



Newsletter

Fall/Winter Issue 2018

Chair's Message...



Dear colleagues and friends,

First and foremost, I want to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season! I hope you get lots of time to spend with your families and friends and do something fun in the sand or snow. There were so many wonderful things that have happened during the last 6 months but also several sad things.

First the sad news - we lost two of our outstanding faculty as well as one of or "the" most influential rhinologists in the history of our specialty. In July 2018, Dr. David Pothier succumbed to his cancer after many years disease free. David was incredibly productive personally and academically. In his short professional career, he had many successes including pioneering a surgical technique for which he became internationally renowned. This month Dr. Arnold Noyek passed after a long illness. There were 500+ at his funeral with beautiful tributes by his two daughters and one grandson.

Arnold was a great humanitarian, leader, mentor, educator, friend and colleague. He gave tirelessly to our specialty and to our department. Through the Canadian International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO) he built networks and relationships to foster peace and education exchange across the globe but particularly in the Middle East. We also heard very sad news just days ago that one of the "greats" in rhinology, Professor Heinz Stammberger passed away suddenly at his home in Graz, Austria. This is a huge loss for our specialty.

On a more cheery note, the department has otherwise been running well. We had a number of interesting academic and social events highlighted in this newsletter. The comradery of the residents and fellows is great and our divisions and committees are functionally well. I want to thank Dr. Peter Adamson who finished his term as Head of the Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (FPRS) and welcome Dr. Andres Gantous as the new Head of this division. Peter's career spans many decades where he has become synonymous with excellence and professionalism. Our department and specialty is indebted to Peter for his tireless efforts to educate and promote FPRS.

In other news...

- We are in the process of reviewing research submissions for the first round of funding from the Raymond Ng and the Wendy Chui Foundation for Innovation in OHNS. We will be selecting submissions for a "Dragon's Den" type funding competition early in the New Year.
- After 28 years as Chair of our Research Committee and more recently as Vice-Chair Research, we are

Chair's Message continued...

going to give Dr. Bob Harrison a well-deserved break. Bob has done a great job organizing and co-ordinating our research endeavours. Nominations have been submitted and a selection committee will be meeting with candidates very soon to select a successor(s).

- There are plans to move the University Office from Toronto General back on to the University campus in the summer of 2019.
- I had a great professional experience travelling on the "World Tour" this fall through four cities as part of the International Federation of Head and Neck Oncologic Societies (IFHNOS). This was a wonderful experience speaking and interacting with colleagues from diverse cultures and health care systems.

Thank you so much to our faculty who work incredibly hard to educate and innovate. I am indebted to our Vice-Chairs, Chiefs, Directors and Division Heads who are a wonderful group of colleagues that give selflessly to make our department run so smoothly. A special thank you to Ms. Audrea Martin, Ms. Sonia Valente and Ms. Andrea Donovan in the University office for their organization and dedication to our department.

Wishing everyone a fantastic and restful holiday!

Health, Happiness and Good Fortune.

Ian



*Executive
Committee
Holiday
Dinner
Dec 11, 2018
McLean House,
Estates of
Sunnybrook*

Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2018

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*The University office will be closed for the holidays for the period
December 24, 2018 to
January 4, 2019*

*We will reopen on
Monday January 7, 2019
Office hours: 8.30am-4.30pm*

Keep in touch !

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In Memoriam

Arnold Noyek (1937-2018)

Dr. Noyek was born in Dublin, Ireland and immigrated to Canada in 1940. He attended the University of Toronto and graduated from medical school and later went on to be trained in otolaryngology - specializing in ear, nose, throat, head and neck surgery - at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in New York City. He worked at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto since 1966 and was the hospital's otolaryngologist-in-chief from 1989 to 2002.

