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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Since it opened in 1968, the Medical Sciences Building has been home to generations of incredibly talented and dedicated biomedical researchers, educators, students and staff. Across seven floors and over three-quarters of a million square feet, the building's labs, lecture rooms, common areas and administrative offices have offered those dedicated to improving health a place to unleash, nourish and realize their curiosity and passion. It is a place of remarkable history and extraordinary promise.

To ensure it remains so, faculty members and staff work hard to maintain the MSB's facilities and improve their efficiency. In keeping with our mission to fulfill our social responsibility, our goal is to function with as little negative environmental impact as possible, and we have made great strides in greening the Faculty over the last year and a half.

Recent changes to the MSB's mechanical systems, including installation of variable-speed fan technology and wireless thermostatic controls, will save over \$600,000 annually in utility costs. This energy reduction effort, supported by the Faculty and the University's Facilities and Services Department, with incentives from Enbridge Gas and Toronto Hydro, will recover the cost of the upgrades within three years.

Kimberly-Clark Scientific will soon present us with a green award for waste reduction. By switching to lab gloves that come with less packaging, we've prevented 1.54 tons of material from entering local landfills, helping U of T place third among universities in North America for diversion of glove packaging waste.

In addition, the Faculty's Green Committee has found several ways to reduce our environmental footprint. They recently rolled out a recycling program for lab glassware, with clear and amber bins now visible throughout the MSB, and they plan to include bins for plastics and printer cartridges soon. They have reduced paper use by working with the Faculty's business officers to encourage double-sided printing and copying, as well as electronic communications. Further, they have enabled reduced electrical consumption by hallway lighting in the MSB by 25% by recommending removal of unneeded lights, resulting in a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of 8,000 kilograms a year. This is equivalent to emissions from a car idling eight hours a day for a year.

It is gratifying to see the success of these efforts to reduce our environmental footprint. I want to thank all the faculty, staff and students who have volunteered their time to our sustainability initiatives, and those who have adjusted their daily practices. This is an important cultural change demonstrating our social responsibility.

IN THE NEWS:

Quarter of heart attack patients weren't tested for diabetes or high cholesterol: Canadian study

Toronto doctor's iron sprinkles helping malnourished children

How hospital workers solve patient-safety problems on their own

If you would like to have a news item, research or education award announcement placed in MedEmail please forward it by e-mail to [Jim Oldfield](#).

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1. Honours and Awards

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Dr. Charles B. Wilson Award

Professor **James Rutka** -- Chair, Department of Surgery -- has been awarded the American Association of Neurological Surgeons/Congress of Neurological Surgeons Section on Tumors' Dr. Charles B. Wilson Award. This award recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of neuro-oncology, and has been presented to only three recipients since 2004.

World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery Scientific Award

The Department of Surgery's Professor **Clement Hamani** has won the Scientific Award from the World Society for Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery. He received his award at the WSSFN's 16th Quadrennial Meeting, held in Tokyo, Japan.

Canadian Ophthalmological Society Lifetime Achievement Award

The Canadian Ophthalmological Society has recognized Professor **Brenda Gallie** (Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences) with their 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award. The society presents this award

to individuals who have made a sustained impact nationally and internationally on the growth of the profession, and who have maintained the highest standard of patient care in their practice.

Canadian Society of Otolaryngology Educational Excellence Award

Professor **Ian Witterick** (Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery) has been awarded the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery's Educational Excellence Award. Professor Witterick has had a significant impact on medical education in Canada and around the world, and he is being recognized for his revolutionary contributions.

Mississauga Academy of Medicine Excellence Awards

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Mississauga Academy of Medicine (MAM) held its second annual MAM Excellence Awards to honour outstanding teaching and exceptional contributions by faculty, students and administrative staff. Award recipients were recognized for their dedication and commitment to improving the MAM student and undergraduate medical education experience.

This year's award winners were:

Faculty Teaching Awards

- Professor **Behzad Taromi** (Department of Surgery): Excellence in Problem Based Learning
- Professor **Carol Heck** (Department of Physical Therapy): Excellence in Small Group Teaching
- Professor **Melissa Graham** (Department of Family and Community Medicine): Excellence in Clinical Skills Teaching

Citizen of the Year Awards

- Professor **Jean Hudson** (Department of Family and Community Medicine): Faculty
 - **Tammy Ramnarace**: Administrative Staff
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Medical Alumni Association Awards

The Medical Alumni Association held its MAA Convocation Banquet on June 3rd to honour alumni from (Jan) 4T3, (July) 4T3, 4T8, 5T3, 6T3 and the graduating class of 2013.

