



Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Newsletter

Fall/Winter Issue 2013

Chair's Message...



It is with great pleasure that we bring you this fall/winter newsletter for 2013.

The department continues to thrive with multiple successes.

Our recent completed Strategic Academic Plan 2013-2018 is available on our website at <http://www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca>. In addition, our Annual Report for 2012-2013 is available at <http://www.otolaryngology.utoronto.ca/about/annual.htm>.

I would like to welcome our newest full-time faculty members, Dr. John de Almeida who started on June 1, 2013 and Dr. David Pothier who started on July 1, 2013. Drs. de Almeida and Pothier are based at UHN with Dr. de Almeida being cross-appointed at Mt. Sinai Hospital. There is currently an active search for a new full-time faculty member at St. Michael's Hospital and additional searches are being planned for UHN, MSH, TEGH and for the Mississauga Academy of Medicine. New Adjunct Faculty approved by the Departmental Appointments Committee are: Drs. Ashlin Alexander, Sumeet Anand, Jason Atlas, Roman Chaban, Dustin Dalgorf, David Hacker, Thileep Kandasamy, Alfred Oh and Victor Toran. We welcome all of these new faculty to the Department!

Dr. Jennifer Anderson will be undergoing a 5-Year External Review of her role as Chief at St. Michael's Hospital on December 3, 2013. Dr. Paul Kerr, Chair of Otolaryngology-HNS from the University of Manitoba is the external reviewer. A search for the next Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at Toronto East General Hospital is underway as Dr. Oakley Smith will finish his term on June 30, 2014.

Chair's Message continued...

Dean Catharine Whiteside will finish her term on December 31, 2014 and a search is underway. The search committee includes Dr. Pat Gullane and anyone wishing to provide feedback to the search committee can do so at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MC2G7QR> or via email to uoftmedicine@lavernesmith.com.

Our department in conjunction with the CSO-HNS held a very successful Canadian Conference on Undergraduate Medical Education on October 19, 2013. Directors and leadership from Canadian Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Undergraduate Programs came to Toronto to discuss common themes in UME across Canada. Continued collaboration and working groups were formed to enhance undergraduate education. A special thank you to Dr. Al Chiodo from our faculty and Dr. Kevin Fung (Western University) who were instrumental in organizing this conference.

In July 2013, members of our department were part of the organizing committee for a very successful 2nd World Congress on Thyroid Cancer held at the Sheraton Hotel in Toronto. There were over 1000 participants from 61 countries. An alumni reception was held at this event as well as on September 30, 2013 at the AAO-HNS meeting in Vancouver, BC. I would like to invite everyone to our second Alumni & Friends Dinner on Saturday February 8, 2014 after Otolaryngology Update. The venue is the Faculty Club at the University of Toronto. *continues....*

Reminders:

Holiday Closure- December 23 to January 3 inclusive

Grand Rounds will NOT be held on December 27, 2013 & January 3, 2014



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Newsletter

Fall/Winter Issue 2013

Our newsletter is published biannually in June and December.

Please send us any items you would like included in subsequent issues to sonia.costantino@utoronto.ca

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The University office will be closed for the Holidays for the period December 23, 2013 to January 3, 2014

We will reopen on Monday January 6, 2014

Office hours: 8.30am-4.30pm

Keep in touch!

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Chair's Message continued...

We are starting a tradition of inviting all alumni and guests, who graduated 25 years ago (or later) as our guests. In subsequent years, the alumni who graduated 25 years ago will be invited as our guests.

We had a very successful advancement dinner on November 26, 2013 organized by grateful patients of Dr. Al Chiodo. More than \$50,000 was raised in support of UME to purchase OtoSim™ simulators to help teach University of Toronto medical students. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Ralph Chiodo (no relation to Al) and Mr. Joe Falcone for their vision and support of our department and our desire to enhance the otoscopy skills of the next generation of physicians.