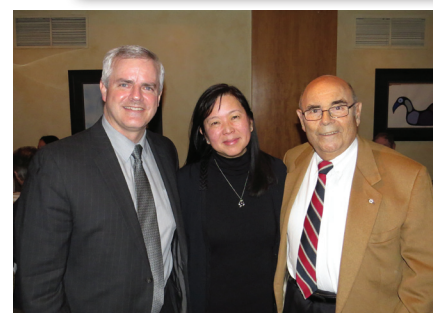


Arnold was an amazing mentor, leader, colleague and friend. He gave tirelessly to our specialty, our department, to education and world peace. His reach and impact goes far beyond our department and specialty.

I will miss his boundless energy, "can do" attitude and the positivity that radiated from him. He ended his emails with "Always moving forward!" epitomizing his drive, enthusiasm and passion to always look for new opportunities and capitalize on the relationships and networks of people he developed and nurtured around the globe.



I will sadly miss him. [Click here](#) to visit our website for a full tribute.



Click here for the tribute published in the Toronto Star.

A tribute was also published in The Canadian Jewish News - Click here to read it



International Federation of Head and Neck Oncologic Societies

World Tour 2018

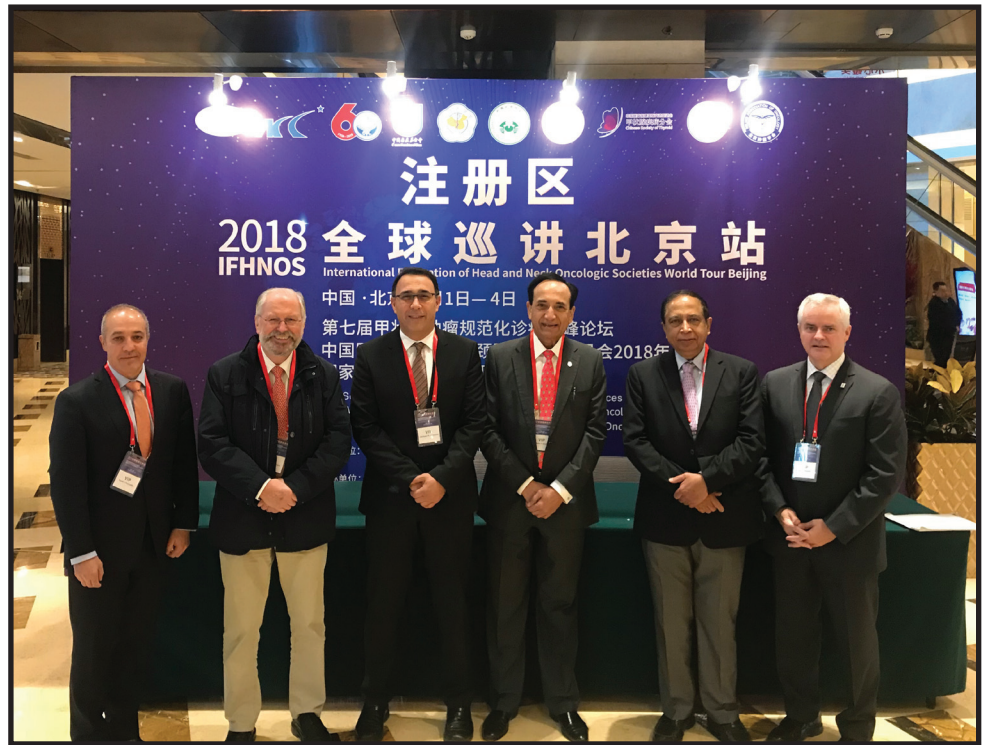
Cities Visited:

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Kolkata (India)

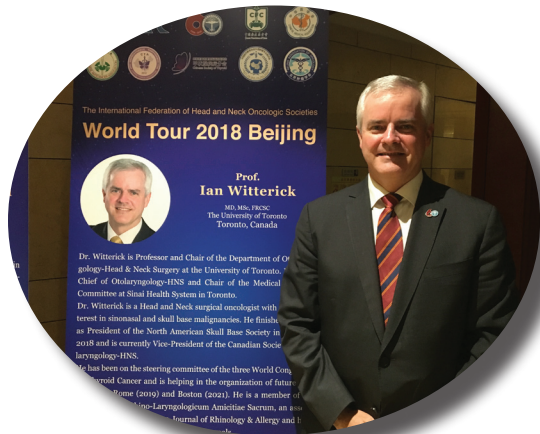
Beijing (China)

