

The New Year is upon us and as we return to work, refreshed from the many holiday celebrations, many of us will use this time as an opportunity for a new start. As the memory of 2019 begins to fade, the newsletter team is looking back on this past year to remember a special member of the CMP community. This month, we dedicate a part of the January newsletter to the memory of Maria del Carmen Vitery, a beloved member of the CMP community. We hope that her legacy will inspire all of us to strengthen our commitment to being better citizens and better scientists this year.

Sarah & Kelli

In Memoriam

Maria del Carmen Vitery

IT'S HARD TO FORGET MARIA WHO GAVE US SO MUCH TO REMEMBER
STILL, OCCASIONALLY LOOKING OVER AT HER BENCH
HOPING SHE IS AROUND

ZHAOZHU QIU

I don't know if consciously or not, but I don't use the second floor corridor anymore. But whenever I feel strong enough, I walk through it, look for you and your silly laugh. But you are not there. Nobody calls me to ask a last-minute question. Nobody sings with me the old Spanish songs that include the word "Maria". There is just silence. Before turning the corner, I look at your picture and give you a good smile and a blink. Magically I feel better. Miss you, nerdy dancing scientist.

Marcelo Diaz Bustamante



Maria was a great example of the type of budding scientist the CMP program seeks to attract and train: smart, hard-working, collegial, and selfless with respect to her numerous leadership roles and outreach efforts. Although we lost her way too soon, I am happy that through the initiation of a student award in her honor, that she will continue to serve as a role model for future graduate students being trained in the Department of Physiology.

Steve Claypool

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Announcements

PUBLICATIONS & FUNDING

Congratulations to all those who published and received funding this month!

Monish Makena of the Rao lab explores breast cancer subtype-specific calcium dysregulation caused by SPCA1 and 2 isoform switching in this [Jan 2020 Cell Calcium review](#).

Svetlana Lutsenko et al. discuss the effects of copper imbalance on catecholamine metabolism and the resulting impact on the function of the noradrenergic system in this [Dec 2019 review in J Biol Inorg Chem](#).

Junhua Yang of the Qiu lab who recently received an [American Heart Association Postdoc Fellowship Award!](#)

NEW CMP MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest CMP members!

Ekaterina Kabin
Lutsenko lab trainee

Yongqing Liu
Qiu lab postdoc

Yuan Zhou
Qiu lab visiting scientist

Upcoming Events

January 20: MLK Day
(Holiday)

January 21: Donuts & Coffee Hour

January 22: Seminar
["Genetic mechanism in polycystic kidney disease"](#) – [Peter C. Harris](#)

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CMP Newsletter

YEAR OF THE RAT

2020, 2008, 1996, 1984, 1972, 1960, 1948



The Lunar New Year starts on January 25th and 2020 is the year of the Rat! The Rat is the first sign of the Chinese Zodiac which comes full circle every twelve years. If you were born in any of the years above, it's your year!

According to a highly unscientific [source](#), those born under the sign of the Rat are clever and successful but are content with living a humble and quiet life.

New Year, New You

The New Year starts with the tradition of making new resolutions. Whether you resolve to be more engaged in the community or to be a better scientist, we have some suggestions below that we hope will make it easier for you to stick to those new habits!

For those of you who are looking to be more engaged in the community, consider volunteering. Giving time to causes you believe in [can improve your wellbeing](#) by promoting a sense of fulfillment and encouraging positive social interactions. If you're not sure where to start, try [Source](#), a Hopkins-associated organization that aims to promote local community engagement by JHU staff and students.

Wake Up and Warm Up

Work friends help you to be a healthier and happier scientist! The CMP department is hosting a monthly Donuts and Coffee hour to socialize and/or troubleshoot! Come and join your colleagues on the morning of Jan. 21st and get a head start on the day and the week!

DEC 2019 COFFEE 'N DONUTS HOUR



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Did you know that some of the PI's in the CMP department Tweet? You can hover over or click on the links below to find out!

The pressure is on! This [PI](#) has a nose for receptors and a good gut instinct!

This [PI](#) has a cerebral approach to their research by keeping "an eye on" channels!

Channel your positivity by keeping abreast of this [PI's](#) research!

Comments or Questions?

Have comments, questions, or suggestions? Do you have an announcement (publications, funding, events, etc.) that you'd like to put in our next newsletter? Email Sarah or Kelli in the Contact Us section!