We are thrilled to announce that Ilya Ivlev, MD, PhD, MBI, has joined us as the Co-Director at the PNW EPC. Dr. Ivlev is a distinguished researcher and leader in the field of evidence synthesis. He brings a rich blend of academic credentials and professional experience to our center.

Before joining us, Dr. Ivlev served as the Associate Director at the ECRI-Penn Medicine EPC and the Center for Clinical Evidence & Guidelines. In these roles, he led teams in conducting comprehensive evidence reviews and supporting guideline development for an array of organizations. These included the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the American College of Rheumatology, as well as AHRQ and PCORI.

Dr. Ivlev has an abundant background in research, previously serving as an Affiliate Investigator at the Kaiser Permanente Northwest (KPNW) Center for Health Research and EPC. His work there included conducting reviews for the USPSTF and developing methods for systematic reviews. Dr. Ivlev has also led and contributed to various care quality improvement initiatives at KPNW. Ilya’s return to OHSU marks a homecoming of sorts. During his previous time at DMICE completing his postdoc, he had the pleasure of participating in our EPC on reviews.

His academic journey began in the Czech Republic, where he served as an Assistant Professor at the Czech Technical University in Prague. In Prague, he conducted health technology assessment and decision-making research projects and taught postgraduate students. In addition, to completing his postdoc at DMICE, Ilya completed his M.D. from Siberian State Medical University, a Ph.D. in Biomedical and Clinical Technology from Czech Technical University in Prague, and a Master of Biomedical Informatics from OHSU.

Ilya’s role will focus on strategic planning and leadership in conducting evidence reviews for our Center. His skills and experience make him an invaluable addition to our team. Please join us in welcoming Ilya. He will officially begin his role on September 11, 2023. For any questions, collaborations, or well wishes, you can reach him at ivlev@ohsu.edu (no earlier than September 11).
OHSU Legacy Integration updates: While we will not have all the answers, we’d like an opportunity to gather as an academic community and discuss any questions on your mind. We will host an Academic mission town hall on Thursday, Sept. 14, from noon – 1 p.m. Click here to view the event details on O2 and add to your calendar. A second Town Hall will be held September 22, details here: OHSU Health Town Hall on OHSU-Legacy, Sept. 22, noon.

- **Merit pay increases** take effect Sept. 25th. View post here.
- Inside SoM Latest Update: [Here](#)
- Latest Research Update: [View Post Details](#)
- Latest Knight News: [Here](#)
- Funding Alerts for Aug. 31. To find previously mentioned funding opportunities check out the OHSU Research Funding Alerts!
- Managers interested in learning more about the compensation process will have an opportunity to via the new “Compensation101” on Sept. 19, from noon-12:30 p.m. [Register for Compensation 101 training on Compass](#).

RESEARCH UPDATES:

- Upcoming Town Halls are held Mondays at 1pm. Here is the [Webex](#) link:
  - **Monday, Sept. 11**: Skip Bohm, new director of the Oregon National Primate Research Center.
  - **Monday, Sept. 25**: Exception for Informed Consent for the TROOP Trial (Trauma Resuscitation with Low-Titer Group O Whole Blood or Products), presented by Martin Schreiber. OHSU is hoping to participate in an NIH-funded multicenter trial called TROOP. This is a study that compares low-titer whole blood with blood components when performing resuscitation of patients with hemorrhagic shock. Because these patients cannot give consent, the study must be done through exception from informed consent, meaning that the IRB needs to assess the level of community support for the research. This town hall will aid the "community consultation" process. You’ll be given the opportunity to comment on as well as to opt out of the research.
Seminar: Power and Sample Size Simulations in R, Thursday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-noon

OCTRI’s Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design (BERD) program is developing a new seminar in their series on power and sample size considerations. Biostatistics and Design Program staff member Robin Baudier will lead "Power and Sample Size Simulations in R," which will be held virtually on Thursday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-noon. This seminar focuses on simulating data using the statistical software program R, and builds on concepts introduced in the introductory Power and Sample Size seminar – so, it is appropriate for people with some statistics concepts under their belt, and experience with R is recommended. Find out more and sign up through Compass.

Grant Writer's Seminar: Write winning NIH grants, Thursday, Oct. 12, and Friday, Oct. 13

This widely acclaimed seminar comprehensively addresses both practical and conceptual aspects important to the proposal writing process. On the first day, emphasis is given to idea development, identification of the most appropriate granting agency, how to write for reviewers, and tips and strategies of proven value in presenting an applicant's case to reviewers. See more here.

Day two is a half-day seminar for career development award candidates. It emphasizes the partnering between candidate, mentor and institution that is necessary to make these proposals successful, resulting in protected time for research. The National Institutes of Health’s mentored K Awards and NIH’s Ruth L. Kirschstein F32 National Research Service Award for individual postdoctoral fellows are used as representative applications. Content includes tips and strategies on getting reference letters, selecting and getting the most from a mentor, how review criteria can be used to inform the writing of a CDA, the kinds of research and training to propose and more. Participants receive a grant writing manual that is distributed in the session. While targeted towards NIH grants, the principles are appropriate for applicants to other agencies. In-person, location TBD. Seminar cost: $105 for both days. Register here.

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity: Overcoming academic perfectionism, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. OHSU is an institutional member of this organization: Use your OHSU email address to create an account. Register here.
The SoM looks forward to celebrating the 155 School of Medicine faculty who have been appointed, promoted, or awarded tenure this year. The 2023 School of Medicine Faculty Promotion and Tenure Reception is Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the Mac Hall Lawn. (A rain location will be provided if needed.) This in-person event is by invite only however, remarks will also be recorded for invitees unable to attend. As an update to my last email, rather than including the Continuing Professional Development Awards in this event as we did last year, the CPD Awards will be presented at a different time. 

We would like to welcome one of our MD/PhD graduates back to OHSU. Julie Doberne is back at OHSU as of September working as an assistant professor with joint faculty appointments in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and DMICE. As a clinician, she will be doing adult cardiac surgery and teaching surgical trainees at OHSU and at the VA. As an informatician, she is co-faculty in the Surgical Data and Decision Sciences Lab housed within the Department of Surgery along with Asst. Prof. Ruchi Thanawala, MD. The lab will focus on exploring the spectrum of clinically relevant topics within surgical decision science and we are continually looking for physicians and DMICE degree students to collaborate with. Aside from that, Julie hopes to continue her prior work in human-computer interaction and consumer informatics. “I view myself as a translator between the world of surgery and informatics and invite anyone to reach out if I may be of assistance!” Please join us in welcoming Julie back to OHSU.

Have a great weekend!