Milan (Italy)



Participants:

Sandro Porceddu, Jans Vermorcken, Hisham Mehanna, Jatin Shah, Ashok Shaha, Ian Witterick (left to right in photo above)



Manila



Beijing



News Bites

U of T ranks highest in Canada in nine different subjects, and is one of only eight universities in the world to place in the top 50 across 11 subjects, in the latest rankings from Times Higher Education.

[Click Here](#) to read the report.



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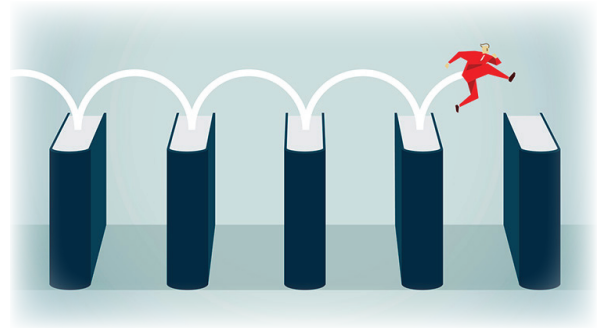
U of T moves up to TOP SPOT in Maclean's ranking for medical and doctoral programs

The University of Toronto has been ranked first in Canada by Maclean's magazine in the research-intensive medical and doctoral category.

The annual ranking, released this week, saw U of T move up one spot in the important category – which ranks research-focused universities with a broad range of graduate-level programs, including PhDs – and tie for first place with Montreal's McGill University.

[Click Here](#) to read the report.

Celebrating our Faculty



Dr. Peter Adamson

A celebration was held on September 6, 2018 in honour of Dr. Adamson for his many years of service and innumerable contributions to the department. This event was held at Ian & Jenny Witterick's home.



Promotions

A reception was held on October 16, 2018
in honour of our promoted faculty.

This event was held at University of Toronto's
Massey College.



Vicky Papaioannou & Molly Zirkle
were promoted to **Associate Professor**



Jack Shahan
was promoted to **Assistant Professor**
Jack was unable to attend the reception.
His wife Rita (pictured above with Ian)
attended on his behalf.



Congratulations



Vicky and her husband Nik



Molly and her sons
(left to right) Eli, Jackson
and Teddy Levine

Academic Promotion



Ambrose Lee's

Promotion to **Assistant Professor** has been approved by the Dean effective September 1, 2018!

Congratulations

Academic Appointment

Matthew Brace's

Appointment as a **Clinical Adjunct Lecturer** was approved by the Dean effective July 1, 2018.



Welcome to the department!

Our annual **Women in OTOHNS evening** was held at Bar Reyna on November 29, 2018 prior to an engaging ground rounds on Diversity in Otolaryngology with Dr. Gigi Osler. The evening, graciously supported by the department, encourages senior and junior female members of our department including staff, residents and fellows to share experiences and empower one another. The event was a wonderful success with lots of food consumed, stories shared and friends made.



Faculty Spotlight



Andres Gantous

Andres (right) was appointed as the new Head of the Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery effective July 1, 2018.

Jon Irish

On October 11, 2018 the Annual *Humour Me* Fundraiser was held at the Elgin Theatre. This year the funds were raised for the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

Humour Me is an event where amateurs perform a short stand-up routine in front of a live audience and a panel of expert judges. The comedians write their own material but have expert coaches to hone their act. This year for the first time in the 10 year history of the event, the prize for the best comedian and for the best fundraiser (over \$780,000 raised) went to one person - our own Jon Irish! Howie Mandel brought the house down and Shaun Majumder from CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* was the hilarious MC.



