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## Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

The University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine is known for its leadership in Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME), offering some of the best opportunities in the world to train the profession's future leaders. External review and successful accreditation of our educational programs is essential to our continued excellence.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), and the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), accredit PGME programs at Canada's 17 Medical Schools through an extensive series of

surveys based on rigorous standards of accreditation. Crucial to this process is an on-site survey visit, which is scheduled for U of T from April 7th to 12th.

While ensuring that our Faculty meets national standards across our 79 Residency Programs and 29 clinical sites, the on-site review will serve as an external validation of our innovations in medical education, allow us an opportunity to reflect on our successes and provide us with areas to focus our future efforts. It is also an opportunity to build on our reputation as Canada's premiere destination for PGME training.

Our PGME Office, under the leadership of Vice-Dean Salvatore Spadafora and Associate Dean Glen Bandiera, has done tremendous work in advance of the accreditation visit. They have met with all key stakeholders in our Departments and affiliated hospitals who will participate in the site visit, and have worked tirelessly with PGME Directors, Program Directors, Chairs of our Clinical Departments, Hospital Education Leads and countless administrative support persons to ensure thorough completion of each Program's pre-survey documentation. This documentation is vital to the accreditation process, and forms the basis for the peer surveyors' preparation to visit our Faculty.

The work of the PGME Office over the last 18 months builds on the momentum of over 120 PGME Program internal reviews conducted over a three-year cycle. Our last visit from our accrediting Colleges in 2007 offered us a great wealth of feedback, which we used to improve our programs.

I want to sincerely thank all faculty, residents and staff for their engagement and contributions to the process over the last six years. I also want to offer a special thanks to our hospital partners who have played a leadership role in this endeavour. Our affiliated hospitals provide some of the very best facilities and resources for resident education anywhere in the world, and their commitment to educating the next generation of physicians is a great inspiration to all of us in the Faculty.

As we look toward welcoming our colleagues from across Canada as surveyors, I invite you to join me in embracing the learning opportunities provided by the PGME accreditation process. The education opportunities we provide for our residents are even better today than they were in 2007, and this is due in large part to the hard work of all those involved since the last on-site survey visit. This collective quality improvement exercise will ensure the continued excellence in our education programs.

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

## IN THE NEWS:

Project aims to reduce cancer deaths in Caribbean

C-sections not better for twin births, Canadian study says

At Toronto's Mount Sinai, parents get a crash course in caring for their preemie

Almost one-third of chemotherapy used "off-label"

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### **1. Academic Appointments**

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#### **Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

Professor **John Kingdom** has been appointed Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2013.

Professor Kingdom is cross-appointed to the Departments of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, Medical Imaging, and Physiology. He holds a staff appointment in the Maternal-Fetal Medicine Division at Mount Sinai Hospital where he is the inaugural Rose Torno Chair in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

A clinician-scientist involved in the full spectrum of clinical, translational and basic science research programs in placental development, pathology and the management of placental insufficiency disorders, Professor Kingdom has published in leading journals and has fostered his research program through the creation of a multidisciplinary placenta clinic.

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## Academic Director, Continuing Education and Professional Development

Professor **Suzan Schneeweiss** (Department of Paediatrics) is the new Academic Director for Continuing Education and Professional Development. Professor Schneeweiss has been Director for Continuing Education, Department of Paediatrics for the past nine years and has been working with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons as a CPD Educator since July 2010.

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## 2. Honours and Awards

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### CAME Meridith Marks New Educator Award

Professor **Rodrigo Cavalcanti** (Department of Medicine) has won the Canadian Association for Medical Education's 2013 Meridith Marks New Educator Award. The award recognizes individuals in the first phase of their professional career who have made a significant contribution to medical education.

