

The First Annual A. Julio Martinez Memorial Lectureship

Guest Speaker:

Govinda Visvesvara, PhD
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“Dr. Julio Martinez and his love/hate relationship with the pathogenic and opportunistic amebas”

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4:00 - 5:00 pm
University of Pittsburgh
Room S100 Biomedical Science Tower South
210 Lothrop Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dr. Visvesvara is a research microbiologist in the Division of Parasitic Diseases at the National Center for Infectious Diseases in the Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Visvesvara received his PhD from the University of California, Berkley in 1972 before joining the Centers for Disease Control. He has been a research microbiologist at the CDC for over 30 years. Dr. Visvesvara has received numerous awards including the National Center for Infectious Disease Recognition Award and the Distinguished Service Award from the US Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Visvesvara has worked in a wide variety of fields related to infectious disease with a particular emphasis on novel pathogens in humans. Dr. Visvesvara has discovered several new infectious agents such as species of amoeba for which he has developed immunofluorescent testing. Dr. Visvesvara serves on numerous review boards and has over 100 publications to his credit. Over two dozen of these publications were done in collaboration with Dr. Martinez. We are fortunate in having Dr. Visvesvara deliver the inaugural Dr. A. Julio Martinez Lectureship on a topic of central interest to Dr. Martinez’s clinical research career.