[Click here
to view the video](#)



Ralph Gilbert

At the 18th National Meeting
of the Foundation for Head & Neck Oncology (FHNO)
held October 26-29, 2018
Ralph Gilbert was inducted into the
Indian Head and Neck Society.



Release Anchors... Robert Harrison's

Indoor and outdoor railways



Click the images
for videos



John Waldron

(cross-appointed faculty)

John has been appointed the Bartley-Smith Wharton Chair in Radiation Oncology, effective January 1, 2019 for a 5-year term until December 31, 2023.

Undergraduate Education

Allan Vescan MD, MSc, FRCSC ~ Director of UME

The 2018-19 academic year is underway with Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery Week scheduled for December 14-21 for our Foundations Curriculum (Year 2). The week will be comprised of didactic lectures, online cases with appropriate literature links and physical exam-small groups as part of ICE-2. Clerkship is well into its third block and this year we will only be teaching the core clerkship with no LInC program.

Thank you to all of our dedicated UME teachers as we head into a busy holiday season. Your effort and time is appreciated by all, especially the students you teach.

Academic Excellence



Everton Gooden, Raewyn Seaberg, Victor Toran and John Lee

have received an MD Program Teaching Excellence Award.

This is a new initiative introduced by the University of Toronto medical students. The award recognizes faculty in the MD Program that have attained Teaching Evaluation Scores in the top 10% in one or more of the teaching activities to which they have contributed.

Congratulations



Postgraduate Education

Paolo Campisi MSC, MD, FRCSC ~ Vice Chair of Education

Welcome BBQ for 2018-19 Academic Year

The annual welcome BBQ for the incoming PGY1s took place on July 18, 2018 at the Campisi residence. It was a wonderful Hawaiian themed evening with great food, live entertainment and great weather. Thank you Paolo and Susan for opening up your beautiful home once again for this event.



Christopher Noel



Neil Verma



Christopher Yao



Xiao Zhao



Christopher Noel has received a 2018 Postgraduate Research Award from the *Joseph M. West Family Memorial Fund*.

Neil Verma was elected to PARO's General Council.

Christopher Yao has received a Detweiller Travelling Fellowship Award, a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Award.

Xiao Zhao has successfully defended his PhD thesis "*Targeting Metabolic Dysregulation for the Treatment of Radiation Fibrosis*"

Congratulations



Stryker Mobile Operating Room Experience

Many of our residents attended an interactive, hands-on lab session aboard the Stryker mobile lab on September 5-6, 2018.



The Mobile Operating Room Experience (MORE), a 3-day course put on by Stryker went very well. This course was combined with neurosurgery trainees. The first day was for neurosurgery and the following two days covered approaches to skull base for both groups and advanced temporal bone dissection for OHNS residents on the third day. The mobile operating lab is very sophisticated with 8 OR suites - the fresh frozen specimens available were very good.

Ohio Head and Neck Surgery and Microvascular Cadaveric Course

September 28-30, 2018

Dr. Tony Eskander invited some of our residents to participate in the cadaver course which was held in Ohio. Yelda reported that "It was a phenomenal experience". Left to right below are Mirko Manojlovic Kolarski, Tony Eskander, Yelda Jozaghi, Joel Davies & Christopher Noel.



AAO-HNS Annual Meeting

October 7-10, 2018

All of our PGY4s attended the Annual Meeting of the AAO-HNS in Atlanta this year.

Left to right below are Shireen Samargandy, Yvonne Chan, Yael Bensoussan, Sunita Rai & Josie Xu. Present but not pictured here were Joel Davies, Fred Laliberté, and Mirko Manojlovic Kolarski.



Soft Tissue Dissection Course

October 22, 2018

Thank you to Drs. Michael Brandt and Ashlin Alexander for putting on a soft tissue dissection course at the Skills Lab. The residents all really enjoyed it!



Injectables Course

November 12, 2018

Thank you to Drs. Jamil Asaria, Ashlin Alexander and Mike Roskies for putting on a great injectables course for our residents.



