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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Welcome back to the academic year 2011-12. The end of summer represents a variety of new beginnings for Medicine at U of T's staff, faculty and students, but last week marked a particularly significant new chapter in our Medical School.

The beginning of classes at the new Mississauga Academy of Medicine expanded our Undergraduate Medical Education placement of 54 first year MD students at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) campus in collaboration with our community-affiliated hospitals Trillium Health

Centre and Credit Valley Hospital. These students will receive a comprehensive four year medical school program at this site in the new Terrence Donnelly Health Sciences Complex building fully equipped with state-of-the-art videoconferencing infrastructure linked to the Medical Sciences Building (MSB) on the downtown U of T campus. The inaugural Year 1 Medical School lecture to all 259 incoming students was given by Dr. Martin Schreiber at UTM, including a poignant interview of a patient with many years experience with chronic illness, video-conferenced in high-definition to one of the large lecture theatres in the MSB. This new building on the UTM campus, generously funded by Mississauga businessman Carlo Fidani and philanthropist Terrence Donnelly matching the investment by the Ontario Government, will be officially opened in November.

A committee composed of members from all partners - Medicine at U of T, UTM, Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre - has been working diligently for many months overseeing every aspect of this unique joint venture; from the development of a common mission and vision to the engagement of clinical staff in teaching to the implementation of the new conferencing technology. I want to express my sincere thanks to the participants of that steering committee, which has accomplished a formidable task and delivered a superb new learning environment for our students and a great asset for the community of Mississauga. The Mississauga Academy also represents a tremendous opportunity to integrate large community-affiliated hospitals with postgraduate MD resident training and continuing medical education. Sixty residency positions will be available in Mississauga starting this year and this number will grow significantly over the next few years. Our goal is to fulfill our social responsibility by ensuring our Faculty contributes to improving health human resource in Ontario and beyond. The Mississauga Academy will focus on community-based care and integrating health professions into teams that serve the needs of patients and their families.

May I also take this opportunity to thank the Medical School Orientation week coordinators: Faranak Esmailbeigi, Nada Gawad, Katie Smith and Kevin Venus. Your leadership and organization for our incoming students was simply outstanding. The two major themes presented by our Year 2 students to the incoming class were: "*Green*"; and, "*Social Responsibility*".

As part of Orientation Week, the second annual Stethoscope Ceremony for our incoming medical school class was held in the beautiful Living Arts Center of Mississauga. Organized by the Year 2 Medical Student Orientation Coordinators, this is a formal ceremony where each medical student is welcomed by our decanal team and medical alumnae by placing the student's own stethoscope around their shoulders followed by the a collective reciting of the oath for the incoming class prepared by their predecessors (see below). Families and partners of the students filled the grand auditorium creating a truly memorable beginning for the four year journey of our medical students. As Associate Dean Equity and Professionalism, Dr. David McKnight, said to the incoming students about the practice of medicine - "it isn't about you, it is about your patient".

PRECLERKSHIP MEDICAL STUDENT OATH

As I embark upon the study of medicine, I pledge to uphold the following with honour and integrity. I promise to:

Engage in lifelong learning in order to become a knowledgeable and skillful physician;

Preserve my own humanity and health during my studies, and remember the passions that have led me here today;

Explore the diversity within my own class and learn from my peers' academic and personal journeys;

Appreciate the roles and contributions of students from other health professions who will be my future colleagues, remembering that caring for patients is a team effort;

Place the dignity and autonomy of each patient that I encounter first and foremost in their medical care;

Remember that I too have been, or may one day be, a patient, and treat all patients with kindness, respecting individual values and cultures;

Lend my knowledge and abilities to improve health at the community level;

Recognize my strengths, weaknesses, and when I have reached my personal and professional limits.

With this oath, I vow to practice the art and science of medicine with passion and compassion, having regard to the interests of my colleagues, my community, myself, and, above all, my patients.

**Catharine Whiteside, Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions**

IN THE NEWS:

No need to nag: Study finds doctors' nutrition advice hits home early

Researchers map pathway of infection for common, potentially life-threatening respiratory virus

Study links gut microbes to kidney disease

Free radicals crucial to suppressing appetite, study shows

Older adults with too much salt in diet and too little exercise at greater risk of cognitive decline

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1. Honours and Awards

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1. Honours and Awards

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Fellowship

Professor Luc De Nil (Department of Speech-Language Pathology) was elected a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Fellowship is one of the highest forms of recognition given by ASHA of an individual's accomplishments, and was awarded to Professor De Nil in recognition of his outstanding professional achievements.

