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## Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Earlier this month, our Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) office hosted an on-site accreditation visit from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) and the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC). While we will not see full results of this review until June and October respectively, I am pleased to report that initial feedback from the surveyors was extremely positive. I want to sincerely thank and congratulate everyone involved in this demanding but rewarding process, which both validates our continued excellence and gives us an opportunity to extend our global leadership in quality improvement of

health education.

Thousands of faculty, staff and trainees from across our academic departments and in all our affiliated hospitals worked tirelessly through the accreditation week to ensure our Faculty received a successful review. I am especially proud of the spirit of cooperation and openness with which we greeted our RCPSC and CFPC colleagues, who volunteered their time and came from across the country to participate in the review process.

Key to a successful week was intensive preparation by our PGME Directors, Program Directors, Chairs of our Clinical Departments, Hospital Education Leads and administrative staff. Over a six-year accreditation cycle of progress reports, internal and external reviews and pre-survey documentation, they showed tremendous leadership and expertise in preparing our PGME office and hospital sites for the on-site visit.

Our successful PGME accreditation week caps a year of outstanding accreditation reviews which have included Undergraduate Medical Education, Medical Radiation Sciences and, recently, Continuing Education and Professional Development (CEPD). In March, CEPD hosted an on-site visit by surveyors from the University of Calgary and North Battleford Saskatchewan. These surveyors gave very positive preliminary feedback suggesting CEPD is compliant on all criteria, and we expect official results later this spring.

Medical education accreditation in Canada continues to evolve toward a sharing of new ideas and best practices among medical schools across the country. Our Faculty's performance in accreditation reviews over the last year demonstrates our international leadership in medical education, from undergraduate to postgraduate and continuing education and professional development. Through the dedicated work of our faculty, staff and affiliated hospitals, we will continue to provide the very best training opportunities, so our students can continue to treat and heal patients, and improve health, at home and around the world.

## IN THE NEWS:

[Are you depressed or just unhappy?](#)

[Flu screening at airports best done prior to travel](#)

[HIV-AIDs non-disclosure should be a crime, study of gay and bisexual men finds](#)

[Longer breastfeeding duration boosts risk of iron deficiency](#)

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](mailto:Jim.Oldfield).

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[1. Honours and Awards](#)

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### 2013 HFSP Awards

Professor **Philip Kim** (Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomedical Research, Department of Molecular Genetics) is the recipient of a Human Frontier Science Program grant. The grant supports collaboration among scientists working in different countries. Working with teams from Germany and Japan, Professor Kim is studying the effects of alternative splicing on protein interaction networks.\*

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### 2013 W.T. Aikins Awards

The W.T. Aikins Awards are the Faculty's most prestigious awards for sustained commitment to and excellence in teaching in the undergraduate medical education program.

The recipients of this year's Aikins Awards are:

- Innovative Instructional Methods: Professors **Christopher Perumella**, **Stephen Matthews**, and **Nohjin Kee** (all from the Department of Physiology)
- Course/Program Development and Coordination: Professor **Eleanor Latta** (Department of Laboratory Medicine &

Pathobiology)

- Individual Teaching Performance Large Group: Professor **Jeffrey Wassermann** (Department of Anesthesia)

*\*Professor Philip Kim's primary appointment was incorrectly published in the last issue of MedEmail. His correct primary affiliation is The Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research, and he is cross-appointed to the Department of Molecular Genetics.*

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## **[2. Announcements](#)**

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### **Out Now: Spring Edition of U of T Medicine Magazine**

Want to know how smartphones are transforming medicine? How the Faculty of Medicine is helping kids with mental health issues? Which U of T alum had a career in major league baseball before becoming an MD?

[Read the new issue of U of T Medicine magazine.](#)

This issue features a bold new look with more news and great stories about how U of T faculty, students and alumni are redefining health in the 21st century.

We want to know what you think of the magazine, to help us continue making improvements. [Please complete a short survey](#) to share your thoughts on the magazine.

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### **Association for Surgical Education**

Congratulations to Professor **Dimitri Anastakis**, Vice Dean of Continuing Education and Professional Development, who is completing his term as President of the Association for Surgical Education. He will be giving his Presidential Address — "The Anatomy of Reputation" — on April 24, 2013, and a copy of his speech will be published in the American Journal of Surgery.

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## **[3. Call for Applications](#)**

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### **Director of Undergraduate Electives**

Applications are invited for the position of Director of Undergraduate Electives in the Undergraduate Medical Education program.

The Director of Undergraduate Electives has the overall responsibility for designing, planning, implementing and evaluating the electives curriculum for the undergraduate students in the MD program at the University of Toronto; the Visiting Electives Program for Undergraduate students in the MD programs at the 16 other medical schools across Canada who come to Toronto for electives; and, the International Visiting Electives Program for medical students attending international medical

schools who come to Toronto.