My sincere thanks to all of our dedicated faculty, fellows and residents for making this such a wonderful department. It is hard to believe I am already 1.5 years into the role of Chair.

My very best wishes to all for a happy and safe holiday season and a very productive and enjoyable New Year.

With best regards,

Ian

Celebrating our Faculty

A reception was held on September 12, 2013 in honour of our distinguished faculty ~ Drs. Vito Forte (stepping down as Chief at HSC), John Lee (promotion) and Arnold Noyek (Order of Canada). The event was held at the University of Toronto's Faculty Club in the Main Lounge.



Jeremy Freeman has been asked to sit on the US National Cancer Institute's clinical trials group related to endocrine oncology, attending meetings in Washington, DC.

**Jennifer Anderson
and the St. Michael's Voice Clinic**
were featured on Global News for their outstanding work!

Watch the video featuring Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo (2min13sec):
<http://globalnews.ca/video/933439/jim-cuddy-talks-about-the-surgery-that-saved-his-voice>

Peter Alberti

has recently published a new book titled *Prevention of Hearing Loss*.
ISBN: 978-1-61942-745-7. V. Newton, P. Alberti, A. Smith eds., Otolaryngology Research Advances, Nova Biomedica, New York.

Danny Enepekides

has been named the Interim Head of Surgical Oncology at the Odette Cancer Program (Sunnybrook) and Regional Surgical Oncology Lead, Cancer Care Ontario!

Adrian James

published the 2nd edition of the *Handbook of Pediatric Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery*.
Evan Propst, Paolo Campisi, Sharon Cushing, Vito Forte, Adrian James, Blake Papsin eds.

Erica Wong

was awarded the **President's Award at the recent Canadian Academy of Audiology (CAA) Conference** for her involvement with the CAA Board and the Conference Planning Committee!

Nadia Sandor was awarded the **Canadian Academy of Audiology's Richard Seewald Career Award** in recognition of a career in clinical practice and/or teaching and mentoring young people!

Faculty News, Honours & Awards

Dr. Arnold Noyek - Order of Canada Induction Ceremony November 22, 2013



L to R: Governor General David Johnston, Dr. Arnold Noyek, Mrs. Judy Noyek.

Departmental Academic Appointments

A {Warm Welcome} to
our newest
Assistant Professors:

**John de Almeida
&
David Pothier**

ALSO TO

Assistant Professor
of Surgery
Gelareh Zadeh
Cross-Appointed to our
Department as of
October 1, 2013

AND

{Congratulations}
**Dr. Sharon Cushing,
Evan Propst & Al Vescan**
who successfully passed
their probationary reviews
in October 2013



Dr. Peter Adamson

was selected as the **2013 Gene Tardy Scholar** given to the surgeon judged to have advanced the teaching and science of facial plastic surgery by virtue of unusually exemplary and unique teaching contributions and outstanding leadership qualities, resulting in enduring benefit to the specialty!



Dr. Peter Adamson (left) and Dr. Robert Kelman (right),
President of the AAFPRS

Personalized Cancer Medicine

Globe & Mail, Saturday November 2, 2013.

“Dr. Jonathan Irish and his multi-disciplinary oncology Team began designing one of the most technologically-advanced operating rooms in the world seven years ago. This facility now delivers real time, ‘on-the-table’ imaging that enables surgical targeting of a tumour with greater precision and fewer side effects to patients. With this ground-breaking operating room, our surgeons are advancing personalized cancer medicine on multiple fronts. This innovative platform will allow The Princess Margaret to expand its robotics surgery program and grow its molecular-guided surgery program where nano-molecules will be used to ‘paint’ a cancer target”.



**CANCER
CAN CHANGE
EVERYTHING.**

FORTUNATELY,
so can Dr. Jonathan Irish and his team.

Meet Dr. Jonathan Irish, one of the 63 cancer surgeon innovators at The Princess Margaret.