Pre-clinical & Clinical Dr. Hollington Teaching Awards

One award is given to a Faculty member who has taught with distinction in the pre-clinical or basic science portion of the curriculum. Another award is given to a teacher who has demonstrated excellence in clinical teaching in third and fourth years.

- Pre-Clinical: Professor **Mike Wiley** (Department of Surgery)

Clinical: Dr. **Patrick Gudgeon**

The Silver Shovel -- Dean A. L. Chute Award

Recognizes excellent lecturing in clinical years of the medical school program.

- Professor **George Christakis** (Department of Surgery)
- **Todd Koch** (Pharmacist, Mental Health Program, St. Michael's Hospital)

The Class of 8T9 Medical Alumni Award

Recognizes a Faculty member who has made outstanding contributions to the undergraduate medical experience. The award winner is a strong, compassionate role model who provides guidance to students.

- Professor **Kenneth Locke** (Department of Medicine)

The David Eberle Memorial Alumni Award

Recognizes a staff member who has made outstanding contributions to the undergraduate medical experience. The award winner is a strong, compassionate role model who provides guidance to students.

- **Nancy Dunlop**
- **Carol Bisnath**

2. Announcements

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with mixed emotions that David Palmer, Vice President, University Advancement, and I announce that Mike den Haan, Executive Director, Advancement, Faculty of Medicine, is leaving the University to accept a position at the University of Waterloo. Mike will complete his service to the University on July 5th. While we will miss Mike and his many contributions to the University, we wish him every success in his new role at the University of Waterloo.

During his six years as Executive Director, Mike has been a senior member of the University's advancement team and a key contributor to the success of the Boundless campaign. He has expanded the Faculty of Medicine advancement program and achieved new benchmarks in the size, scale, impact and results for medical faculty fundraising in Canada.

Beginning on July 5th, Quinn Bingham will serve as Interim Executive Director of Advancement, and will work with Mike den Haan, Gillian Morrison, David Palmer and me to ensure the continuity of Medicine's advancement programs during the transition period over the next few weeks and as we initiate a search for Mike's successor.

We will be celebrating in due course with a reception for Mike. I am sure you will join me in extending congratulations and best wishes to Mike.

Sincerely,
Catharine Whiteside, MD, PhD, FRCPC
Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Vice Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

3. Call for Applications

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Call for Mentors: Diversity Mentorship Program Undergraduate Medical Education

The Diversity Mentorship Program is seeking faculty members who are interested in sharing their professional experiences by mentoring undergraduate medical students. The program requires a small time commitment as mentors are required to meet with their mentees over the course of the academic year. We are seeking faculty from all diversity communities including:

- Indigenous peoples of Canada
- Those with African-Canadian heritage
- LGBTQ
- People with disabilities

Please let us know if you identify with a group not listed above.

Names of volunteer mentors will be held confidentially in the office of Equity and Professionalism and matched to students who request to participate in the program.

Please contact Farida Adam, Administrative Coordinator for the Office of Equity & Professionalism, in confidence at MedEP.Admin@utoronto.ca or (416) 946-3349.

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HTA Institute 2013: HTA for Decision Makers

The Toronto Health Economics and Technology Assessment Collaborative (THETA) in collaboration with the Institute of Health, Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME), Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy and the Health Care, Technology and Place Program (HCTP) will host the 2013 Health Technology Assessment Institute for Decision Makers.

The HTA Institute will bring together experts from a range of disciplines to provide attendees with pragmatic tools for HTA. This three-day intensive course will be useful to individuals who use HTA to make decisions relating to drugs, devices, and programs.

Event Details

Date: June 26-28, 2013

Location: UC Croft Chapter House, University of Toronto
Registration Deadline: June 14, 2013
Website: <http://www.ihpme.utoronto.ca/about/conted/hti2013.htm>

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RESEARCH GRANTS

- Connaught New Researcher Awards
- Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada -- Personnel Awards
- Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada -- Grants-in-Aid
- NSERC Discovery Grants

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

June

AAAS Newcomb Cleveland Prize
Stacie Prize for Natural Sciences (NRC)

July

American Society of Microbiology research awards (excluding the
Cubist-ICAAC Award and the ICAAC Young Investigator Awards)
IUPAP Young Scientist Prize in Optics
Prix Galien
Wiley Prize in Biomedical Sciences

August

Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals (Ontario) - Education
Foundation Award of Merit

September

AAAS Award for Science Diplomacy
AAAS Philip Hauge Abelson Prize
American Society for Clinical Investigation membership
Guggenheim Fellowships

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