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Hi Everyone,

For the past three weeks I have highlighted Departmental success on operational grant funding. This week I will continue with the research theme and feature our recent success on external salary support awards from the FRQ-S.

Moshe Ben-Shoshan - FRQ-S Chercheur Boursier Clinicien Jr2: A member of our Division of Allergy, Immunology & Dermatology, Moshe utilizes various epidemiologic approaches, including population based registries to assess drug and food allergies in the pediatric population. Moshe's work has in a short timeframe altered practices and long held clinical myths.

Brett Burstein - FRQ-S Chercheur Boursier Clinicien Jr1: A member of our Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Brett has both a PhD and MPH. He uses the ER as his laboratory rigorously evaluating various paradigms of clinical and laboratory evaluation to improve diagnosis, care and outcomes.

Patricia Fontela - FRQ-S Chercheur Boursier Clinicien Jr2: A member of our Division of Pediatric Critical Care, Patricia has a PhD and focuses on identifying factors that place critically ill children at risk for the second-hit of a nosocomially acquired infection. Of note this is the third week in a row Patricia has received a DA! This is to my recall the first such trifecta in now my 8th year of doing these weekly communications.

Myriam Srour - FRQ-S Chercheur Boursier Clinicien Jr2: A member of our Division of Pediatric Neurology, Myriam also has a PhD in molecular biology. Her research program focuses on identifying genes responsible for cortical malformations, an important and diversely programmed cause of developmental disability and epilepsy. Identifying these genes will hopefully lead to targeted interventions that can improve outcomes.

Aparna Suvrathan - FFRQ-S Chercheur Boursier Jr1: A PhD in neuroscience, Aparna is a joint tenure-track recruit with Neurology/Neurosurgery. Based at the Centre for Neuroscience at the MGH, she uses rodent models to investigate the effects on cerebellar circuits of various paradigms of learning including those analogous to disease states.



Dr. Moshe Ben-Shoshan



Dr. Myriam Srour



Dr. Aparna Suvrathan



Dr. Brett Burstein



Dr. Patricia Fontela

All of the above deserve our hearty congratulations and good wishes on their personal success. Securing a salary support award is a mark of accomplishment and potential that bodes well for a future academic

trajectory. It also reflects well on the entire community as it represents the ability to attract, recruit, support, mentor, and retain high net-worth resources. As I like to say in what is most certainly an apt and true cliché: “Our most precious resource is our human resource”.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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