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IN OUR LIFETIME.**

Postgraduate Education

Paolo Campisi MSc, MD, FRCSC, FAAP

The 2013-2014 academic year is in full swing with residents attending both Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery as well as Head and Neck Oncology core lectures. Thanks to Dr. Peter Adamson and Dr. Ralph Gilbert for coordinating the lectures.

July 1, 2013 saw the start of a new life for **PGY1 Residents & Fellows**

in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

Welcome... **PGY1s**



Stephen Chen



Andrew Ma



Jason Xu



Christopher Yao



Jonathan Yip

Fellows

Otology/Neurotology



Pranay Kumar Singh



Carolina Wuesthoff



Bradley Hubbard

Pediatric Otolaryngology



Shazia Peer

(Returning fellow:
Luis Vilchez Madrigal)

Rhinology



Eric Monteiro



Cassiana Abreu

Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

Lee Tee Sin



Noah Sands

(Returning fellow: Thiru Siva)

Head & Neck Surgical Oncology



L to R: Jonathan Bernstein, Lukasz Czerwonka & Paul Walker

(Returning fellows: Samip Patel, Dev Kamdar, Hussain Alsaffar and Nidal Muhanna)

Laryngology



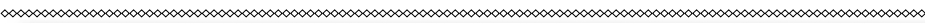
Maria Brake

**Chief Resident, as selected by her peers:
Dr. Janet Chung**



With the financial support from PGME and our Department, **Janet Chung attended the International Resident Leadership Summit (IRLS) hosted by the Royal College in Calgary on September 28 & 29, 2013.**

The summit provided residents with enhanced leadership, clinical and management skills, appreciation of the scope of influence within educational programs and clinical care, a chance to locate future leadership opportunities across Canada and the opportunity to develop an international network of peers engaged in leadership roles.



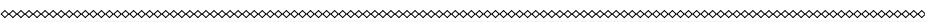
Airway Olympics!
Christopher Yao & Jonathan Yip placed 1st in the event this year
with a time of 4.8 seconds
(previous record was 6 secs)!!



The event is an annual competition held at the University of Toronto Skills Laboratory for our PGY 1 residents with a focus on intubation techniques. The "Airway Olympics" has been run for about 8 years now. The lead for the competition is Rick Paradis RT from the OR at MSH who picked up on this program when he worked at TGH.



Two groups of 18 residents took part in the event. A wide variety of intubation techniques were taught and practiced including forward, backwards, sideways on the floor and on the table! Once the instructions and practice is completed residents compete in pairs intubating the airway heads in a cumulative timed competition. Each winning team member received a \$15 Starbucks' coffee card and a lot of cheering from on lookers.



2014 Postgraduate Events:

Laser Certificate Course - February 14, 2014
Organized by Dr. Dale Brown

Resident's Retreat - March 14, 2014
Theme "Resident as Teacher"

Bellringers!!

Dr. Nik Wolter won

The **Triologic Society Eastern Section William W. Montgomery Resident Research Award** for his paper titled "The Impact of Challenging Environmental Stimuli on Balance in Children with Bilateral Cochleovestibular Loss: Balancing in a Virtual World".

and
The **University of Toronto 2013-14 Edward Christie Stevens Fellowship in Medicine Postgraduate Research Award!**

AND he won first place in the **Hospital for Sick Children's Research Training Competition (Restacomp)** which is an intramural program that provides research funding for graduate students who are pursuing either a master's or doctoral degree in any basic or medical science.

