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Message from the Dean

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Innovation is the driver for achieving our Faculty of Medicine's Vision of international leadership in improving health through research and education. As we continue to generate knowledge for better treatments and explore new ways to educate students and health professionals at all levels, I wish to highlight some exciting initiatives in graduate and continuing education.

Our Vice Dean of Research and International Relations, Professor Alison Buchan, recently hosted an "ideas salon" to explore ways to strengthen our graduate education experience. The salon focused on how the Faculty can better prepare students to succeed as academics but also in other professions, given that two-thirds of our M.Sc. and PhD students will pursue careers outside the university.

Important ideas that emerged from the salon, and which our Faculty leaders are seeking to incorporate in curricula, include making our collaborative research programs more interdisciplinary, and aligning students' projects with the "grand challenges" of significant worldwide health issues. The salon also produced ideas on how to enhance the School of Graduate Studies' co-curriculum learning opportunities, including topics about responsible conduct of research, bioethics, and workshops focusing on careers in emerging areas such as journalism and intellectual property.

Another important innovation frontier is health professions' continuing education. Our Vice Dean of Continuing Education and Professional Development (CEPD), Professor Dimitri Anastakis, leads the efforts to reposition CEPD as a strategic partner in transforming health. Our office of CEPD oversees Canada's largest provider of continuing education, and is a world leader in re-training current health professionals and CEPD research. Over the last four years, CEPD has had 118,000 registrants, 1,114 accredited events and research funding of over \$25 million.

In the fall of 2013, CEPD will launch the Innovating Education (i+e) office. This office will facilitate commercialization of education copyrighted products and services, public/private partnerships and academic business case development. It will also triage education-specific legal review requests (e.g., copyright, education contracts with private partners). All faculty members will have access to the services provided by this office, which will work closely with MaRS Innovation and the U of T Innovations and Partnerships office.

Dr. Suzan Schneeweiss (Director, Academic CEPD) and Simon Kitto (Director, CEPD Research) are leading the

further expansion of academic capacity and innovative use of technology within CEPD. Dr. Schneeweiss will soon reach out to all CEPD directors in the Faculty to identify their education, IT and research needs. Simon Kitto leads a growing research team focused on self-directed learning through technology, continuing interprofessional education in the workplace, integration of continuing education theories, methodologies and practices with quality improvement, knowledge translation and patient safety initiatives.

CEPD is proud to be the academic home of the Advanced Clinician Practitioner in Arthritis Care program. This program, developed by Drs. Rachel Shupak, Katie Landon and Rayfel Schneider (Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology and Department of Pediatrics), has enhanced the skills and scope of practice of Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Registered Nurses who provide arthritis care. It has had a huge impact on access to and timeliness of care, and it is a model of education with potential for translation to other disciplines critical to chronic disease management.

CEPD is also proud to be the academic home of the Standardized Patient Program, led by Dr. Brian Simmons. The Standardized Patient Program is one of the largest in North America, complemented by strong education research. The program will host its first strategic planning day this fall, with the goal of redefining its scope across a broader learner base and strengthening its impact on health professions education through innovation in experiential learning and live simulation.

These CEPD efforts and achievements herald a new era for innovation in enhancing the skills and scope of practice of current health professionals to improve team practice and deliver better health care. Together with innovations in graduate and health professions continuing education and research, our Faculty is leading Canada and the world toward a future of better health.

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

IN THE NEWS:

Fast, cheap method of diagnosing infectious disease could one day be a game-changer

Researchers shocked by new statistics on head injuries among people who are homeless or in danger of losing their home

No evidence cycle helmet laws reduce head injuries, study finds

Dining Out on a Calorie Budget Nearly Impossible, Studies Find

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1. Academic Promotions

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The following faculty members were omitted from the list of academic promotions published in the last issue of MedEmail. We offer our sincerest apologies for the omission.

The Decanal Promotions Committee has recommended the following candidates for promotion to the rank of Professor, effective July 1st, 2013:

Michael Taylor Surgery
Robert Nam Surgery
Stefan Hofer Surgery

2. Honours and Awards

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BIAL Merit Award

Professor **Peter St George-Hyslop**, Director of the University of Toronto's Tanz Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases, was honoured with one of Europe's top health awards for his pioneering work to understand the roots of neurodegenerative diseases. The BIAL Foundation awarded Professor St George-Hyslop with a BIAL Merit Award in Medical Sciences, one of the world's most prestigious awards for health research. Portuguese President Aníbal António Cavaco Silva presented St George-Hyslop with his Merit Award on May 14, 2013 in Porto, Portugal.

