Two IBT Faculty Members Receive Promotions

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Two members of IBT’s Center for Cancer Biology and Nutrition have been promoted.

James F. Martin, M.D., Ph.D., is the first in IBT history to work his way up to the rank of professor from an initial appointment as assistant professor (tenure-track) solely within the institute. Dr. Martin joined IBT in 1996, moving from the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, where he held a post-doctoral position. He earned his M.D. and Ph.D. at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, having earned his bachelor’s degree magna cum laude at Fordham University in New York. Dr. Martin directs the Texas A&M Health Science Center’s Transgenic Mouse Core, which is located at IBT. His research uses the mouse as a model system to understand molecular mechanisms controlling cell growth and differentiation in the context of vertebrate embryogenesis and thus to advance understanding of the causes of birth defects.

Fen Wang, Ph.D., has been promoted from assistant professor to associate professor and has earned tenure, effective September 1. Dr. Wang earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Xiamen University in Fujian, China. He received his Ph.D. in biochemistry in
1994 in a joint program between Clarkson University, Potsdam, New York, and the W. Alton Jones Cell Science Center, Lake Placid, New York. He joined IBT’s Center for Cancer Biology and Nutrition Center in 1994 as a post-doctoral fellow, earning promotions to assistant research scientist in 1997 and assistant professor in 1999. Dr. Wang is the assistant director of the Health Science Center’s Transgenic Mouse Core.