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## Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Welcome back after the break and hope you had a restful holiday. As we enter 2013, it is my pleasure to present the [Year 1 Activity Report on the 2011-2016 Strategic Academic Plan](#).

Measuring performance against our specific strategic goals is of utmost importance. This is the focus of our Activity Report and enables us to compare our performance with our peers -- the best Faculties of Medicine around the world. The Report's performance indicators highlight that we have much more work to do, but I am gratified that we're making

excellent progress across the board.

For example, in 2011, the rate of Faculty of Medicine researchers both on- and off-campus citing U of T on their publications rose to 80.3 per cent, up from 74.8 per cent in 2010. Our integrated data management system, which will provide up-to-date content for academic, research and administrative performance indicators, is on track to launch in fall 2013. We completed an Alumni Relations Strategic Plan, and most Department Chairs have identified alumni relations as central to their strategic plans. We are more than halfway to this year's fundraising goal of \$40 million by May 2013.

Academic indicators also show strong evidence of progress. The Centre for Interprofessional Education has tripled the number of elective options in the university's health science programs. We continued to build key international research partnerships through with top-ranked institutions such as Hong Kong University, the Karolinska Institutet in Sweden and the University of São Paulo in Brazil.

Our researchers also set a very high bar in 2011-2012. Total direct research funding for our faculty members across the Toronto Academic Health Science Network grew to \$918 million. We launched the Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development in partnership with OISE/U of T, taking interdisciplinary collaboration to a new level and blending our health and education mission. External accreditation reviews -- another important measure of performance -- were also very positive. Accreditors found our undergraduate MD Program to be fully compliant on 119 of 128 standards, granting us accreditation for another eight years, a renewal that includes the new Mississauga Academy of Medicine satellite.

While these and the other comprehensive metrics in our Year 1 Activity Report show the Faculty moving forward on many fronts, they also offer an opportunity to identify shortcomings and adjust our strategic planning accordingly. The leadership of the Faculty welcomes your feedback on the Report. Above all, I'm looking forward

to continuing our work together as we refine and measure our exciting priorities in 2013.

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

## IN THE NEWS:

Wealthier Ontario seniors may be asked to pay for home care costs

Breast-cancer survivors at higher risk for diabetes

Cancer cells hide by going dormant, Princess Margaret study finds

Ontario diabetics get fewer eye exams after delisting

If you would like to have a news item or a 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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#### **Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal**

**Prof. Daune MacGregor** (Department of Paediatrics) was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on October 26, 2012 for her community service work with children with developmental handicaps. Prof. MacGregor was nominated by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty.

**Prof. Vivian Rambihar** (Department of Medicine) was also awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, for his pioneering work in health promotion, diversity and health, and complex science and health.

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#### **Order of Canada**

**Prof. Harold Kalant** (Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology) is being honoured with the Order of Canada for his lifetime achievements and major contributions to science.

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## 2013 Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME) Certificate of Merit Award

Three Faculty of Medicine professors have received a 2013 CAME Certificate of Merit Award, which promotes, recognizes and rewards faculty committed to education in Canadian medical schools.

**Profs. Vito Forte** (Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery), **Shirley Lee** (Department of Medicine) and **Lynfa Stroud** (Department of Medicine) will all be recognized at the CAME Annual General Meeting in April.

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## Cervical Spine Research Society (CSRS) Presidential Medal

The Cervical Spine Research Society has honoured **Prof. Michael Fehlings** (Department of Surgery) with the CSRS Presidential Medal for his outstanding leadership and contributions to cervical spine research. Prof. Fehlings is CSRS' 40th president and the first Canadian to hold the leadership role.

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## 2. Announcements

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### Note from Dean Catharine Whiteside

*Re: Change of President for Medical Alumni Association*

On behalf of the Faculty, I would like to offer sincere thanks to **Dr. Suan-Seh Foo**, who served as President of the Medical Alumni Association from 2005 to 2012. We are grateful for his many contributions. He has set a wonderful example for our community at the Faculty, and we are fortunate to have such dedicated alumni who devote themselves to supporting our Faculty.

At the same time, I want to welcome **Dr. Peter Kopplin** as the new President of the MAA. Dr. Kopplin is a Professor in the Department of Medicine and an internist at St. Michael's Hospital. He is also an attending physician at Bridgepoint Health. A graduate of the University of Toronto MD program in 1963, Dr. Kopplin has been an MAA board member for many years, and brings a thorough knowledge of the Association and the Faculty to his new role. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Kopplin as President of the MAA.

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

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### ***Living Longer, Living Well* report outlines key strategies for curbing health care costs for seniors**

**Prof. Samir Sinha** (Department of Medicine) has released a groundbreaking report that outlines over 100 recommendations for

reducing skyrocketing health care costs for seniors. In his report -- called *Living Longer, Living Well* -- the provincial lead of Ontario's Senior Strategy suggests exploring an income-based system for home care and community support services. The release of Prof. Sinha's report received coverage from major news organizations such as the CBC, Globe and Mail and Toronto Star.

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### **Chair of Department of Family and Community Medicine**

**Professor Lynn Wilson** has been re-appointed for a second five-year term as Chair of the Department of Family & Community Medicine, effective January 1, 2013. A recent external review of the department recognized the tremendous accomplishments of the Department of Family & Community Medicine under Prof. Wilson's collaborative leadership. Among other initiatives, Prof. Wilson is a Co-Director of BRIDGES, a three-year project funded by the Ministry of Health to support the design and implementation of innovative models of care that promote integration in the health care system.

