UF Health media relations coordinator Rossana Passaniti. They can vet requests, coordinate interviews and visits, ensure that paperwork is completed to protect patient privacy and help publicize your efforts.

Have a productive semester and thank you for all you do to make the MBI great!

---

Learning beyond the lab

The MBI’s Trainee Enhancement Opportunities program opens new avenues for neuroscience trainees to get unique career-building experiences outside of the lab.

READ MORE »
Dr. Duane Mitchell announces new program at Biden Cancer Summit

Duane Mitchell, M.D., Ph.D., co-director of the Preston A. Wells Jr. Center for Brain Tumor Therapy at the University of Florida, announced the UF Health-led Legacy Program in Brain Cancer at the Biden Cancer Summit.

READ MORE »

MBI director Dr. Todd Golde hosts UF Eye Opener Discovery Breakfast

Todd Golde, M.D., Ph.D., discussed neuromedicine research on campus — from Alzheimer's disease to age-related memory loss to brain cancer.

READ MORE »

MBI launches Research Snapshots

This new feature highlights recent discoveries by pairing an impactful image from work in an MBI researcher's laboratory — often associated with a newly published manuscript — with a brief description of what the image represents and how it has impacted the researcher's field of study.

READ MORE »

ICBR's Cytometry Core merges with MBI's Cell & Tissue Analysis Core

Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research and MBI leadership recognized an opportunity to provide even more services to drive research. The transition is underway and will take several months.

READ MORE »
Dr. Frank Bova earns Edith Quimby Lifetime Achievement Award

Congratulations to Frank Bova, Ph.D., a medical physicist in the Lillian S. Wells Department of Neurosurgery and director of the Radiosurgery/Biology Laboratory at the MBI, for earning the Edith Quimby Lifetime Achievement Award.

READ MORE »

Dr. Malú Tansey visits UF for MBI's Neuromedicine Scholars series

Malú Tansey, Ph.D., a professor of physiology at the Emory University School of Medicine, discussed the role of inflammation and immune responses in age-related neurodegenerative disease.

READ MORE »

MBI researchers identify potential strategy to treat Alzheimer's disease

Paramita Chakrabarty, Ph.D., an assistant professor of neuroscience, and MBI Director Todd Golde, M.D., Ph.D., describe how their team bioengineered a naturally occurring protein to enable it to bind to amyloid beta protein in the brain in a mouse-model study.

READ MORE »

UF Health first in Florida to earn NNDC designation

The National Network of Depression Centers is a consortium of leading academic health centers accelerating research, education and improved treatment options for patients suffering from depression, bipolar disorder and other mood disorders.

READ MORE »
1st Rhoton Society Meeting held in Tianjin, China

This summer, the 1st Rhoton Society Meeting was held in Tianjin, China and included more than 800 participants and 20 Rhoton Fellows from several countries spanning multiple generations.

READ MORE »

Harnessing the power of the hub

MBI members discuss how the service and science hub specialty care model is working at the Fixel Center for Neurological Diseases at UF Health.

READ MORE »

Dr. Steven DeKosky discusses Alzheimer’s diagnostics

Bill Gates recently invested in a venture fund to improve diagnostic testing for Alzheimer’s. MBI Deputy Director Steven DeKosky, M.D., discussed the importance of an early diagnosis for patients and researchers.

READ MORE »

New Comprehensive Spine Center opens

MBI members played key roles in the development of the new UF Health Comprehensive Spine Center.

READ MORE »

Fear Facers Camp provides summer fun with a purpose
This camp led by MBI members helps kids with obsessive-compulsive disorder and other types of anxiety find personal growth and improve their behavior, while contributing to research efforts at UF Health.

**READ MORE »**

---

**MBI neuroscientists talk deep brain stimulation at the Cade**

DBS pioneers Michael Okun, M.D., left, and Kelly Foote, M.D., co-directors of the Fixel Center for Neurological Diseases at UF Health, shared their expertise at the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention.

**READ MORE »**

---

THE CONVERSATION

Put your work on the national stage

Check out these recent Conversation pieces written by MBI members:

- Andres Pumariega, M.D. — 6 questions you can ask a loved one to help screen for suicide risk
- Duane Mitchell, M.D., Ph.D. — Glioblastoma topples an American hero, but researchers continue fight
- Jamie Smolen, M.D. — Binge drinking and blackouts: Sobering truths about lost learning
- Michael Okun, M.D. — Alan Alda living with Parkinson’s – a neurologist explains treatment advances

More than 100 UF faculty members have contributed to this online magazine and it’s a great opportunity to highlight your work. The Conversation reaches 5 million-plus unique readers monthly and then the articles go farther, often picked up by major outlets such as The Washington Post, CBS News and Discover Magazine.

Contact science writer Michelle Koidin Jaffee or assistant director of communications Todd Taylor with your ideas for The Conversation.

---

**MBI researchers in the spotlight**

The media regularly reaches out to our faculty for their expertise on many subjects. If the media contact you, please alert assistant director of communications Todd Taylor, science writer Michelle Koidin Jaffee or UF Health media relations coordinator Rossana Passaniti so we can assist with,
archive and promote your media endeavors. Here are recent examples of MBI researchers in the news:

• Catherine Price, Ph.D. (Ivanhoe Broadcast News) — PeCAN for Brain Health
• Anthony Russell, M.D. (WUFT) — Former Alabama Football Player Shares Opioid Recovery During National Recovery Month
• Steven DeKosky, M.D. (Brain & Life Magazine) — Head Drama
• Glenn Smith, Ph.D. (Citrus County Chronicle) — Alzheimer’s research yields little in way of new drugs; some suggest alternatives

SEE MORE EXAMPLES OF MBI RESEARCHERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT»

Tropical weather and emergency preparedness

Following last year’s close call with Hurricane Irma, the MBI has taken several measures to enhance emergency preparedness for the MBI building and its occupants.

READ MORE »

Get a free professional headshot

Any UF Health-affiliated faculty or staff member who needs a new or updated headshot can have one made with no appointment at the Creative Services Production Studio in the Communicore. Click here and scroll to the bottom of the page for more information and open studio times.

MBI News to share?

Contact assistant director of communications Todd Taylor or science writer Michelle Koidin Jaffee.