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### 2011-2012 Continuing Education Awards

The Continuing Education Awards Adjudication Committee has selected the following faculty members as winners of the 2011-2012 Continuing Education Awards:

- Professor **Albino Chiodo** (Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery) has won the *Colin R. Woolf Award for Excellence in Course Coordination* for "Otolaryngology Update"
  - Professor **Mary Bell** (Department of Medicine) has won the *Colin R. Woolf Award for Long-Term Contributions to Continuing Education*
  - Professor **Marcus Burnstein** (Department of Surgery) has won the *Colin R. Woolf Award for Teaching Excellence*
  - Professor **Heather Mac Neill** (Department of Medicine) has won the *Fred Fallis Online Award*
  - Professor **Peter Selby** (Department of Family and Community Medicine) has won the *Ivan Silver Innovation Award* on behalf of CAMH's STOP Program
  - Professors **Catherine Yu** and **Rene Wong** (Department of Medicine) have won the *Interprofessional Health Care Team Continuing Education Award*
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### Harris P. Mosher Award

Professor **Joseph Chen** (Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery) is co-winner of the Triological Society's Harris P. Mosher Award for his thesis, "Cost Utility Assessment of Bilateral Cochlear Implantation: A Health Economic Evaluation in Adults from the

Perspective of a Publicly Funded Program." The award is the Society's highest honour for clinical research.

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### **André Hamer Postgraduate Prize**

Graduate student **Christina Nona** is fascinated by the human brain -- and she's making a name for herself in the field of behavioural neurobiology. The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) is honouring Nona for her work with an André Hamer Postgraduate Prize. The prize -- valued at \$10,000 -- is awarded to the top four candidates in NSERC's master's and doctoral scholarship competitions.

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### **Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology Medal**

Professor **Trevor Young**, Chair, Department of Psychiatry, has been awarded the 2013 Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology (CCNP) Medal for his outstanding contribution to neuropsychopharmacology in Canada.

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## **3. Around Campus**

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### **Off-the-Clock with Mohamed Khedr**

Mohamed Khedr, Network Manager at Discovery Commons, was featured in Human Resources and Equity's *Off the Clock Series*. Click [here](#) to read all about this judo champion!

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### **LEAD students come out on top in case competition**

LEAD students Cale Zavitz, Justin Hall, Amin Bahubeshi and Sabrina Nurmohamed (MD class of 1T5) won first place in a health care case study competition sponsored by Johnson & Johnson Medical Companies and the Rotman School of Management. The challenge? Pitch a comprehensive strategy to solve a real-time business challenge facing Canada's health care system to senior leaders from industry and government, as well as faculty from the Rotman School. The LEADers -- as they called themselves -- competed against 20 other teams, including a PhD team from the Institute of Medical Science.

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### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- [Canadian Cancer Society - Impact, Quality of Life Research, and Innovation Grants](#)

- Canadian Foundation for Innovation – Leading Edge Fund
- CIHR Catalyst Grants
- CIHR Chair: Gender, Work and Health
- CIHR - Applied Chairs in Reproductive, Child & Youth Health Services & Policy Research
- CIHR Open Operating Grants – Fall 2012
- CIHR Open Operating Grants – Priority Announcements & Bridge Funding - Fall 2012
- CIHR Proof of Principle Program - Phase 1
- CIHR Operating Grant – Industry-Partnered Collaborative Research Grants
- CIHR Chair: GlaxoSmithKline Partnered
- Physicians' Services Inc. Foundation Fellowship for Translational Research
- University of Toronto – Connaught Innovation Award

*~ Our congratulations to all! ~*

### **UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES**

#### **February**

Japan Prize

Margolese National Brain and Heart Disorders

#### **March**

Balzan Prize

CIHR Health Researcher of the Year

FASEB Excellence in Science Award

Fellowship in the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences

Keio Medical Science Prize

Ken Standing Award

Order of Ontario

Orion Awards

Prince of Asturias Awards

#### **April**

American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology Gold Medal

American Society of Microbiology Cubist-ICAAC Award

American Society of Microbiology ICAAC Young Investigator Awards

Fellowship in the American Association for the Advancement of Science

NSERC Synergy Awards for Innovation

Paul Marks Prize for Cancer Research

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**The submission deadline for the next issue of MedEmail (to be published on Wednesday, March 13, 2013) is Wednesday, March 6, 2013.**

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