AANS Humanitarian Award

The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) is honouring Professor **Mark Bernstein** (Department of Surgery) with the 2013 Humanitarian Award. Professor Bernstein has worked tirelessly to advance neurosurgical care in developing countries by introducing innovative and life-changing techniques.

Lifetime Achievement Award and 2013 Janeway Medal

Professor **Mary Gospodarowicz** (Department of Radiation Oncology) has been honoured with two prestigious awards. The first is the European Society for Radiotherapy & Oncology (ESTRO)'s Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication to the field of radiation oncology and ESTRO's work. The second is the 2013 Janeway Medal, presented to Professor Gospodarowicz by the American Radium Society for her outstanding scientific contributions.

Honorary Doctorate of Laws, Laurentian University

Laurentian University is honouring former Faculty of Medicine Dean **Arnie Aberman** with an Honorary Doctorate of Laws for his contributions to the development and success of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. He will receive the doctorate at Laurentian's convocation ceremony in June.

President, Canadian Paralympic Committee

The Department of Medicine's Professor **Gaétan Tardif** has been named President of the Canadian Paralympic Committee. This is Professor Tardif's seventh consecutive year working on the Games, and he was most recently Chef de Mission at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Awards for Excellence in Cancer Research

The Canadian Cancer Society is honouring two Faculty members with prestigious awards. Professors **Steven Narod** (Department of Medicine) has won the O. Harold Warwick Award for his significant contributions to cancer control. Professor **Aaron Schimmer** (Department of Medical Biophysics) has won the Canadian Cancer Society Young Investigator Award, which is given to a promising young Canadian investigator in the beginning stages of his or her career.

Joel S. Cooper Award -- Canadian Society of Transplantation

Professor **Michael Hutcheon** (Department of Medicine) is the 2013 recipient of the Joel S. Cooper Award for his outstanding contribution to lung transplantation in Canada. The annual award was created by the Canadian Society of Transplantation.

JJ Berry Smith Doctoral Supervision Award

Professor **Brenda J. Andrews**, Director of The Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research, is one of two inaugural recipients of the University of Toronto JJ Berry Smith Supervision Award. This award, given by the University's School of Graduate Studies, honours active faculty members who, over a minimum of a fifteen-year period, have demonstrated excellence in supervision at the University of Toronto. Nominators described Professor Andrews as "an inspiring supervisor and mentor, a role model for all of her students ... who has successfully balanced an outstanding career as a research scientist with major academic leadership role."

2013 JW Knox Ritchie Research Awards

Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology held its 30th Annual Research Day on Friday, May 10. The day ended with an awards celebration to honour the 2013 JW Knox Ritchie Research Award winners. They were:

- **Clinical Fellow: Clare J Reade** (Supervisor: Professor **Ray Osborne**)
 - **Post-Doctoral Fellow: Peter Szaraz** (Supervisor: Professor **Clifford Librach**)
 - **Resident: Julia Kfour**i (Supervisor: Professor **Patricia Lee**)
 - **Graduate Student: Andrew Corso** (Supervisor: Professor **Andras Nagy**)
 - **Medical Student: Melissa Walker** (Supervisor: Professor **Rory Windrim**)
 - **Marina Vainder** (Supervisor: Professor **Clifford Librach**)
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Innovation and Challenge Fund Initiative

In 2012, the Department of Medicine launched the **Innovation and Challenge Fund Initiative** to facilitate the formation of new research teams and catalyze the growth of pre-existing teams across institutions and departments. Each team must consist of members from different departments and institutes, with a Principal Investigator from the Department of Medicine.

The Department is funding four projects for the 2012-2013 cycle:

Shining a Light on End-of-Life Care: Investigating Barriers, Testing Interventions, and Disseminating Integrated Solutions for Patients, Families and Healthcare Professionals

Principal Investigator: Professor **Robert Fowler** (Department of Medicine)

Sleep and Sedation -- Translational Science to Public Health

Principal Investigator: Professor **Richard Horner** (Department of Medicine)

A Small Animal Model of Human HIV-1 Infection to Accelerate the Pre-clinical Development of Novel Therapeutics and Vaccines

Principal Investigator: Professor **Rupert Kaul** (Department of Medicine)

IgA Nephropathy Immunopathogenesis Study Network

Principal Investigators: Professor **Heather Reich** (Department of Medicine) and Professor **Jen Gommerman** (Department of Immunology)

For more information on Innovation and Challenge Fund Initiative, see [MediNews](#).

