Our newsletter has a new name and new titles.

Our Department has recently been renamed.

Dear Colleagues, Alumni, Staff, and Supporters of the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery,

I am pleased to send you this communication as part of my last report for 2009. Next month starts a new decade in our lives, and I wish everyone a journey that will be filled with much health, happiness, and prosperity. I also extend my very best wishes and the best wishes of our Department for a happy holiday season. At a religious level, our colleagues of the Muslim faith have recently completed the great celebration of Eid Al-Adha. Hannukah for those of the Jewish faith was completed last week, and very shortly, Christmas will be celebrated. I wish you all a most pleasant and meaningful holiday season.

I am pleased to report that McGill University has formally changed the name of our Department to Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. This name change has been a long time coming, and we can now proudly state that our name at McGill University accurately reflects the true nature of our professional work. I list for you the chronology of dates leading to the name change at McGill:

- Mar. 17, 2009: The Department of Otolaryngology requests that the Faculty of Medicine officially change its name
- Sept. 24, 2009: Faculty of Medicine makes the request to the Academic Policy Committee (APC) for a name change
- Oct. 8, 2009: Presentation by Dr. Frenkiel to the APC of the McGill Senate – Request approved
- Nov. 4, 2009: McGill Senate approves the new name “Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery”
- Nov. 23, 2009: Board of Governors ratifies the Senate’s approval
When we think back to the foundations of our Department in the year 1905 and realize that our Department’s independence set the standard for North America, we can now proudly celebrate this new designation. Formerly, we were allied with Ophthalmology as a combined department. I always state with subtle humour that our split from Ophthalmology was the result of enormous vision. Our predecessors were known as oculists and aurists. We can now proudly state that we are head and neck physicians and surgeons. Congratulations to us all.

I am also very pleased to report on an important upcoming event which honours the legacy of Dr. Martin Black at McGill University. The McGill Head and Neck Oncology Fund and its annual fundraiser will be supporting the establishment of the Martin Black Endowment Fund. This endowment will serve to provide funding for a fellowship position in head and neck oncology. We anticipate offering an annual fellowship award, the Martin Black Fellowship, for the chosen individual to train with Dr. Black and his head and neck oncology team. More importantly, the endowment fund will truly honour the career of Dr. Martin Black and the impact he has made on many professional lives. Very shortly, we will be in touch with many of our alumni to inform them of the opportunity to support the Black Endowment Fund.

Finally, I offer my thanks and congratulations to members of the McGill faculty who have worked so diligently and contributed to the international reputation of our Department. Your work is being acknowledged in the pages of this newsletter.

SAY AHHH!

FACULTY NEWS

Appointment

The Department welcomes a new psychologist, Melissa Henry, PhD. Dr. Henry will be involved both clinically and in research in the Adult Head and Neck Oncology Service of the Segal Cancer Centre. Her research will involve better understanding of predictors of quality of life and distress in head and neck cancer patients and their families, with the goal of developing and empirically testing psychosocial interventions adapted to this specific cancer population.

Canadian First

Drs. Nabil Fanous, Sherif Emil (Surgery), and Valérie Côté participated in a surgery in which a tumour was removed from a baby’s face through his scalp. The surgery took place at the Montreal Children’s hospital on August 27, 2009 and was the first of its kind in the country. Articles, photographs, and videos from the surgery can be found at the following sites:

http://www.cyberpresse.ca/actualites/quebec-canada/sante/200909/01/01-897627-une-chirurgie-faciale-sans-cicatrice.php


Holiday Party

The Department’s Annual Holiday Party took place this year on December 1 at Restaurant Elixir in Dollard-des-Ormeaux. Invited were all of the Department of Otolaryngology’s faculty, staff, support/administrative staff, residents, and fellows from the four hospital sites. Below are a few photos from the evening:

Conferences

Drs. Sumeet Anand, Michael Hier, and Richard Payne attended the American Head & Neck Society’s 2009 Annual Meeting which took place May 27-31, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona. Dr. Anand, who was the only resident from Canada in attendance at the meeting, gave the following oral presentation:


