

Lippard Group
Former Associates Newsletter
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Hi Everyone:

This will be the final issue of our newsletter. At the end of the Summer next year, I plan to go Emeritus. Daniel Suess, a new MIT bioinorganic Assistant Professor hire, will move into and share my lab space, effective July 1, 2017. As you may know, my family are in Bethesda, MD (Josh, Sandra, Annie, and Lucy) and New York (Alex) and I want to spend my time with them and enjoy their company. The plan is to move to the D. C. area where one of my twin sisters, Carol, and her children and grandchildren also live, so we'll have a nice family enclave in that part of the country.

But I will not be giving up science. Jeremy and I have already begun work on the second edition of Lippard and Berg, and his presence several days a week in D. C. as the newly minted Editor-in-Chief of SCIENCE magazine will provide opportunities to meet regularly and collaborate on the project.

Blend Therapeutics, co-founded with Bob Langer and Omid Farokhzad, is now reconfigured as Tarveda and Placon, the latter splitting off the platinum IP (see <http://www.xconomy.com/boston/2016/01/27/blend-rebrands-as-tarveda-raises-38m-and-spins-out-cancer-drug/#> and <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/placon-therapeutics-announces-company-launch-120000406.html>). The FDA has approved a phase I clinical trial for the first Placon drug candidate and I am pleased that patients are likely to get treatment within the next several months.

I also plan to write science for the non-specialist and to make connections with labs in the Washington area. I already have an option on the NIH campus where I spent 8 months on Sabbatical in 2012. There are also several consulting positions. The problem will be deciding what *not* to do.

The Lippard laboratory web page <http://web.mit.edu/chemistry/lippardlab/> has been updated and will go up shortly. It is updated regularly, so please send us your news and photos. Thanks to those who contributed to this issue.

As always I enjoy hearing from you and seeing those who are able to stop by to say hello. I am immensely grateful to the former group members in the Boston area who have reached out to me after Judy passed away, offering their company at restaurants and on trips to the Vineyard and inviting me to their homes. The 75th birthday parties last fall were a special treat and I thank you all for contributing to the massive book put together that features creative contributions from so many former graduate students and postdocs. The Lippard scientific family is a cherished legacy.

Best wishes,

SOME NEWS FROM OR ABOUT FORMER ASSOCIATES

Amy Barrios - is now an Associate Professor at the University of Utah.

Dirk Burdinski - is now Professor at Technische Hochschule Köln.

Chris Chang - is now Class of 1942 Chair Professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

Shanta Dhar - is now an Associate Professor at the University of Miami.

Erin Dodd - is now a Royal Society Newton International Fellow at the University of East Anglia.

Juliana Fedoce - is now the proud mother of Felipe, born January, 2016.

Evan Guggenheim - is now Senior Manager of Technical Development at Biogen.

Todd Harrop - has been promoted to Associated Professor with Tenure at the University of Georgia.

Scott Jaynes - is now R&D Applications Manager at Croda, Inc.

Daniel Kopp - is now a Senior Patent Attorney at AstraZeneca.

Raj Manchanda - is now Senior Vice President at Frequency Therapeutics.

Mike McCormick - is now a Staff Scientist at Choate, Hall, and Stewart, LLP.

Maarten Merckx - was promoted to Full Professor at Eindhoven University of Technology

Laura Pence - was elected to the position of Director of ACS District 1.

Lynn Rardin - is now Scientific Computing Manager at Brandeis University.

Woon Ju Song - is now Assistant Professor at Seoul National University.

Helen Sunshine - has retired from NIH after nearly 40 years and is looking forward to relaxing.

Peter Zhang - is now a Professor at Boston College.

Lippard Group Photos

As always, if you'd like to share some photos with the Lippard group, please send them any time to Rich at girardi@mit.edu.



Felipe Fedoce on his 1 month birthday



Emily, Katie, Sumi, Evie, and Dong at the SJL 75 Celebration



The Lippard boys at the Priestley Medal Awards Ceremony



On the boat to Martha's Vineyard for the 2016 Lippard group Clambake.



A Lippard Group wade.



Die Frau durch das Wasser.



Fang and Andrei discussing the finer points of photography.



The 2016 Lippard Group

Everyone here at the Lippard Lab would like to wish you and yours health and happiness throughout the coming year and beyond.