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship

Greg Costain, Siba Haykal, Hwa-Lin Hsiang, Sabri Mohammed (Institute of Medical Science), **Roberto Diaz, Sasha Ebrahimi-Ardebili** (Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology), **Florence Wu, Vedant Arun**, (Medical Biophysics) and **Robert Vanner, Chun-Kit Wan** (Molecular Genetics), **Gail Teachman** (Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Sciences), Julie Mason (Nutritional Sciences) and **Jessica Dennis** (Dalla Lana School of Public Health) are recipients of the 2011 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (VCGS). These awards, administered by CIHR and NSERC, are intended to provide special recognition and support to Canadian and international students who are pursuing a PhD degree in a health-related field in Canada. The VCGS Program provides financial support to individuals who have achieved outstanding success in their studies. Successful applicants are acknowledged to have demonstrated a high caliber of scholarly achievement as well as an exceptionally high potential for future research achievement and productivity.

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Innovation Award

The **Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development** is one of the recipients of the 2011 Royal College Accredited CPD Provider Innovation Awards. This honour is presented to the Office of CEPD for their work in developing, implementing and managing the Event Management System (EvMS), the online submission and review process for U of T accreditation of continuing education events. This is a module within the overall event management system.

These awards recognize accredited CPD Providers for their innovative development and implementation of educational policies or processes, administrative policies, and educational processes, resources or tools. The Awards will be presented at the 3rd National CPD Accreditation Conference on September 26, 2011 in Ottawa where each award recipient will present their innovation at a Royal College workshop.

Canadian Diabetes Association Lifetime Achievement Award

Professor George Steiner is the recipient of the CDA Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is presented in recognition of his devotion and dedication to his advancements in research of diabetes and related metabolic disorders. Dr. Steiner will be presented with the award on October 29th at the CDA annual meeting in Toronto.

Ontario College of Family Physicians Jan Kasperski Leadership Award

Dr. Joshua Tepper (Department of Family and Community Medicine) will be awarded the 2011 Jan Kasperski Award from the Ontario College of Family Physicians. This award acknowledges an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership in the area of Family Medicine in Ontario.

2. Announcements

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Interim Vice Dean, Continuing Education and Professional Development

Professor Ivan Silver, our Vice Dean Continuing Education and Professional Development and one of our most valued academic leaders, has accepted the position of Vice President, Education at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), and will be leaving his role as Vice Dean, effective August 31, 2011.

Professor Silver has played a crucial role building the largest Continuing Education and Professional Development program in Canada. Under his outstanding leadership, the Faculty of Medicine's Continuing Education and Professional Development programs continue to address the many challenges in health care that require improved knowledge translation into practice. Professor Silver's dedication to continuing education and professional development, the Faculty of Medicine, and the improvement of health care across Canada, is an exemplar for all academic leaders.

While we will miss working with him as a decanal colleague, we will certainly continue to benefit from his education leadership at CAMH. Please join me in offering Ivan our sincere thanks and wishing him every success in his new position.

I would also like to announce that Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor Dimitri Anastakis as Interim Vice Dean of Continuing Education and Professional Development from September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, or until such time as a new Vice Dean is appointed.

Professor Anastakis joined the Department of Surgery at the University of Toronto in 1997. His credentials include graduate degrees in Health Professions Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago and in Healthcare Management from Harvard University. His clinical practice focuses on reconstruction of the paralyzed upper extremity. He currently serves as Chair of the Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. He is also Executive Director of SIM-one, the interprofessional healthcare simulation network that links simulation facilities, resources and services across the Province of Ontario. He has a wealth of experience in both the hospital and university sectors and is respected for his collaborative leadership style. Professor Anastakis is highly regarded as a teacher and mentor in undergraduate and graduate surgical education and has won numerous awards for teaching and research.

Professor Anastakis was already serving as Acting Vice Dean during Professor Silver's leave and I'd like to thank him for his willingness to continue in this important role while we undertake a search for a new Vice Dean.

Catharine Whiteside, MD, PhD
Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Inaugural Academic Lead: Educational Technology

Dr. Marcus Law has been appointed as the inaugural Academic Lead: Educational Technology. Dr. Law is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto, where he received his undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. He obtained a Master of Business Administration degree from the W. P. Carey School of Business, and is currently completing a Master of Education (Higher Education) degree at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Law has been the Director of Medical Education at the Toronto East General Hospital (TEGH) since 2008. He has a track record of excellence in leadership roles within DFCM and the family medicine profession. He has been instrumental in the development of innovations in postgraduate education that have positively impacted integrated medical education and recruitment efforts within DFCM and provincially. In 2009, he was appointed Chair of DFCM's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Advisory Committee where he is actively leading initiatives in Integrated Medical Education and Educational Technology across DFCM's 18 teaching sites spanning the GTA, Newmarket, Barrie and rural settings. He has also served the Faculty of Medicine on a variety of committees, acting as the co-chair of the T-IME project's IT Connectivity working group.