*Resident's Holiday Party
at Ricarda's
December 7, 2018*



*L to R Front row: Olivia Ng & Weibo Hao, John Lee, Patrick Scheffler & Xue Lian Jiang, Hedyeh Ziai, Josie Xu, Tina Yan & Terence Fu, Amr Hamour, Sunita Rai
L to R Back row: Justin Cottrell, Neil Arnstead, Fred Laliberté, Daniel Lee, Neil Verma, Xiao Zhao, Weining Yang*

Ian Witterick and Eric Monteiro
MSH Surgical Holiday Party
December 14, 2018



Dr. Rick Fox, Otolaryngologist-in-Chief, St. Joseph's Health Centre, toasting to the staff at the 2018 Holiday Party held on December 13, 2018 at Vibo.



Continuing Professional Development

Yvonne Chan MD, FRCSC, MSc, HBSc ~ Director of CPD

The Current Concepts course held in November was a great success. There were over 150 participants!

**Current Concepts
in Head and Neck
Surgery**

**November
17 & 18, 2018**

Hot Topics Include:
Thyroid and parathyroid disease
Melanoma and skin cancer
Video operative pearls

Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute
Keenan RC Allan Waters Auditorium
209 Victoria Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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Dr. Patrick Gullane (left) with Dr. Jatin Shah

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SAVE THE DATES...

Friday February 8, 2019

Reducing Risk in Head & Neck Surgery:

Lessons Learned from the CMPA Files

TGH Astellas Conference Room, 11th floor, Munk Building

CATEGORY 3 Credits available

Plus Category 1 and 2 RCPSC credits available

Friday February 8, 2019

Annual Alumni & Friends Dinner

Faculty Club, 41 Willcocks Street, Toronto

Saturday February 9, 2019

17th Annual Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery Update

with the OMA Annual Section Meeting

Li Ka Shing Keenan RC Allan Waters Auditorium

209 Victoria Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto

Upcoming Visiting Professors & Guest Lecturers

January 11, 2019
Dr. Jonathan Wasserman (*SickKids*)

January 18, 2019
Dr. Andrew Shuman (*Michigan*)

February 1, 2019
Dr. Devin McCaslin (*New York*)
Annual David Tomlinson Lecture

February 8, 2019
Dr. Ann Marie Tharpe (*Tennessee*)
Annual Krista Riko Lecture

February 22, 2019
Dr. Brent Senior (*North Carolina*)

Also....

March 28-29, 2019
Women Leaders in Medicine
with Visiting Professor Carol Bradford

March 1, 2019
Dr. Brian Westerberg (*BC*)
Annual Joseph KH Wong/Smile China Lecture

April 12, 2019
Dr. James Rocco (*Ohio*)
Head & Neck Foundation Lecture

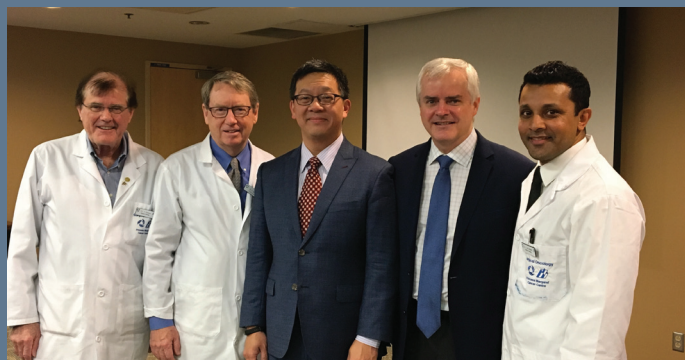
April 26, 2019
Dr. Daniel Nuss (*New Orleans*)
Annual Connery Lecture

May 24, 2019
Dr. Gerald Doherty (*Boston*)
Annual Binstock Lecture

June 14, 2019
Dr. Rick Chandra (*Tennessee*)

May 9-10, 2019
Annual Percy Ireland
Dinner & Academic Day
with Visiting Professor Michael Cunningham
& Guest of Honour: Michael Hawke

Visiting Professor November 16, 2018



Stephen Lai

Investigating Normal Tissue Response to
Radiation Therapy with DCE-MRI:
Evaluating Mandibular Osteoradionecrosis

*L to R: Drs. Pat Gullane, Ralph Gilbert, Stephen Lai,
Ian Witterick & John de Almeida*

Visiting Professor November 30, 2018

How Increasing Equity and Diversity in
Medicine Can Lead to Better Health.

