

## RTI Messenger, Issue 6

Welcome to the 6th issue of the RTI Messenger, keeping you in the loop from the RNA Therapeutics Institute at UMass Medical School. What a month it has been since our last issue! As always, if you have any resources, community-related news, or relevant seminars to share, please email: [RNATherapeutics@UMassMed.edu](mailto:RNATherapeutics@UMassMed.edu).

## Stay in the loop



### ScienceLIVE Outreach Program for Trainees

#### Attention UMMS students and postdocs:

Join our ScienceLIVE program to facilitate exciting, interactive activities for middle school students, all virtually! We need volunteers to lead modules for the Spring semester in the Worcester Public School district.

ScienceLIVE's mission is to excite, educate, and inspire under-represented, educationally and economically disadvantaged students in STEM fields, where they are traditionally under-represented. [Read our UMassMed News article.](#)

Email [ScienceLIVE@umassmed.edu](mailto:ScienceLIVE@umassmed.edu) to get involved!



### Funding Opportunities

#### [Postdoctoral Funding Opportunities](#)

Continuously updated repository of federal and private funding opportunities intended for postdoctoral investigators. The opportunities are pre-sorted chronologically and alphabetically, and can be searched by funding amount and subject matter.

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### Virtual Seminars and Meetings

#### 8th mRNA Health Conference

November 9-10, 2020 [Register & Submit Abstract](#)

#### 2020 Bay Area RNA Conference

December 4, 2020 [Register & Submit Abstract](#)

#### RNA at the Bench and Bedside II

November 11-13, 2020  
Anastasia Khvorova, RTI, UMMS speaking

### Intersections Science Fellows Symposium\*

January 6-8, 2021

[Apply to be a Fellow & Register](#)

\*To help organize this symposium, contact [Erik Sontheimer](#)



### RNA Collaborative Seminar Series

November 18, 2020, 4pm ET, [Harvard Medical School IRM](#)

Suneet Agarwal, *Targeting telomerase RNA in degenerative diseases*

Carmelo Nucera, *Role of coding and non-coding genes in aggressive thyroid cancer*

Missed a previous seminar? [Watch on-demand.](#)

The RNA Center Collaborative is growing. If your RNA center is interested in joining, email [Martina.Jerant](mailto:Martina.Jerant) for more info!

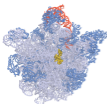


### Congratulations to...

Dr. Socheata Ly for defending his thesis on *Investigating the Role of Mutant Huntingtin mRNA in Huntington's Disease*. We are so proud of you Soki!

Erik Sontheimer for receiving [Leducq Foundation Transatlantic Network of Excellence](#) grant, *Editing the Failing Heart!*

Jonathan Watts receiving an Ellison Foundation award for his work on COVID-19 & therapeutic delivery to the lung. And a warm welcome to Anna Koudrina to the RTI & Watts lab!



### Hot Off the Press

Korostelev Lab:

[ArfB can displace mRNA to rescue stalled ribosomes](#), Carbone CE, Demo G, Madireddy R, Svidritskiy E, Korostelev AA. *Nature Communications*



### Announcing the UMMS Postdoc Association

The [UMass Medical Postdoc Association](#) (UMPA), with the support of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, was founded to foster a diverse and inclusive postdoc community amongst UMMS postdocs & research associates. UMPA shall address the needs & concerns of all postdocs by providing support towards career development & professional networking opportunities.

We also organize outreach events, workshops & social gatherings. We have already hosted successful networking events between alumni & current UMMS postdocs, a game night, & an outreach event preparation workshop.

[Join our first Science Cafe event on CRISPR tonight!](#)





## Career Opportunities

*Administrative Positions, RTI, UMMS*

[Administrative coordinator position](#) (spread the word!)

*Postdoctoral Positions, RTI, UMMS:*

[Anastasia Khvorova's Lab](#), email [Mary Beth Dziewientin](#)

[Athma Pai's Lab](#)

[Jon Watt's Lab](#), email [Mary Beth Dziewientin](#)

[Wen Xue's Lab](#)

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