Hi postdocs,

Don't let post-spring break blues affect your April! Here is what we have for you in April:

- Social events by USC PDA, including a special whale watching event

Also, featured in this newsletter:

- Events around Los Angeles and USC
- Featured postdocs: Novella Guidi
- Job opportunities in China and Los Angeles
- Funding opportunities from the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
- Photos from our events in March

We hope to see you at one of our events! You can also find information about them in our public calendar.

Yours truly,

PDA Council
Networking and Social Events

**Coffee Hour** (every 1st Wednesday of the month):
Next date: April, 4th
Locations:
- UPC: Illy's at the Annenberg building @ 2PM
- HSC: Starbucks @ 2PM
- CHLA: Aroma's Cafe in the HBO Cafe @ 9AM

**Hike** (every other 2nd Sunday of the month):
Next date: April, 15th @ 4PM
Location: Griffith Park Observatory (meet at the Bear statue on the corner of Los Feliz Blvd and Fern Dell Drive)
[MeetUp website](#).

**Happy Hour**
Next date: April, 26th
Locations:
- UPC: Traditions on campus (3551 Trousdale Pkwy) @ 4PM
- HSC: Edmondson Faculty Center (1969 Zonal Ave) @ 4PM
- CHLA: Figaro Bistrot (1802 N Vermont Ave) @ 5PM

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**Special event: Whale Watching**

Join your fellow postdocs on a whale watching trip with USC PDA
!!! This is a family friendly event but it is limited to 20 participants so sign up soon!

DATE: APRIL, 15th, afternoon
LOCATION: NEWPORT BEACH
SIGNUP by April 8th at riveroca@usc.edu

IMPORTANT: we ask for a $10 booking fee per person. This will only be refunded if you attend or cancel before April 8th.

*****TRANSPORTATION TO NEWPORT IS NOT INCLUDED. Carpooling recommended****
Find below opportunities to add lines to your CV

Break the mold and enjoy a time out in and around Los Angeles

What does a consultant do? Is it the right fit for me?
Cecille Boysen, Ph.D., talks about the journey from academia to consulting. Find more information here.

**Time:** April, 4th @ 1.00 pm  
**Location:** West Conference Room, Norris Medical Library, HSC

Byte of Science: "Making your old blood young again – Stem cell rejuvenation,"
PDA council member and this month’s featured postdoc, Novella Guidi, talks about stem cells young blood and they can make you feel young again. RSVP here.

**Time:** April, 4th @ 7.00 pm  
**Location:** Wurstküche, 625 Lincoln Blvd, Venice Beach, CA 90291

More events:

[Women in Science & Health Conference](#)

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**Funding opportunities**

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs at USC offers research grants of up to $25,000 for postdocs at USC. The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, June 1, 2018, 5:00 pm PST. Recipients will be notified by June 29, 2018. More
The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs at USC offers travel awards for postdocs at USC to attend and present at scientific conferences or visit another laboratory for collaboration. The application for travel between July to December 2018 is now open. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, May 18, 2018. More information can be found here.

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Job Opportunities

Faculty jobs

Multiple jobs at Shanghai Tech University.

Postdoc jobs

Postdoc in Neurology in the lab of Dr. Maya Koronyo-Hamaoui at Cedars-Sinai. Postdoc in Regenerative Medicine Institute in the lab of Dr. Helen Goodridge at Cedars-Sinai.

Want your job posting featured here? Send an e-mail to uscpda@usc.edu!

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FEATURED POSTDOCS
Novella Guidi

Novella is currently a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Southern California investigating the effect of a fasting-mimicking diet to prevent age-related diseases like cardiovascular and immune system diseases. Specifically, her research focuses on stem cell-based molecular mechanisms that regulate multi-system regeneration and rejuvenation. She earned a PhD in Molecular Medicine and Stem Cell Aging at the University of Ulm (Germany) where she discovered a way to rejuvenate old blood stem cells by modulating a protein which is decreased in the bone marrow microenvironment during aging. Since 2015 she has been an active member of the New Investigator Committee of the International Society for Experimental Hematology (ISEH) contributing with contents and ideas for the society blog and social media pages, helping organizing the annual meeting and webinars which features presentations from some of the top names in hematology research. Last year she joined the USC postdoctoral association as Professional Development Chair in which she helps organizing career and technology workshops and symposia. Ultimately, her main goal is investigating and assessing new interventions to slow down aging and eventually improve health span.

Sanjay Purushotham

Sanjay Purushotham is a Postdoctoral Scholar Research Associate in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Southern California (USC).
He obtained his MS and PhD in Electrical Engineering from USC. His research interests are in machine learning, and its applications to health care & quantitative cancer research. During his postdoc, he has developed new deep learning approaches for data-driven analysis of healthcare time series data and built machine learning models for cancer research. His current research has shown that deep learning models easily outperform the state-of-the-art survival prediction models and they provide accurate predictions of individual survival outcomes. In addition, he showed that the deep learning models can automatically learn representations from liquid biopsy data to improve the efficacy of the overall survival predictions for prostate cancer patients. He has also built interpretable deep learning models which use clinico-laboratory parameters to predict limited life expectancy in women with recurrent cervical cancer which could be used in patient counseling regarding palliative care.

Happy hour at UPC