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Chair's Report



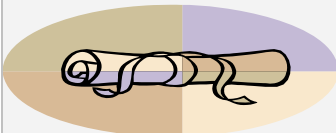
We are currently at the height of our academic year at McGill University, and I am pleased to report on a number of exciting events. Recently, Dr. Bernard Segal chaired an International Symposium on Medical Informatics and Communication Technology with more details reported in this newsletter. A recent teaching event at the McGill Simulation Centre was organized by Drs. Michael Hier and Jamie Rappaport on the topic of "Breaking Bad News." This represents innovations in education and topics that are extremely relevant to Otolaryngology practice. The event was heralded by our residents as a vital exercise for their educational process. The Melvin D. Schloss Pediatric Otolaryngology Research Day was held on February 2. It featured a visiting lectureship by Dr. Vito Forte, followed by research presentations from Otolaryngology residents, medical and postgraduate students. The day was superbly organized by Dr. Sam Daniel and was once again an apt tribute to Dr. Melvin Schloss, our former Chairman. The Department also recently held its 13th Annual Otolaryngology Update Course at Mont-Tremblant. Once again, there was an excellent attendance of both Canadian and American otolaryngologists. This year, the strong visiting faculty welcomed the following individuals:

- David Campbell, Osteopath – Concordia University
- Dr. David Eibling – University of Pittsburgh
- Dr. Samer Fakhri – University of Texas at Houston
- Dr. Michael Hawkes – University of Toronto
- Dr. Adrian James – University of Toronto
- Dr. Michael Johns, III – Emory University
- Dr. Jonas Johnson – University of Pittsburgh
- Dr. Shaun Kilty – University of Ottawa
- Dr. Wayne Matthews – University of Calgary
- Dr. Jean-Philippe Vaccani – University of Ottawa

I take this opportunity to thank the members of the McGill faculty who participated in the event and to congratulate the course organizers, Drs. Karen Kost, Michael Hier, and Jamie Rappaport.

Important upcoming events include the 11th Raymer Lecture, to be held on April 30. The guest lecturer will be Dr. Dominique Dorion, Professor at the Université de Sherbrooke. Our Annual Resident Research Day is scheduled for May 7. We have invited Dr. Joe Chen, Chief of Otolaryngology at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, and one of our former residents, to be the 17th James D. Baxter lecturer.

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I extend my congratulations to our new incoming residents for 2009-2010. The admissions committee selected Tamara Mijovic from McGill and Rania Fikry Ywakim from Calgary through the CaRMS match. We welcome Alipasha Rassouli as a transfer resident from London, Ontario. We also extend our welcome to Yazeed Al-Ghonaim from Saudi Arabia and Yaseen Ali from Kuwait.

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Martin Black has been recognized by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada with its "Prix d'excellence." This is a tribute to Marty, our cherished colleague, who is most deserving of this prestigious honour. I extend our Department's congratulations to him.

Dr. Saul Frenkiel

Faculty News

Congratulations

The Department congratulates Dr. Martin Black on being awarded the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's "Prix d'excellence." According to the RCPSC's website, "The Prix d'excellence is to recognize Fellows who have outstanding qualities and have made significant contributions as medical educators or provided outstanding service to their community and to the Royal College."

Change of Name

The Department of Otolaryngology at the Montreal Children's Hospital has had its request for a name change officially approved. It is now the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

Conferences

The Third Annual Symposium on Medical Information and Communication Technology (ISMICT) was held in Montreal on February 24-26, 2009. Co-chairs for the organizing committee were Dr. Bernard Segal (Department of Otolaryngology), Mr. Jorge Pomalaza Ráez (MUHC), and Dr. Allen Huang (McGill University and MUHC). The Honorary General Chair was Dr. Arthur Porter, President and CEO, MUHC.

Topics covered during the four-day event included engineering applications in healthcare, clinical perspectives on how to meet healthcare needs, meeting healthcare needs and improving patient safety in the future, and tutorials on mHealth and E-health. With approximately 200 participants from around the world, the symposium offered a rare opportunity for clinicians and engineers to discuss together critical areas of research and medicine that are often overlooked.

The symposium's website is: <http://www.ismict2009.org/>, and The Gazette ran an article on the event: <http://www.montrealgazette.com/Health/health+frontier+medicine/1334044/story.html>

An International Congress on Salivary Gland Disorders will be held October 29, 2009, with Dr. Sam Daniel as President of the Congress. Please see the congress' website for more information (<http://www.salivacongress.org/>) and the announcement below:



International Congress on Salivary Gland Disorders

**Montreal (Quebec)
October 29 - 2009**

Dear Colleagues,

It is my privilege to welcome you to Montreal for the **International Congress on Salivary Gland Disorders**. This is a very challenging and exciting area of otolaryngology with many recent innovations and emerging technologies and techniques.