3. Announcements

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Hot off the press: Spring 2013 issue of IMS Magazine

The Institute of Medical Science (IMS) Magazine's Spring 2013 is now available: <http://www.imsmagazine.com/>

From using established diabetes drugs to treat cancer to using established schizophrenia drugs for anorexia nervosa, this issue focuses on the rescue

and repurposing of drugs. Other topics include job prospects for PhD grads and naturopathic medicine.

This issue features many IMS faculty members including Professors **Aaron Schimmer, Benjamin Alman, Allan Kaplan, Marianne Koritzinsky, and Freda Miller.**

Visit the [website](#) to see all previous issues of the magazine and join online discussions. You can also follow the team on Twitter at [@IMSMagazine](#).

Program in Health, Arts and Humanities

The Faculty of Medicine's Program in Health, Arts and Humanities has been granted EDU-D status. Being granted EDU-D status is a recognition of the program's role in building a vibrant, engaged community of scholars in the arts, humanities and clinical disciplines. Professor **Allan Peterkin** is the department's inaugural head.

For information on upcoming seminars, lectures, films, electives, interdisciplinary partnerships and collaborations, please visit: www.health-humanities.com

Help us improve U of T Medicine Magazine!

The Office of Strategy, Communications and External Relations is revamping [U of T Medicine Magazine](#) to better serve our audiences, and we want to hear from our community members. What types of stories do you enjoy? What issues are most important to you? What do you think of the current format, content and design?

We would greatly appreciate it if you could share your valuable feedback by completing this [short survey](#). We will incorporate your insights into future editions.

Thank you for taking the time to help us. We appreciate your feedback.

4. Call for Nominations

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2013 External Education and Teaching Awards

The Faculty of Medicine's Education and Teaching and Awards Committee reviews proposed nominations for external awards twice annually. To ensure sufficient lead time for adjudication and preparation of nomination dossiers, the internal nomination deadlines are set well in advance of deadlines for final submission.

The Education Vice-Deans are now calling for internal nominations for the following external awards with fall/winter deadlines:

Early Career Awards

- AFMC -- Young Educators Award
- CAME -- Meridith Marks New Educator Award
- CMA -- Award for Young Leaders

Career Achievement / Sustained Excellence Awards

- AFMC -- President's Award
- CAME -- Ian Hart Award for Distinguished Contribution to Medical Education
- RCPSC-- The Duncan Graham Award
- UofT -- President's Teaching Award

Equity, Diversity & Gender Award

- AFMC -- May Cohen Equity, Diversity & Gender Award

Innovation Award

- AFMC -- John Ruedy Award for Innovation in Medical Education
- AFMC -- Infoway, E-Health Award

Mentorship Award

- CMA -- May Cohen Award for Women Mentors

Collaboration Award

- STLHE -- Alan Blizzard Award

Faculty Development Award

- AFMC -- Award for Outstanding Contribution to Faculty Development in Canada

Additional information and electronic nomination form can be found [here](#). Please submit nominations electronically to Jeananne Robertson by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 31st, 2013.

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RESEARCH GRANTS

- CH.I.L.D. -- CIHR Inflammatory Disease Bowel Network
- CIHR Clinician Scientist -- Phase 2 Awards
- CIHR Team Grant: Canadian Epigenetics, Environment and Health Research Consortium (CEEHRC)
- CIHR Team Grants: Community-Based Primary Healthcare
- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada: Operating Grants

~ *Our congratulations to all!* ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

May

Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science
Rolex Awards for Enterprise

June

AAAS Newcomb Cleveland Prize
Eppendorf and *Science* Prize for Neurobiology
Steacie Prize for Natural Sciences (NRC)

July

American Society of Microbiology research awards (excluding the
Cubist-ICAAC Award and the ICAAC Young Investigator Awards)
Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals (Ontario) - Education
Foundation Award of Merit
Wiley Prize in Biomedical Sciences

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The submission deadline for the next issue of MedEmail (to be published on Wednesday, June 5, 2013) is Wednesday, May 29, 2013.

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