Dr. Tony Eskander won

The **Triologic Society Eastern Section John J. Conley Resident Research Award** for his paper titled "Volume Outcome Relationships in the Surgical Management of Head and Neck Cancer in a Universal Health Care System".

and he won the **University of Toronto 2013-14 Edward Christie Stevens Fellowship in Medicine Postgraduate Research Award!**



**The "Chief's Cup" Otolaryngology Trivia Contest
is planned for
Wednesday January 22, 2014
at the Foggy Dew Pub**

2014 Journal Club Dates

January 21
February 18
March 18
April 15
May 29
June 17

thank{you}

**Dr. Adrian James for coordinating
monthly Journal Clubs!**



ROYAL COLLEGE EXAMS
(for PGY5s)

WRITTEN: April 30, 2014

ORAL: May 15, 2014

Continuing Education & Professional Development

Yvonne Chan MD, FRCSC, MSc, HBSc

Events

We held a number of successful events including:

July 10-14, 2013
2nd World Congress on Thyroid Cancer

July 13, 2013
Alumni Reception

August 21-23, 2013
Pediatric Temporal Bone Course

October 19, 2013
Canadian Conference on UME
in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

November 16-17, 2013
Current Concepts in Head and Neck Surgery
and Oncology (New York)

November 23, 2013
Otolaryngology Update for the Primary Care Physician
and Allied Health Professional

December 5-6, 2013
Controversies in the Management of Head and Neck
and Thyroid Cancer (London UK)

*Drs. Gilbert, Gullane
& Irish were speakers*



*Drs. Gilbert and Gullane
will be speakers*



Visiting Professors:

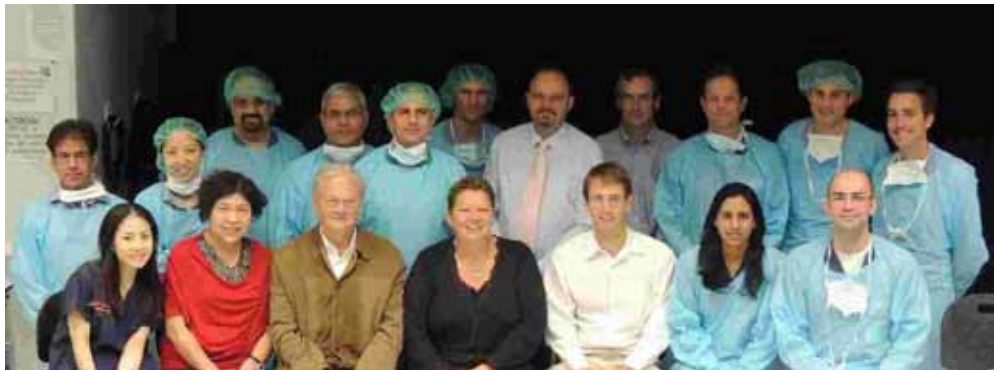
Sept 27, 2013 D Dr. Rowan Valentine

October 4, 2013 Dr. Martin Birchall

October 18, 2013 TWJ Fellows Visit

thank{you}

**Dr. Vito Forte for coordinating
weekly Grand Rounds!**



2013 Pediatric
Temporal Bone
Course Faculty

Mark your calendars...

Dizziness Update

February 7, 2014

12th Annual Otolaryngology Update

February 8, 2014

Alumni & Friends Dinner - February 8, 2014

Sialoendoscopy Course

April 5-6, 2014

22nd Percy Ireland Academic Day

May 9, 2014

Percy Ireland Dinner - May 8, 2014

Undergraduate Education

Al Chiodo MD, FRCSC

A very successful **Canadian Conference on Undergraduate Medical Education in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery** was held on **October 19, 2013** and jointly sponsored by our Department & the CSO-HNS.

There were approximately 40 undergraduate medical educators in attendance from across Canada.

The morning consisted of didactic and interactive presentations by leading experts from The University of Toronto in UME.