*L to R: Drs. Yelda Jozaghi, Yvonne Chan, Gigi Osler,
Yael Bensoussan, Josie Xu, & Lisa Robinson*

Gigi Osler, CMA President



The Departments of Anesthesia, Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery & Surgery at the University of Toronto

convened on

Monday November 12, 2018 to host a joint Faculty Development Day

Ten excellent workshops were offered in the morning followed by a lunch lecture on the new tax law changes given by Tahir Saeed, CPA, CA. The objective of this conjoint event was to review best practices in patient care, techniques in medical education, discuss the challenges and future opportunities facing medical education, incorporate theory-based models in medical education research, teaching and innovation and simulation and plan for key points in ones career transition.



There was a great turnout.

Keynote speaker Dr. Gerald B. Hickson gave a superb lecture to kick off the day.



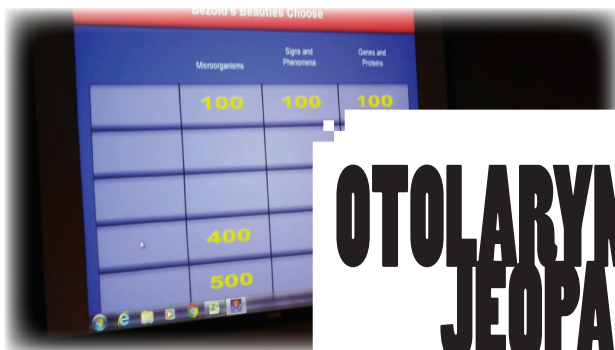
Faculty engagement was excellent.



thank{you} Yvonne Chan, Vincent Lin and Eric Monteiro for facilitating workshops
and Paolo Campisi for organizing!

Events

Memorable Grand Rounds



OTOLARYNGOLOGY JEOPARDY!

December 7, 2018

AND
THE WINNING
TEAM WAS... “One Crazy Rich Asian and Two Poor White Dudes”



L to R:
Weining Yang,
Chris Noel,
& Frederick Laliberte
with Yael Bensoussan (Quiz Master)

*Honourable mention to the other two teams that made the final round:
The Danish Sham Study Habits (Neil Arnstead, Florence Mok, Vincent Wu)
& M.S.H (Mirko Manojlovic Kolarski, Shireen Samargandy, Hedyeh Ziai)*

Journal Club

thank{you}

**Drs. John de Almeida
& Eric Monteiro**
for coordinating
Journal Club!

2018 Bowling Night



September 26, 2018
at the Ballroom in Toronto

Neil Arnstead (right) and Ian battled for the best bowling shirt.... but Ian edges him out.

2018 Sinai Health System OHNS Department Team Building Painting Afternoon

November 30, 2018
at the Cooper Centre

L to R Front row:
Ana Dinis, Dorian Lucchetta,
Marie Chiapetta, Anna Bested.

L to R Back row:
Drs. Jeremy Freeman, Eric Monteiro,
Al Vescan, & Ian Witterick,
Julie Viveiros, Lily Bekic, Pat Gartley,
Elena Popa.



In Memoriam

David Pothier (1973-2018)

His passing extinguished a brilliant light, the likes of which few of us will witness in our lifetime.