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### **Interim Vice-Dean, Graduate and Life Sciences Education**

**Professor Avrum Gotlieb** has been appointed Interim Vice-Dean, Graduate and Life Sciences Education, effective November 1, 2012. His portfolio of Vice-Dean, Graduate Affairs was revised to Vice-Dean, Graduate and Life Sciences Education (GLSE), and encompasses two major education activities in the Faculty of Medicine -- Graduate Education and Undergraduate Education in the Life Sciences including Arts and Science and other interdivisional teaching. Prof. Gotlieb will maintain his role as Senior Academic Advisor to the Dean of Medicine, with responsibility for chairing the Decanal Promotions Committee, and he will continue chairing the Faculty Academic Appointment Committee.

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## **3. Call for Applications**

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### **Continuing Education Research and Development Internal Grants -- Winter 2013 Cycle**

We are now soliciting nominations for the Winter 2013 Office of Continuing Education Research and Development Awards. Offered three times a year, these grants are intended to support projects -- up to \$5,000 -- that directly relate to the planning, implementation, delivery and evaluation of continuing education for health professionals. Examples include methods of evaluation to measure the impact of continuing education activities on health professionals' competence or behaviour.

For further information, deadlines and application forms, please click [here](#) or contact Vashty Hawkins at [vashty.hawkins@utoronto.ca](mailto:vashty.hawkins@utoronto.ca).

The deadline for winter cycle nominations will be **Monday, January 28, 2013 at 5 p.m.**

Should you require an extension, please contact Ms. Hawkins directly.

A regularly updated list of past successful recipients can be found [here](#).

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## 4. Call for Nominations

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### **Aikins Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching**

This is a reminder that the W.T. Aikins Awards nomination deadline is **February 4, 2013**. Specific details about the nomination process, eligibility requirements and deadline information can be found [here](#).

For further information please contact Effie Slapnicar at 416-978-8544 or [effie.slapnicar@utoronto.ca](mailto:effie.slapnicar@utoronto.ca).

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### **U of T Medicine's Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in Life Sciences Awards**

The nomination deadline is **January 31, 2013**. Three awards are available:

#### **1. Excellence in undergraduate teaching in life sciences**

This award is for sustained excellence in teaching, coordination and/or development of undergraduate lecture or seminar courses in Arts and Science offered by the basic sciences departments in the Faculty of Medicine.

#### **2. Excellence in undergraduate laboratory teaching in life sciences**

This award is for sustained excellence in the teaching, coordination and/or development of laboratory-based instruction in formal Arts and Science laboratory courses.

#### **3. Excellence in linking undergraduate teaching to research in life sciences**

This award is for sustained excellence, mentorship and innovative methods to link undergraduate teaching to experiential research opportunities such as research project courses, summer student research projects or programs.

More information, the nomination form and a list of previous winners are available [online](#). For additional information, please contact Jeananne Robertson, Education & Teaching Awards Coordinator at [edudeans@utoronto.ca](mailto:edudeans@utoronto.ca).

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## 5. Around Campus

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### **Annual Institute of Medical Science Graduate Open House**

The Institute of Medical Science (IMS) is holding its annual graduate open house on January 26, 2013. IMS is one of the largest graduate units in the Faculty of Medicine, offering thesis-based and professional graduate degrees.

Event details:

Date: January 26, 2013

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: MacLeod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building (1 King's College Circle, Rm. 2158)

Contact: [imsopenhouse@gmail.com](mailto:imsopenhouse@gmail.com)

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### **Undergraduate Medical Student Research Day**

On January 29, the Faculty of Medicine will host its 27th annual Undergraduate Medical Student Research Day. Through research posters and oral presentations, this day-long conference will showcase research projects by more than 170 Faculty of Medicine students across nine research areas, including basic and clinical science, health care, international health and social determinants of health.

**Prof. Peter Singer** will provide the day's keynote address, on how science and innovation can improve global health. Prof. Singer is the CEO of Grand Challenges Canada and Director of the McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health.

Event details

Time: 10:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m.

Location: 89 Chestnut Street, Colony Grande Ballroom

For more information, click [here](#).

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### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- [CIHR China-Canada Joint Health Research Initiative](#)
- [CIHR Planning Grants and Dissemination Events](#)
- [CIHR Team Grant: China-Canada: Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders](#)
- [Ontario Mental Health Foundation](#)
- [Physicians' Services Inc. Foundation – Operating](#)
- [Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada](#)

*~ Our congratulations to all! ~*

### **UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES**

### **January**

Henry G Friesen International Prize in Health Research  
Rolf Luft Award in Endocrinology and Diabetes Research

### **February**

Japan Prize  
Lasker Awards  
Membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies

### **March**

Balzan Prize  
FASEB Excellence in Science Award  
Fellowship in the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences  
Ken Standing Award  
Order of Ontario  
Orion Awards  
Prince of Asturias Awards  
SSHRC Gold Medal for Achievement in Research

For any queries regarding awards, please contact:

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### **Resources:**

Henry Stewart Talks (University of Toronto Libraries)  
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**Submission deadline for the next issue of MedEmail (to be published on Wednesday, January 30, 2013) is Wednesday, January 23, 2013.**

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