Participants



Drs. Al Chiodo & Kevin Fung



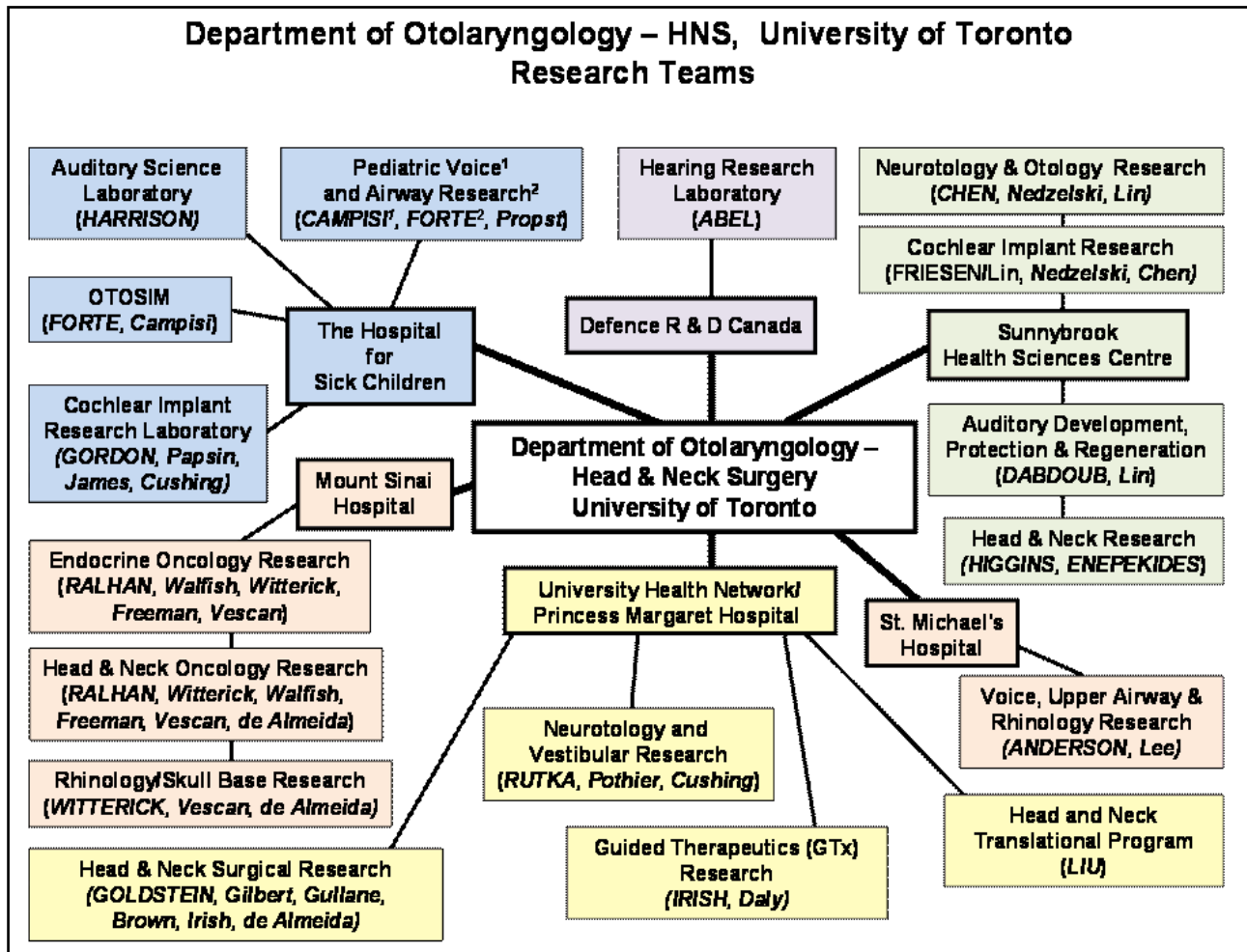
Drs. Paolo Campisi & Al Chiodo

The afternoon consisted of small group sessions. Overall the event was viewed as a tremendous success & Dr. Witterick thanked Dr. Chiodo for the tremendous amount of work he put into making this a very successful conference.



Dr. Gullane as President of CSO-HNS thanked all of the participants for attending the conference.

Also new in UME is the placement
of
134 clerks
in
community-based rotations.