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Dr. Athanasios Katsarkas was an invited speaker at the 1st Meeting of the European Academy of Otorhinolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery in Mannheim, Germany which took place June 27-30, 2009. Dr. Katsarkas also participated in a panel discussion entitled “The diagnostic work-up of the dizzy patient” at the meeting.
Drs. John Manoukian and Valérie Côté represented the Department at the XIX World Congress of Oto-rhino-laryngology in São Paulo, Brazil (June 1-5, 2009). At the congress, Dr. Côté gave the following two podium presentations which were very well-received:


Below are some photos from the congress:

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Drs. Karen Kost and Chris Szeto attended the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery’s Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO which was held in San Diego, CA on October 4-7, 2009. Their presentation was entitled “Prevention of accidental decannulation in the obese: A predication equation as a tool for the measurement of pretracheal soft tissue thickness.”

Below are some photos:

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An International Congress on Salivary Gland Disorders was held on October 29, 2009, with Dr. Sam Daniel as president. Following the Congress was the Association d’oto-rhino-laryngologie et de chirurgie cervico-faciale du Québec’s Annual Meeting, which took place October 30-November 1, 2009. Below are the presentations from our Department at both meetings:

**Congress on Salivary Gland Disorders**


Daniel S. “Botulinum toxin injection for sialorrhea and Frey’s syndrome.”


Moderators at the congress included: Drs. MJ Black, F Chagnon, S Daniel, S Frenkiel, TL Tewfik. And, Dr. Daniel participated in two hands-on workshops on sialoendoscopy.
Association d’ORL Annual Meeting


Chagnon F. “Sujets de poursuite en ORL.”


Côté V, Daniel S. “Otorrhée suite à l’insertion de tubes de ventilation : peut-on la prévenir ?”

Côté V, Kus L, Richardson K, Nguyen LHP. “Soins avancés pour le contrôle des voies aériennes : l’enseignement pendant la résidence d’ORL.” Poster presentation.


Fanous N. “La rhinoplastie rapide.”

Gariépy B, Qi L, Funnell WRJ, Daniel S. “A finite-element model of the newborn ear canal and its response to low-frequency acoustic simulation.”

Katsarkas A. “L’aspect médico-légal de l’étourdissement.”


Moubayed SP, AlSaab F, Daniel S. “Adénome pléomorphe du palais rapidement progressif chez une adolescente.” Poster presentation.

Schwartz J, Lega I, Côté J, Gologan O, Zeitouni A, Payne RJ. “Biopsie thyroïdienne par cytoponction à l’aiguille fine guidée par ultrasons en clinique ORL.”

Szeto C, Kost KM. “Prevention of accidental decannulation in the obese: a predication equation as a tool for the measurement of pretracheal soft tissue thickness.”

Vu V, Daniel S. “Prévention de l’ototoxicité induite par le cisplatin dans un modèle animal.”

Vu V, Nguyen LHP. “Taux de satisfaction des résidents dans les programmes d’oto-rhino-laryngologie canadiens.”

Yammine N, Kost KM. “Management of vocal fold granuloma in a tertiary care centre.”

Zeitouni A, Leblanc R, Cortes M, Tampieri D. “Échographie intra-opératoire dans la chirurgie des neurinomes acoustiques.”

Drs. Saul Frenkel, Martin Black, and Melvin Schloss were each honoured by the Association d’ORL with an award to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the society (1959-2009) as “Pionniers d’ORL.”

Teaching

The McGill University Airway Basics Course was held at the McGill Medical Simulation Centre during two half-day sessions on September 30 and October 1, 2009. The course was organized by Dr. Lily Nguyen and participating were 11 invited staff from four different McGill departments, with approximately 100 PGY1s enrolled from several departments, including Anesthesia, Core Surgery, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Emergency Medicine, Neurology, and Family Medicine. The announcement for the course can be found on our departmental website: http://www.mcgill.ca/ent/events/.

