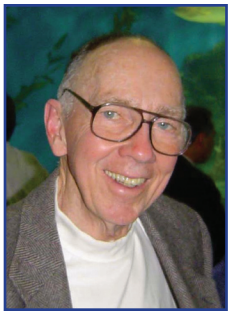


Professor **Michael Yaffe** was named the 2006 Sir William Dunn Lecturer at Cambridge University, UK. The lecture is sponsored by the MRC Dunn Human Nutrition Unit in Cambridge and Sir John Walker, the 1997 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Yaffe's lecture focused on his lab's ongoing research into the mechanism of mitochondrial inheritance and cellular regulation of mitochondrial morphology and distribution, processes that are essential features of cell proliferation and differentiation. Yaffe is Chair of the Division's Education Committee and a member of the Cell & Developmental Biology Section.



Professor **Russell Doolittle** was one of 15 individuals selected by the National Academy of Sciences to receive an award honoring their outstanding scientific achievements. The John J. Carty Award for the Advancement of Science, which includes a medal and a prize of $25,000, is awarded annually for noteworthy and distinguished accomplishments in any field of science. Doolittle was chosen "for contributing seminal insights and methods for using computers as an aid to characterizing protein function, in comparing amino acid sequences, and for phylogenetic reconstructions." Doolittle is a member of the Molecular Biology Section.

## Subramani Named Interim Dean



**Suresh Subramani,** a professor in the Molecular Biology Section, has been appointed Interim Dean of the Division of Biological Sciences beginning September 1, 2006. He will serve in this capacity while a nationwide search is conducted to replace Dean Eduardo Macagno, who is stepping down after serving a 5-year term as the Founding Dean of the Division. Subramani, who joined the faculty in 1982, served as the last Chair of the Department of Biology prior to its reorganization into a Division. After the reorganization, he served as the Interim Associate Dean for 2000–01.

The many honors Subramani has received over the years include a Searle Scholar Award, an NCI Research Career Development Award, and a Guggenheim Fellowship. This past year he was elected a Fellow in the American Academy of Microbiology (AAM). Fellows of AAM are elected through a highly selective annual, peer-review process, based on their records of scientific achievement and original contributions that have advanced microbiology.

Senior Vice Chancellor Marsha Chandler commended Subramani for his leadership and commitment to the Division over the years and his willingness to again serve during the transition to a new dean.

## Inaugural Chair of Cell & Developmental Biology Steps Down



Richard A. Firtel

**Richard A. Firtel** stepped down this past July as the inaugural Chair of the Cell & Developmental Biology Section, a role he has held since the Department of Biology became the Division of Biological Sciences in 2000. Firtel was also selected to serve as the first Chair of the Council of Chairs. **Martin Yanofsky** takes over as Chair of the CDB Section and **William Kristan**, the Chair of the Neurobiology Section, has been named to replace Firtel as Chair of the Council of Chairs. Dr. Firtel is looking forward to spending his newly found time in his lab and attending scientific conferences.



William Kristan



Marty Yanofsky

## Faculty Members Receive Promotions

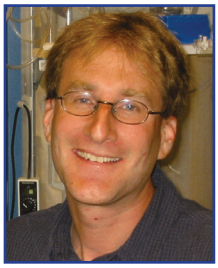
**Kaustuv Roy,** a member of the Ecology, Behavior, and Evolution Section, has been promoted to Full Professor. **James Nieh,** also a member of the EBE Section, has been promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure. Nieh was the inaugural holder of the Walter F. Heiligenberg Professorship in Neuroethology. **Daniel Feldman,** a member of the Neurobiology Section and the current holder of the Heiligenberg Professorship in Neuroethology, was also promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure.



Kaustuv Roy



James Nieh



Daniel Feldman



Assistant professor **Lisa Boulanger** has been named a recipient of a 2006 Sloan Fellowship by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The prestigious Sloan Research Fellowships are granted annually to young faculty who show "the most outstanding promise of making fundamental contributions to new knowledge." Boulanger's current research is focused on understanding the mechanistic relationships between the nervous system and the immune system with the goal of a better understanding of the causes of autism and schizophrenia. Boulanger is a member of the Neurobiology Section and is the current holder of the Silvio Varon Professorship in Neuroregeneration.

Two graduate students in the Boulanger lab, **Tracy Dixon-Salazar** and **Renna Stevens,** were each awarded three-year fellowships by the National Science Foundation.