Annual Research Evening held Wednesday November 27, 2013

Another successful research evening was held. The agenda included the following presentations:

SickKids

Evan Propst - upper airway, laryngology, translational research

Karen Gordon - cochlear implant and vestibular research

Bob Harrison - basic & applied auditory sciences projects

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Alain Dabdoub - basic studies on auditory system regeneration

Vincent Lin - translational & clinical research

Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Noah Sands for Peter Adamson - clinical research projects

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2013 Research Evening continued...

St. Michael's Hospital

John Lee - voice and upper airway research projects

Mt. Sinai Hospital

Al Vescan - basic & applied research projects

University Health Network

John de Almeida - basic and clinical projects in head and neck surgery

Brad Hubbard for John Rutka- otology research and knowledge translation

Mike Daly - guided therapeutics (GTx)

July through October 2013, Core Faculty have published
31 peer-reviewed publication in 21 journals !!

Dr. David Ellis has received funding from Allergan Inc in the USA to perform a clinical trial to evaluate the efficacy of intradermal onabotulinumtoxin A for the treatment of accordian wrinkles.

Personalized Medicine: New Biomarker for Oral Cancer

Faculty members **Paul Walfish** and **Ranju Ralhan** are featured in the November 14, 2013 issue of the U of T Bulletin

Paul Walfish of the Department of Medicine and Ranju Ralhan of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery say the protein acts as a biomarker that can help determine whether an oral lesion is likely to become malignant.



The entire article can be found at: http://www.news.utoronto.ca/personalized-medicine-new-biomarker-oral-cancer?utm_source=Bulletin&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Research

Announcements

Bundles of Joy !!



Brooke Pearl Goldstein
Proud parents David & Simone
Born on August 26, 2013
Weighing 6lbs 2oz



Akshay Kandasamy
Proud parents Thileep & Tasha
Born on July 12, 2013
Weighing 6lbs 11oz



Kaius Maks Fernandes
Proud parents Vinay & Lembi
Born on November 8, 2013
Weighing 7lbs 10oz



Sophia Hubbard
Proud Parents Brad & Georgia
Born on October 27, 2013
Weighing 8lbs



Sydney Elizabeth Monteiro
Proud parents Eric & Stacey
Born on November 17, 2013
Weighing 7lbs 5oz

What are they up to now ???



Jennifer Guillemaud

I am currently completing my fellowship in **Mohs Microsurgery** with Drs. Arlette and McKinnon in the Department of Surgery at the University of **Calgary**.

Luke Harris

I have started up a very busy **Otolaryngology** practice in **North Bay, ONtario**, & working in a clinic along side my wife Ann Marie McKenna, who is a general internist. Our family (including my son Reed, almost 6 months old) has settled nicely into North Bay, and we have received a very warm reception from the community -- and yes, there is snow here!



Brad Hubbard



I am completing my fellowship in **Otology/Neurotology** with Dr. Rutka at **UHN**.

My wife Georgia and I are happy to announce the birth of our second daughter Sophia, pictured above with her sister Maria who is now 2 years old.

Thileep Kandasamy

I am working at North York General Hospital and I have taken on the role of Clerkship Site Director for OtoHNS.



We are so excited to have our first born son **Akshay** around - he definitely keeps us on our toes.

Eric Monteiro

I am doing a fellowship this year in Rhinology at Mt. Sinai Hospital along side Dr. Ian Witterick.

We are happy to announce the newest addition to our family **Sydney Elizabeth**, born on November 17, 2013 weighing 7lbs 5 oz.



Alumni Events

**Alumni Reception held on July 13, 2013
in conjunction with the 2nd World Congress on Thyroid Cancer**



July 13, 2013 reception continued...



