



## Summer Research Grant Awardees

This past summer, ORLAC was able to offer four research grants for the first time. In addition to the Mr. & Mrs. Kwok-Chong Woo Grant, the Mrs. Ho-Tung Cheong Grant, and the Erin McGurk Grant for undergraduate and graduate students, the Unnamed Clinicians Research Grant was introduced. This grant was designated for a medical student, resident or fellow to perform musculoskeletal research during the summer of 2000. This grant is currently not endowed and we are seeking contributions from clinicians to help endow and name this grant.

The winner of the Mr. & Mrs. Kwok-Chong Woo Grant, which is for undergraduate student, was Ms. Sonja Koneczny. A student at the University of Applied Sciences of Ulm in Germany, Ms. Koneczny spent her summer working with Dr. Doug Adams at the Orthopaedics Biomechanics Laboratory at the University of Connecticut Health Center. The title of her proposal was "Optimization of Tibial Side Free Tendon Fixation using PLLA Interference Screw Techniques".



*The Mr. & Mrs. Kwok-Chong Woo Awardee Sonja Koneczny and Dr. Doug Adams discuss their research.*

Mr. Joseph Myers was awarded the Mrs. Ho-Tung Cheong Grant, which is designated for a graduate student. He is a certified Athletic Trainer and is currently pursuing his PhD in Sports Medicine in the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Myers proposal was titled "Quantifying the Role of Static and Dynamic Stability in Resistance to a Shoulder Apprehension Force". The work was performed in the Neuromuscular Research laboratory at the University of Pittsburgh under the direction of Dr. Scott Lephardt.

The Erin McGurt Grant for female graduate students was awarded to Ms. Ephrat Most. Ms. Most recently completed her Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is currently a PhD candidate under the direction of Dr. Guoan Li in the Orthopaedic Biomechanics Lab at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Ms. Most spent the summer working

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## Annual Dinner

This year's annual ORLAC Fundraising Dinner will be held at the **R&G Lounge** located at 631 Kearny Street in San Francisco, on **Monday, February 26**. The dinner will take place at **7:45 pm** (after the poster session at ORS). Directions are on the other side of this newsletter. We hope that those attending this year's ORS meeting as well as anyone in the San Francisco area will be able to join us for dinner.

The price for this year's dinner will be \$25. This price covers only the food and will not be tax-deductible. Please RSVP to Colleen by phone (412-648-2000), fax (412-648-2001), or email (cohar@pitt.edu) by **Friday, February 16**, so that we may provide the restaurant with an accurate number of people that will be attending.

Any contributions to ORLAC over the cost of the dinner will be fully tax-deductible and you will receive a receipt as proof of charitable contribution. Funds received allow us to continue to support research grants and other ORLAC activities.

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on her project entitled "Development of a 6-DOF Robotic Test System for Studying the Biomechanics of Total Knee Replacement".

The first awardee of the Unnamed Clinicians Research Grant was Markus Tingart, M.D., a post-doctoral fellow working with Dr. Maria Apreleva at the Orthopaedic Biomechanics Laboratory at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Dr. Tingart's project was entitled "Bone Mineral Density and Trabecular Microarchitecture of the Proximal Humerus and their Relevance to Rotator Cuff Repair".

In our Spring Newsletter, we will have full written reports and photos from each of the awardees. In addition, we will be offering the four Summer Research Grants for 2001. More details will be given at the fundraising dinner in San Francisco and in our Spring Newsletter. The application deadline for the grants will be May 1, 2000. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Rich Debski at (412) 648-1638 or genesis1+@pitt.edu.

## Directions to Dinner

- From the convention center, exit toward Third St. and turn left.
- After crossing Market St., Third St. becomes Kearny St.
- Continue walking until you reach the R&G Lounge at 631 Kearny St. It will be on the left, after Sacramento St., on the corner of Commercial St.
- It is approximately 0.6 miles from the Moscone Convention Center

**ORLAC Annual Fundraising Dinner**  
**R & G Lounge**  
**631 Kearny Street**  
**San Francisco, CA 94108**  
**(415) 982-7877**

**Date: Monday, Feb. 26, 2001**  
**Time: 7:45 pm**

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