Chair, Department of Immunology

Professor Michael Ratcliffe will be completing his second term as Chair of the Department of Immunology on December 31, 2011; he is ineligible for reappointment. In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators," an Advisory Committee has been struck to guide the search for Professor Ratcliffe's successor. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Catharine Whiteside (Co-Chair), Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Alison Buchan (Co-Chair), Vice-Dean, Research and International Relations, Faculty of Medicine
Jennifer Gommerman, Dept. of Immunology
Avrum Gotlieb, Acting Vice-Dean, Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine
Michael Julius, Vice-President, Research, Sunnybrook Research Institute
Gary Levy, Director, University of Toronto Transplantation Institute and Toronto General Hospital
Alberto Martin, Dept. of Immunology
Amanda Moore, Dept. of Immunology
Paul Santerre, Director, Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering
Katherine Siminovitch, Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital
Tania Watts, Dept. of Immunology
Joan Wither, Dept. of Immunology
Jerry Zhou, Dept. of Immunology

The committee encourages and welcomes input. Please send comments and nominations to Anastasia Meletopoulos, Academic Affairs Specialist, at anastasia.meletopoulos@utoronto.ca. Your opinions will be treated in strictest confidence and will be made known only to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Chair, Department of Immunology.

Chair, Department of Medical Imaging

Professor Patrice Bret will be completing his first term as Chair of the Department of Medical Imaging on June 30, 2012; he is not seeking reappointment. In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators," an Advisory Committee has been struck to guide the search for Professor Bret's successor. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Catharine Whiteside (Co-Chair), Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Sarita Verma (Co-Chair), Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine
John Bohnen, Vice-Dean, Clinical Affairs, Faculty of Medicine
Timothy Dowdell, Dept. of Medical Imaging
Nasir Jaffer, Dept. of Medical Imaging
Andrea Kassner, Dept. of Medical Imaging
Barry McLellan, President and CEO, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Gevork Mnatzakanian, Dept. of Medical Imaging
Linda Probyn, Dept. of Medical Imaging
James Rutka, Chair, Dept. of Surgery
Catherine Wang, Mount Sinai Hospital, University Health Network and Women's College Hospital
Robert Willinsky, Dept. of Medical Imaging

The committee encourages and welcomes input. Please send comments and nominations to Anastasia Meletopoulos, Academic Affairs Specialist, at anastasia.meletopoulos@utoronto.ca. Your opinions will be treated in strictest confidence and will be made known only to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Chair, Department of Medical Imaging.

Chair, Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences

In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators" the Advisory Committee struck to guide the search for Professor Jeffrey Hurwitz's successor has been revised. The revised committee is as follows:

Catharine Whiteside (Co-Chair), Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Sarita Verma (Co-Chair), Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Ike Ahmed, Dept. of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences
Robert Bell, CEO and President, University Health Network
Patrick Gullane, Chair, Dept. of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
Elise Heon, Dept. of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences
Peter Kertes, Dept. of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences
Brian McFarlane, CEO, The Kensington Eye Institute
Dan Rootman, Dept. of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences
Sal Spadafora, Vice-Dean, Postgraduate Education, Faculty of Medicine
Nancy Tucker, Dept. of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences
Vivian Yin, Dept. of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences

Chair, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology

Professor Denis Grant will be completing his second term as Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology on December 31, 2011; he is ineligible for reappointment. In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators," an Advisory Committee has been struck to guide the search for Professor Grant's successor. The composition of the committee is as follows:

Sarita Verma (Co-Chair), Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Henry Mann (Co-Chair), Dean, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy
Bardia Abbasi, Dept. of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Alison Buchan, Vice-Dean, Research and International Relations, Faculty of Medicine
Susan George, Dept. of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Avrum Gotlieb, Acting Vice-Dean, Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine
David Juurlink, Dept. of Medicine
Noufissa Kabli, Dept. of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Gideon Koren, The Hospital for Sick Children
Muhammad Mamdani, St. Michael's Hospital
Jason Matthews, Dept. of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Jane Mitchell, Dept. of Pharmacology and Toxicology
David Riddick, Dept. of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Trevor Young, Chair, Dept. of Psychiatry

