The Helmann Lab Celebrates 25 Years at Cornell!

On October 3rd, the Helmann Lab celebrated its 25th year anniversary since Prof. John Helmann’s arrival to Cornell University in 1990. To commemorate the occasion, an all-day event was held in the PepsiCo auditorium in Stocking Hall.

Graduate, undergraduate and postdoctoral alumni eagerly flew in from all over the country, and as far as Basel (Switzerland) and Bangkok (Thailand). It was a joyous occasion where past members had the opportunity to catch up with old colleagues, and for current lab members to meet their older scientific siblings.

Through a series of talks, past Helmannians shared their current research and career status. Many now hold important positions in diverse fields. These range from research in academia, industry, and government (spanning areas from microbiology to cancer biology) to law work in intellectual property. Closing the seminar series, the current Helmannians were also able to share their ongoing work in a “lightning round” of presentations.

After a full day of science and reminiscing, we wished everyone a safe trip home and the best of luck in their current endeavors.

News Highlights

1. Cornell Microbiology Symposium @ Riley Robb
   On October 12th, we had our second annual Microbiology Symposium. It gave everyone the opportunity to learn about the research that is being done on campus through a variety of talks and poster presentations. We also got to congratulate our graduate award winners!

2. Halloween Coffee Hour @ Wing Hall
   On October 30th, we hosted our first ever Halloween contest! The costume award went to the Angert Lab for their Lord of the Rings ensemble. The individual costume award went to Azul Pinochet-Barros’ representation of a bacterial phage-induced lysis.

3. Congratulations to Dr. Hendry!
   On October 15th, Dr. Hendry gave birth to her daughter Coraline Chase Sheehan.

4. Farewell and good luck to...
   Visiting scientist Qun Wu who returned to China after her year-long visit in the Helmann Lab.

Upcoming Events

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Latest Publications

Helmann Lab

Martell et al. 2015 – Metalloregulator CueR biases RNA polymerase’s kinetic sampling of dead-end or open complex to repress or activate transcription (PNAS)

Significant Milestones

Vienvilay Phandanouvong – On October 27th, Vienvilay passed her A-exam, making her an official PhD Candidate!

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