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The McGill Auditory Sciences Laboratory’s 3rd Annual BAHA Course took place on November 2, 2009 at the McGill Medical Simulation Centre. Organized by Dr. Sam Daniel, the course was given by Dr. Yaser Al-Rajhi, Dr. Daniel, Doug Clutton, Anne-Marie Forget, Kathy Lewarne, and Dr. Melvin Schloss. It covered topics in bone-anchored hearing aid surgery and was tailored specifically for audiologists, otolaryngologists, and OR nurses. The 2009 program is available on our website: http://www.mcgill.ca/ent/events/.

Extra-curricular Activities

Dr. Valérie Côté participated in the Sprint duathlon at the Ottawa Fall Colours Duathlon Event on October 10, 2009.

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Dr. Tamara Mijović ran the 10 km for the Défi Boréale Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue on August 2, 2009 (http://www.circuitendurance.ca/en/racesteanne.htm). Dr. Mijović is currently in training for the Ottawa marathon in spring 2010.

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If any staff, residents, or fellows have news about their extra-curricular activities they would like to have included in the newsletter, please forward these items to Joanna at jaroutian@jgh.mcgill.ca.

Recent Publications


E-SOUND
VISITING LECTURESHIPS AND PROFESSORSHIPS

Lectureship

Below are photos from the Department’s 11th Annual Raymer Family Lecture which was held on April 30, 2009 at the Jewish General Hospital. The guest lecturer was Dr. Dominique Dorion, Professor, Division Head, and Program Director in the Division of Otolaryngology at Université de Sherbrooke. Dr. Dorion’s talk was entitled “(Anybody cares about the surgeon’s) QOL AFTER SURGERY?”
RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS

Two of our Department’s residents were recognized for their presentations at the Association d’oto-rhino-laryngologie et de chirurgie cervico-faciale du Québec’s Annual Meeting, October 30-November 1, 2009.

- Dr. Sumeet Anand won 2nd prize at the Resident Competition
- Dr. Valérie Côté won the 1st prize for a poster presentation

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Dr. Valérie Côté presented a paper entitled “L’otorrhée suite à l’insertion de tubes de ventilation : peut-on la prévenir ?” (Côté V, Daniel SJ) at the Journée de formation conjointe AMMIQ-ORL (Association des médecins microbiologistes infectiologues du Québec) on May 28, 2009. Dr. Côté won the Prix de l’Association d’oto-rhino-laryngologie et de chirurgie cervico-faciale du Québec for her presentation.

ALUMNI CENTER

Dr. Abdulrahman Hagr has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor at King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Dr. Hagr has also established the first BAHA program in Saudi Arabia and has performed the first surgery of this kind in the Gulf area.

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Congratulations to Dr. Marc Tewfik and wife Mylene on the birth of their son Evan Nathan Tewfik, who arrived on December 9, 2009 in Adelaide, South Australia.
**EVENTS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Feb. 26 & Mar. 1, 2010: Resident Facial Plastics Course
- Mar. 5, 2010: Resident Canadian In-training exam
- Mar. 19-21, 2010: McGill Update in Otolaryngology and Ski Meeting
- Apr. 15, 2010: Raymer Lectureship (tentative)
- May 12, 2010: Head and Neck Fundraiser Gala
  - Honouree: Dr. Martin Black
- May 17, 2010: Resident Research Day / Baxter Lectureship
  - Invited lecturer: Dr. Nader Sadeghi
  - Director, Head and Neck Oncology, National Cancer Institute, Washington, DC
- May 23-26, 2010: CSO-HNS, Niagara Falls, ON

**HELP NAME OUR NEWSLETTER**

Thank you to all those who sent in suggestions for names for our newsletter. We received many creative names and ended up choosing one as the main title and several as subtitles for different sections. The chosen names were:

- e-VOICE (submitted by Dr. Sumeet Anand)
- e-Sound (submitted by Dr. Sumeet Anand)
- Check-up from the Neck Up (submitted by Dr. Glenn Kaye)
- Say Ahhh! (submitted by Dr. Glenn Kaye)

**KEEP IN TOUCH**

If any staff, residents, or alumni have newsworthy items, please convey the information to Joanna Aroutian (jaroutian@jgh.mcgill.ca). Items could include honours and awards, research grants, presentations, publications. And, we would also be interested in hearing about events in your personal life.