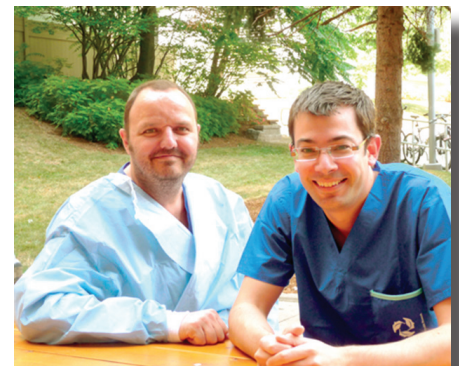
[Click here to watch the Celebration of Life ceremony held at UHN on August 1, 2018.](#)



His amazing creativity and innovation in otology and neurotology are not replaceable ~ Ralph Gilbert



He had more energy than should be contained in one man, a fierce intellect, and crushing logic. Dave was genius at putting ideas into practice and turning the abstract real ~ David Grant



He had a larger than life persona, phenomenal intellect and boundless drive to achieve ~ Philip Clamp

He was a clear leader in this emerging field of Endoscopic Ear Surgery and was a moving force behind the International Working Group for Endoscopic Ear Surgery ~ Muaaz Tarabichi



Dave instilled a passion for research and the pursuit of knowledge in many, a legacy that will surely live on ~ Carolyn Falls



In Memoriam

Heinz Stammberger (1946-2018)



Obituary - [Click Here](#)

It is with terrible sadness that we also lost Professor Heinz Stammberger, a giant in the field of rhinology and skull base surgery. Please see the obituary written by Professor Valerie Lund (see link beneath photo). I had the honour of learning from him in Graz this past July alongside his protégé, Dr. Peter Valentin Tomazic who is spending a year with us in Toronto prior to returning to Graz.

Heinz was the ultimate clinician, surgeon and key opinion leader who had the respect of his peers worldwide. Anyone who had the good fortune to attend his lectures or dissections was witness to a master anatomist and educator. He was a pioneer, innovator and responsible for educating generations of surgeons. He elevated rhinology to new levels with his keen intellect, inquisitive nature and kind heart. So many of us will sadly miss him.

Ian Witterick

Left to right, Drs. Peter Valentin Tomazic, Ian Witterick and Professor Heinz Stammberger, July 2018



Counter clockwise from left: Drs. Ian Witterick, Yvonne Chan, Michael Hawke, Heinz Stammberger and Mrs. Naneve Hawke, May 2015

Announcements

Bundle of Joy !!



Amelia Lin Turner
Proud parents **Jun Lin & Alex Turner**
Born on September 8, 2018

**TO VIEW THE
DEPARTMENTAL
2017-18
ANNUAL REPORT
ONLINE**

CLICK HERE

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018



U of T Music puts out its first-ever

holiday playlist

Listen to the playlist here

Royal College Exams
(for PGY5s)

Written: March 26-27, 2019

Oral: April 5, 2019



Alumni News

Where are they now...What are they up to... the Graduating Class of 2018

Michael Awad



Doing well in Palo Alto, California. Enjoying my fellowship in sleep surgery while learning a new skillset including skeletal surgery, robotics, and hypoglossal nerve stimulation for sleep apnea. Aside from that keeping busy picking up some new hobbies (surfing).

Stephen Chen



Stephen reports that he is “still alive and kicking” doing a fellowship in Toronto.

Andrew Ma



Life after residency has been wonderful. Adjusting to independent practice has been challenging but rewarding. I have been keeping busy locuming between NYGH and Trillium. But by far the greatest highlight, I got married in August to my beautiful wife, Annie! Now we are getting ready for our next adventure in Sydney, Australia!

Jason Xu

As an associate at Michael Garron Hospital I am refining my skills and learning to be an independent otolaryngologist. As a father of a newborn daughter, I am developing an approach to soothing and gaining competency in midnight diaper changes. Many thanks to all my teachers and mentors who prepared me for the wonder of post-residency life.





Christopher Yao

Christopher is happy to report that he is having a great time in his fellowship year at MD Anderson in Head and Neck Surgical Oncology, though he misses the other Chris Yaos he's come to know.