L to R: Drs. Aman Grewal (PGY5), Paolo Campisi, Artur Gevorgyan



L to R: Drs. Aman Grewal, Yvonne Chan, Paolo Campisi, Eric Monteiro



L to R: Drs. Nidal Muhanna, Patrick Gullane, Chris Dhepnorarat





**Alumni Reception
held September 30, 2013
in conjunction with
AAO-HNS Annual Meeting
in Vancouver**



L to R: Drs. Kevin Clarke, Frank Wong, Rick Fox, Lorna Minz



L to R: Drs. Esam Al-Bawardi, Yvonne Chan, Usamah Abu-Shamma, Michael Chang



L to R: Drs. Jeff Werger & Clifford Fabian



L to R: Drs. Nitin Pagedar, Jane Lea, Arif Janjua, Blake and Lisa Papsin



L to R: Drs. Roy Cheung, Yvonne Chan, Kenny Ngo, Vance Tsai

A dinner was held for the residents who attended the AAO-HNS conference.

L to R: Vinay Fernandes, Tony Eskander, Eric Monteiro, Ian Witterick, Lukas Kus, Paolo Campisi, Yvonne Chan



Departmental Advancement Successes

On Tuesday November 26, 2013, a very successful advancement dinner was held by Mr. Ralph Chiodo at the Head Office of Active Green + Ross. Approximately \$50,000 was raised to purchase OtoSim™ simulators for the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto to teach medical students. This will form part of a larger commitment from Mr. Chiodo to our UME Advancement initiatives.

Congratulations to Dr. Al Chiodo (no relation) for giving a very moving presentation to those in attendance about this important initiative in UME to teach otoscopy skills to UofT medical students.

A special thank you to the planning committee including Mr. Ralph Chiodo, Mr. Joe Falcone, Mr. Fausto Gaudio, Drs. Vito Forte, Paolo Campisi and Al Chiodo along with our Senior Development Officer, Ms. Farzana Rajwani.

A video clip of the event by OMNI News (mostly in Italian) is available at:
<http://www.omnity.ca/on/it/videos/2874629024001/>



L to R: Drs. Vito Forte, Paolo Campisi, Pat Gullane, Ian Witterick, Al Chiodo, Mr. Ralph Chiodo



L to R: Dr. Al Chiodo, Ms. Laura Falcone, Mr. Ralph Chiodo, Mrs. Rosanne Falcon, Mr. Joe Falcone

In Memoriam



L to R: Edilberto (Ed) O. Pelausa,
Vito Forte, Bill Middleton, Alex Marsh

Dr. William (Bill) Middleton passed away suddenly on October 15, 2013. Bill graduated from our residency program in 1985. He was a valued member of our faculty and an active member of the Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Bill was engaging and a very friendly individual with flare and *joie de vivre*.

Those of us who knew Bill will always remember him as one of the “characters” in our specialty. Bill was a very bright individual, surgical innovator, and one who was never afraid to challenge the status quo or push the envelope. There is no doubt that Bill loved his specialty and garnered many good friends through his academic and professional activities through the years. ~ Peter Adamson

Details of his obituary are available at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestar/obituary.aspx?pid=167597542>



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Dr. James Sharpe was a neurologist cross-appointed to our Department who worked alongside Dr. John Rutka in the Dizziness Clinic at UHN. He died at age 72 on November 12, 2013.

Details of his obituary are available at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/nationalpost/obituary.aspx?n=james-sharpe&pid=167995630&fhid=9911>

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Dr. Ivan Michael Hunter-Duvar, PhD died on November 23, 2013 at age 82. He worked at the Hospital for Sick Children from 1975-1985 in cochlear research before retiring in 1985. He enjoyed retirement in Nova Scotia, Alberta, Mexico and Newfoundland.

Details of his obituary are available at:

<http://www.inmemoriam.ca/view-announcement-396086-dr-ivan-michael-hunter-duvar-phd.html>

International Outreach

Canadian International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO)

Building bridges to peace...

through academic medicine, public health, health care science
and international cooperation

Dr. Arnold Noyek

More information about the Program can be found at:

<http://www.cisepo.ca>

CISEPO's IPEME 2013

The International Pediatric Emergency Medicine Elective...designed to promote the study of global health and pediatrics. It is also designed to build bridges of understanding. This is the 10th year of the program. There are roughly 100 alumni so far.