The committee encourages and welcomes input. Please send comments and nominations to Anastasia Meletopoulos, Academic Affairs Specialist, at anastasia.meletopoulos@utoronto.ca. Your opinions will be treated in strictest confidence and will be made known only to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Chair, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

3. Call for Applications

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Bone and Mineral Group and Musculoskeletal Centre Funding Competition

The Bone and Mineral Group (BMG) and the newly formed Toronto Musculoskeletal Centre (TMC) at the University of Toronto are pleased to be offering several Scholarships for graduate students or postdoctoral fellows supervised by U of T faculty between \$12,000 and \$20,000 (each) for the academic year 2011/2012. The deadline to apply is **September 30, 2011**.

The Bone and Mineral Group scholarships are open to any trainee (graduate student or fellow) who is conducting basic, translational or clinical research on any aspect of bone research, and the Toronto Musculoskeletal Centre scholarships are open to any trainee (graduate student or fellow) who is undertaking interdisciplinary research the broad musculoskeletal field.

To apply, please send;

1. One page describing the graduate student or fellow proposal (excluding references)
2. A short CV (no more than 10 pages)
3. A letter of recommendation from the supervisor
4. Indicate if you are applying for the Bone and Mineral Group scholarships, the Toronto Musculoskeletal Centre scholarships, or both
5. If you are applying to the Toronto Musculoskeletal Centre, a short paragraph explaining how the research is interdisciplinary, illustrating how it crosses traditional research disciplines (e.g. genetics and population health). If this work has co-supervision or collaborations with faculty from different disciplines, this should be indicated. Applications from projects with such collaborations are especially encouraged.

Reminder the deadline for submission is **September 30, 2011**. Please send your completed package by email to Amandeep Dhillon at the Toronto

4. Call for Nominations

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Office of Continuing Education Research and Development Internal Grants - Fall 2011 Cycle

The Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development is now soliciting nominations for the Fall 2011 Office of Continuing Education Research and Development Awards. These grants have been offered three times per year since 1997, and are intended to support projects (up to \$5,000.00) that directly relate to the planning, implementation, delivery and evaluation of continuing education for health professionals. Examples might include a needs assessment and methods of evaluation to measure the impact of continuing education activities on health professional competence or behaviour.

For further information and details, please go to http://www.cepd.utoronto.ca/?page_id=212 or contact Vashty Hawkins at vashty.hawkins@utoronto.ca. A downloadable application form and deadlines/criteria are available at the above link, along with a list of past successful applicants. The deadline for fall cycle nominations is **Friday, September 16, 2011 at 5:00pm**. Should you require an extension, please contact Ms. Hawkins directly.

Faculty of Medicine Continuing Education Awards 2010-2011

Nominations are now being requested for the Faculty's Continuing Education Awards for 2010-2011:

Colin R. Woolf Award

Three awards are available annually: one for excellence in course coordination, one for excellence in teaching at Continuing Education events, and one for long-term contribution to Continuing Education activities.

David Fear Fellowship in Continuing Education

The objective of the fellowship is to promote scholarship and professional development in continuing education.

Fred Fallis Award in Online Learning

The award is in recognition of University of Toronto-sponsored Continuing Education events.

Dave Davis Continuing Education and Professional Development Research Award

The objective of this new award is to recognize an outstanding completed research project in continuing education and professional development in the Faculty of Medicine.

For further details on terms and criteria, please visit http://www.cepd.utoronto.ca/?page_id=222 or contact Vashty Hawkins at (416) 946-7903 or vashty.hawkins@utoronto.ca. Deadline for nominations this year is **Monday October 31, 2011 at 5:00pm**.

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Canadian Cancer Society - Prevention Initiative
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of Canada
Cystic Fibrosis Canada
Foundation Fighting Blindness
Grant Miller Cancer Research Grant - Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada - New Investigator Award
Kidney Foundation of Canada
Ministry of Research and Innovation (Ontario) - Early Researcher Awards - Round 7
Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada
The Terry Fox Foundation - Team Grant

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

Upcoming Award Deadlines

September

Pezcoller Foundation-AACR International Award for Cancer Research
Rolf Luft Award (in Diabetes & Endocrinology)
March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology
Holberg International Memorial Prize
InBev-Baillet Latour Health Prize
Royal Society (UK) Fellows
National Academy of Science, Member
Sloan Research Fellows
Warren Alpert Foundation Prize

October

Gairdner Awards
March of Dimes Jonas Salk Award
Blue Planet Prize

November

Canada's Top 40 Under 40
Harvey Prize

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