Jonathan Yip

Jonathan is currently enjoying his Clinical Fellowship in Rhinology at Northwestern University (Chicago, Illinois). Aside from “nose picking”, he has been keeping busy by eating his way through the Chicago culinary scene and writing papers along the cafes of Streeterville. He has come to appreciate how much his residency training has prepared him for fellowship and is thankful for his mentors.



Jonathan & Janice

Jay Wong



Jay Wong (left) with David Finkelstein

I'm currently doing a locum in Newmarket. It's been a great few months so far, everyone has been so welcoming and collegial! I miss my time at Sinai and I hope everyone is doing well!

Peter Vosler

I am doing well down in Baltimore. I started working as an Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins University in September after 2 months vacation. I'm starting to get busy with flaps, and I'm looking forward to building an oncology practice here.

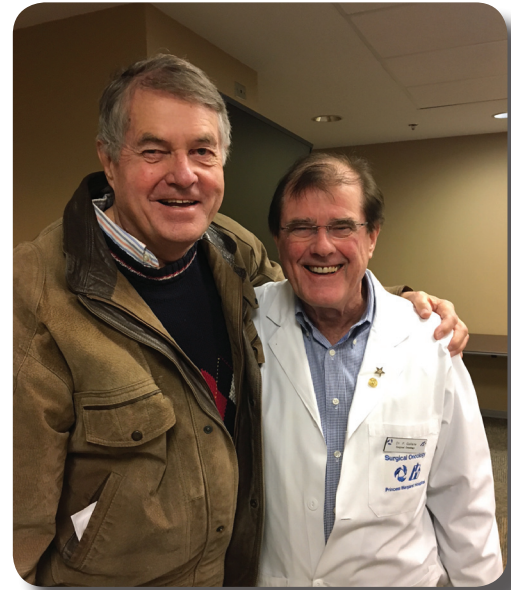


Gavin le Nobel



I've started building up a busy community Otolaryngology practice at Brampton Civic Hospital. Having a great time but missing the downtown group!

Cam MacArthur



Left, with Patrick Gullane dropped in for Grand Rounds on December 10, 2018.

IMS 50th Anniversary Gala



The Institute of Medical Science (IMS) celebrated a milestone on October 3, 2018. Members of our department attended the gala dinner... "a genuinely memorable event in the history of the IMS".

*Dean Trevor Young (left),
with Professor Catharine Whiteside
(Dean, Faculty of Medicine 2005-2015)*



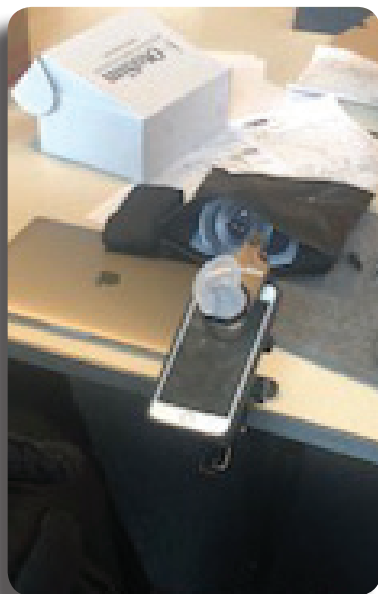
L to R: Drs. Ian Witterick, Trung Le, Peter Dixon, Bob Harrison, Doug Chepeha, David Goldstein as well as Andrew Dimitrijevic & Karen Gordon in front



L to R: Drs. Doug Chepeha, Ian Witterick, & David Goldstein

Special Thanks...

With a generous donation from OtoSim Inc.
and
Mr. Ralph Chiodo of Active Green and Ross,
every resident across Canada received a free
OtoSim mobile otoscopy simulator device
to enhance their learning experience.



*Paolo Campisi (left)
with Patrick Scheffler, PGY5
and Vito Forte (right)*



*Amr Hamour (left)
with John Lee, PGY1s*



from all of us at the University office



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