Call for Abstracts

Abstracts for the 2016 Musculoskeletal Winter Symposium are due January 11, 2016 by 5pm. The top four abstracts will be asked to give an oral presentation at the Symposium, in addition they will receive an $800 travel award. The top three posters will also receive an $800 travel award.

For abstract guidelines and submission information, please visit the Symposium webpage:

http://www.musculoskeletalcore.wustl.edu/content/Calendar/2998/Winter-Symposium.aspx

Just In Time Funding:

The Musculoskeletal Research Center still has funds available for Just In Time (JIT) projects. The JIT program is designed to provide quick access to funding (up to $3,000) to use any of the MRC Cores.

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In early 2016, Dr. Farshid Guilak will be joining the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Washington University as Director of Research for the St. Louis Shriners Hospital and co-director of the Center of Regenerative Medicine. He will also have appointments in the Departments of Developmental Biology and Biomedical Engineering. Farsh received a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Columbia University. His laboratory is pursuing a multi-disciplinary approach to investigate the etiology and pathogenesis of osteoarthritis, as a basis for the development of new pharmacologic and stem cell therapies. He is currently PI of approximately $10,000,000 in external funding, including 6 NIH research grants, as well as 3 NIH F-series fellowships, and grants from the NSF, DOD, and several foundations.

He has published over 280 articles in peer-reviewed journals. Farsh is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Biomechanics*, Associate editor for *Osteoarthritis & Cartilage*, and serves on numerous other journal editorial boards. He is the President-Elect of the Orthopaedic Research Society and Chair of the Skeletal Biology Structure and Regeneration NIH Study Section, and the first PhD member of the executive committee of the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF). He has won numerous national and international awards for his research and mentorship, including two Kappa Delta Awards from the AAOS, and numerous mentor awards. Farsh is the Founder and President of Cytex Therapeutics, a startup company focusing on regenerative medicine. In his free time, Farsh enjoys traveling with his family and playing racquetball. Please join us in welcoming our newest faculty member in the Musculoskeletal Research Center.

**Figure 1:** A major focus of Dr. Guilak’s laboratory is the development of new stem cell-based approaches to treat osteoarthritis.

**Figure 2:** 3D woven scaffold for cartilage tissue engineering