Read the full Toronto Star article at

http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2013/09/16/a_bridge_to_peace_built_in_toronto_fiorito.html

CISEPO/Canadian-Qatari Partnership

Shiva Nagaratnam reports on her "successful trip to Baltimore in October [2013]".

The abstract presented and very well received was entitled *Building Hearing Health Capacity in the Middle East*.

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Britain Nepal Otology Service (BRINOS)

A charity dedicated to the prevention and treatment of deafness in Nepal.

More information about the charity can be found at: <http://www.brinos.org.uk>

BRINOS was founded in 1988 by Neil Weir, Consultant Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon to the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford.

It came about largely as a result of a meeting with Dr. L.N. Prasad, lately Senior Otolaryngology-Head

& Neck Surgeon to the Bir Hospital in Kathmandu and Royal Ear Surgeon to the King and Queen of Nepal.

Dr. Prasad, at one time the only Otolaryngology-Head & Neck and Eye surgeon in the country, was keenly aware of the urgent need to tackle the prevalence of ear disease in Nepal, as a survey of disability conducted in 1981 (the year of the disabled) found deafness to be the largest single disability. Dr. Prasad was urged by His Majesty's Government to plan future provision of ear care throughout the country. His aim was to reach out to those people living far away from Kathmandu. As there was only a single modern ear surgeon and no funds for equipment it was difficult for him to realize his goal.

The twice yearly ear surgery camps were established as a direct response to Dr. Prasad's vision.

One of our newest faculty members Dr. Ambrose Lee went to Nepal in March 2013 where he conducted over 35 ear surgeries, a mix of tympanoplasties and mastoidectomies.

More information on the Ear Camp at: <http://www.brinos.org.uk/EarCamp2013.htm>

Face the Future™ Foundation

Changing the Face of the Future,
One Child at a Time...*humanitarian surgical
missions to less developed countries*

Dr. Peter Adamson

More information about the Foundation can be
found at: <http://www.facethefuturefoundation.com>

The Face the Future™ Foundation, of which Dr. Adamson is President and Founder, has three active missions being planned currently.

Dr. Alex Rabinovich, a maxillofacial surgeon from San Francisco, is travelling to the Bonum Centre

pediatric hospital in Ekaterinburg, Russia in November to perform complex oral maxillofacial procedures on children with congenital and traumatic upper and lower jaw deformities.

He is also teaching their surgeons, dentists and orthodontists in the latest techniques to plan procedures and create appropriate moulds.

In February, 2014, a 10-day mission of surgeons, an anaesthesiologist and operating room nurse will travel to Kigali, Rwanda for the second such Face the Future™ mission in Rwanda. This is in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and both the Military Hospital and King Faisal Hospital. Advanced reconstructive maxillofacial, craniofacial, soft tissue and free flap surgeries will be performed. Teaching will also be carried out both in the operating room and through lectures. Dr. Adamson will be the Chef de Mission, and the team will be headed up by Dr. Ife Sofola of Houston, Texas.

Next June, 2014, a planned team of eight will embark for the second full mission to the Pediatric Hospital in Ulyanovsk, in southern Russia.

Facial plastic and reconstructive surgery procedures will be performed, and in addition general otolaryngologic, general pediatric and urologic pediatric surgery will be performed. Our Face the Future™ Foundation partners with the Vladislav Tretyak Foundation for this mission. Dr. Adamson will again be the Chef de Mission, with Dr. Anthony Brissett, a Canadian facial plastic surgeon now practising at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, as Team Leader. On our previous mission to Ulyanovsk Dr. Janet Chung, now a PGY 5 resident, joined our team. It is hoped that we might be able to include another senior resident for this year's mission.

We are in the early planning stages for our annual fund raising dinner and auction to be held in May or June, 2014.

Peter A. Adamson, MD, FRCSC, FACS
*President and Founder
Face the Future Foundation*

*Professor and Head
Division of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
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