On March 24, approximately 200 people attended the 2015 Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology Research Symposium held in the Farrell Learning and Teaching Center. Richard Wahl, MD, Elizabeth E. Mallinckrodt Professor and Head of Radiology, presented the keynote lecture, followed by Fred Prior, PhD, Electronic Radiology Laboratory, and Victor Song, PhD, Biomedical Magnetic Resonance Laboratory. Following the lectures there was a poster session in the atrium and hearth area representing a vast array of research taking place in the clinical and research areas of MIR. The focus was on research performed by junior faculty, post docs and graduate students, although the work of senior researchers was also displayed. Approximately 70 posters were displayed at this year’s symposium. With this year’s great success, planning for next year’s event is already in progress.
MIR Poster Symposium continued
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In honor of the United Nations’ International Year of Light, Spectra hosted a two-part conference to increase awareness about optics and photonics research and present career opportunities in the fields. The morning session took place on the medical campus, and allowed professors, students and the St. Louis industry community to present innovative research in their fields. The keynote address was given by Alex Vitkin, a professor from University of Toronto, and was titled “Photon Mayhem: Using Light for Structural and Functional Assessment of Biological Tissue.”

The afternoon session was located on the Danforth campus, and included a keynote address from Mark Himel. His talk was titled “Harnessing Light for a Better World,” and was followed by a career panel. The hosting organization, Spectra, is a student group at Washington University that combines two of the world’s largest optics and photonics professional groups, SPIE and OSA. If you are interested in joining or obtaining more information, please visit the website wustlspectra.com or email rebecca.gilson@wustl.edu.

Alex Vitkin, PhD, Professor Medical Biophysics & Radiation Oncology, University of Toronto, gives keynote lecture for the SPECTRA Year of Light Symposium.

Sam Achilefu, PhD, Professor of Radiology, Director of Molecular Imaging Center, presents opening remarks at the Washington University SPECTRA Year of Light Symposium, April 9, 2015.
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9:00 – 10:00 Poster Session and Demos (cont)
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Through visually stunning imagery and brilliant narration by film and television legend Sir Patrick Stewart, Journey To Space captures the spirit of human exploration and showcases the exciting plans NASA and the space community are working on and the challenges they must overcome to carry out missions, once considered science fiction, and now science fact. slsc.org/Journey-to-Space *(314) 289-4400 or (800) 456-slsc*

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15th Annual St. Louis Dance Festival
**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015 UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015 | EDISON THEATRE AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**
A special choreography of festival finales by Gerard Charles, Ballet Master of The Joffrey Ballet, along with a dazzling array of the best dance in St. Louis from ballet to flamenco, middle eastern to modern, Indian to Japanese, and everything in between. 7:30 p.m. (2-3); 3:00 p.m. (4) dancesofindiastlouis.org *(314) 534-1111*

Talks & Lectures

**GRAND ROUNDS LECTURES**
**May 13, 2015**
**Screening for Breast Cancer: Past, Present and Future**
Bonnie N. Joe, MD, PhD
University of California, San Francisco
Hosted by Breast Imaging

**GRL FOR VIEWING**
**March 11, 2015**
**Daniel R. Biello Lecture**
“Clinical Indications of SPECT/CT”
Presented by Dominique Delbeke, MD, PhD

**April 8, 2015**
**Breaking Bad News and Treatment Decision-Making from the Patient’s Perspective**
Presented by Rebecca Dresser, JD

Please welcome these NEW MIR EMPLOYEES:

**February**
**Dianna Damron**
IBC Assistant III – Billing & Patient Accounts

**March**
**Kathy Collins**
IBC Assistant III – Billing & Patient Accounts

**Tseng-Hsuan Lin**
Postdoc Research Associate – Biomedical MR Lab

**April**
**Anup Shetty, MD**
Instructor – Abdominal Imaging

**Steven Poplack**
Associate Professor – Breast Imaging

**Nuefeng Gao**
Postdoc Research Associate, Radiological Chemistry Lab