The successful candidate will be a practicing physician, with strong education and clinical credentials, who is interested in contributing at a senior level to an innovative, fast evolving, and collaborative education environment.

[View a detailed position description here.](#)

Faculty members interested in this position are encouraged to submit a letter of application and up-to-date curriculum vitae and education dossier by May 3, 2013 to [Dr. Martin Schreiber](#), UME Curriculum Director, Room 2354, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle, Toronto ON M5S 1A8 with a copy to [Effie Slapnicar](#), Manager Business and Administration, Room 2301B, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle, Toronto ON M5S 1A8.

Electronic submission is preferred. Further information about this position can be obtained by contacting [Dr. Martin Schreiber](#).

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## 4. Call for Nominations

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### 2013 External Education and Teaching Awards - Deadline May 31st, 2013

The Faculty of Medicine 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 - 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](#)
- [U of T - President's Teaching Award](#)

#### Equity, Diversity & Gender Award

- [AFMC - May Cohen Equity, Diversity & Gender Award](#)

#### Innovation Award

- [AMFC - 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](#)

Please submit nominations electronically to [Jeananne Robertson](#) by 5p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2013.

Find additional information and access the electronic nomination form [here](#).

## 5. Around Campus

### Education Achievement Celebration

The Education Vice-Deans invite you to the Faculty's Education Achievement Celebration, which will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

Join peers, colleagues, and guests to recognize our award winners and celebrate excellence in teaching and education within the Faculty of Medicine.

The key note address — “Evidence, Leadership, and Getting the Right Acronym: Lessons from a career in health policy” — will be given by Professor **Adalsteinn Brown**, Director of the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation.

#### Event details:

**Date:** Tuesday May 7, 2013

**Time:** 4:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Location:** Great Hall, Hart House (7 Hart House Circle)

[Please RSVP for each attendee.](#)

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### Reminder — MindFest 2103

Don't miss MindFest 2013, a free one-day event hosted by the Department of Psychiatry and Hart House. Taking place on May 6, 2013, the event features amazing guest speakers, food, stand-up comedy, workshops, screenings, exhibit booths and prizes.

[Volunteer opportunities are also available.](#)

For more information, please visit the [Department of Psychiatry's website](#).

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## **EdTech Workshop 2013**

The Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering is hosting EdTech 2013 — Online Education: Technical and Pedagogical Effectiveness.

From webinars and lecture capture to online office hours and e-textbooks, the EdTech Workshop 2013 will showcase leading applications and best practices for innovating teaching and learning, presented by some of the University's leaders in educational technology.

The event features 10 speakers and 25 vendors. Breakfast and lunch is provided.

### **Event Details:**

**Date:** May 28, 2013

**Time:** 9a.m. to 4p.m.

**Location:** Bahen Centre for Information Technology Atrium

[Register now!](#)

## **2013 Diane Charlwood Memorial Lecture**

The Tanz Centre for Research in Neurodegenerative Diseases is hosting the 2013 Diane Charlwood Memorial Lecture on May 1, 2013. The lecture — called “A new look to an old problem — amyloid Abeta” — will be given by McGill University's Professor Gerd Multhaup.

Event details:

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Time: 9a.m.

Location: The Diener Family Seminar & Conference Room (Tanz Building Room 203)

Tanz Neuroscience Building, 6 Queen's Park Crescent West

## **6. Medical Research Online**

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### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- [C.H.I.L.D. — CIHR Inflammatory Disease Bowel Network](#)
- [CIHR Clinician Scientist – Phase 2 Awards](#)
- [CIHR Team Grants: Community-Based Primary Healthcare](#)
- [CIHR Team Grant: Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in Children and Youth](#)
- [Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada: Operating Grants](#)
- [Physicians' Services Inc. Foundation: Research Grants](#)

*~ Our congratulations to all! ~*

### **UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES**

#### **April**

[American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology Gold Medal Paul Marks Prize for Cancer Research](#)

## **May**

[CIHR Barer-Flood Prize for Health Services and Policy Research](#)

[Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science](#)

[King Faisal International Prize in Medicine](#)

[J. Allyn Taylor International Prize in Medicine](#)

[Rolex Awards for Enterprise](#)

[Thomas E. Starzl Prize in Surgery & Immunology](#)

## **June**

[AAAS Newcomb Cleveland Prize](#)

[Eppendorf and \*Science\* Prize for Neurobiology](#)

[Steacie Prize for Natural Sciences \(NRC\)](#)

For any queries regarding awards, please contact:

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**The submission deadline for the next issue of MedEmail (to be published on Wednesday, May 8, 2013) is Wednesday, May 1, 2013.**

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