The main themes of this congress are **sialorrhea (drooling), salivary gland tumours, xerostomia, sialolithiasis and sialoendoscopy**.

We are truly fortunate to have an international expert faculty from multiple disciplines. A parallel schedule of interactive panels and hands-on workshops will be offered in addition to plenary sessions.

The scientific program is truly multidisciplinary with contributions from otolaryngologists, dentists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, basic science researchers, radiation therapists, neurologists, and other health professionals.

Autumn in the province of Quebec offers beautiful displays of fall foliage. Montreal, a city well-known for its gourmet restaurants, vibrant cafés and bistros, also offers one of Canada's trendiest nightlife scenes.

For more information, registration and abstract submission please visit our web site: www.salivacongress.org

Sam J. Daniel, President of the Congress

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Mont-Tremblant Update Course

The Department's 13th Annual Update in Otolaryngology and Ski Weekend was held on March 20-22, 2009 in the Hotel Fairmont in Mont-Tremblant. The event brought together participants from Canada, the US, and abroad and was a great success. Below are some photos from the weekend:





Recent and Forthcoming Publications:**Articles:**

Aron M, Côté V, Tamilia M, Hier MP, Black MJ, Zhang X, Payne RJ. "Ablative Free T4 to Thyroglobulin Ratio as a Predictor of Differentiated Thyroid Cancer Recurrence." The Journal of Otolaryngology (In Press).

Côté V, Sands N, Hier MP, Black MJ, Tamilia M, MacNamara E, Zhang X, Payne RJ. "Cost Savings Associated with Post-thyroidectomy Parathyroid Hormone Levels." Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery 138.2 (2008): 204-8.

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Jumaily J, Noordzji J, Dukas A, Lee S, Bernet V, Payne RJ, McLeod I, Hier MP, Black MJ, Kerr P, Raffaelli M, Bellantone R, Lombardi C, Dietrich M. "Parathyroid Hormone and Calcium Levels: An Analysis of Pooled Individual Patient Data from 5 Observational Studies." Laryngoscope (In Press).

Mendelson A, Tamilia M, Rivera J, Hier MP, Sherman M, Garfield N, Black MJ, Rochon L, Gologan O, Payne RJ. "Predictors of Malignancy in Preoperative Nondiagnostic Biopsies of the Thyroid." The Journal of Otolaryngology 38 (2009): xx-xx.

Mijovic T, Gologan O, Rochon L, Hier M, Black M, Young J, Payne RJ. "Fine-Needle Aspiration Biopsies in the Management of Indeterminate Follicular and Hurthle Cell Thyroid Lesions." Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (In Press).

Mijovic T, Gologan O, Rochon L, Hier M, Black M, Young J, Tamilia M, Rivera J, Payne RJ. "Fine-Needle Aspiration Biopsy of the Thyroid: A Review of Cytopathological Features Predictive of Malignancy." The Journal of Otolaryngology (In Press).

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Sands NB, Anand SM, Manoukian JJ. "Series of Congenital Vallecular Cysts: A Rare Yet Potentially Fatal Cause of Upper Airway Obstruction and Failure to Thrive in the Newborn." The Journal of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery 38.1 (Feb. 2009): 6-10.

Young J, Sands N, Hier MP, Tamilia M, Black MJ, Payne RJ. "Can Preoperative PTH Predict Post-Thyroidectomy Hypocalcemia?" Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (In Press).

Residents and Fellows

Schloss Pediatric Lectureship – Best Presentations

The Department's 6th Annual Melvin D. Schloss Pediatric Lecture was held on February 2, 2009 with guest lecturer Dr. Vito Forte, Chief of Pediatric Otolaryngology at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, who gave a talk on "Surgical Management of Thyroid Diseases in Children."

A Pediatric Otolaryngology Research & Clinical Day at the Montreal Children's Hospital followed the lectureship. Among the participants, three were chosen as having the best presentations for the day, as follows:

First Place: Dr. Valérie Côté
Second Place: Dr. Talal Al-Khatib
Third Place: Dr. Fahad Al-Saab

The announcement and full program for the day's events can be found on our website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/ent/events/>

New Residents for 2009-2010

Our Department welcomes five new residents beginning in the 2009-2010 academic year: Yaseen Ali (Kuwait), Yazeed Al-Ghonaim (Saudi Arabia), Alipasha Rassouli (transfer from Ontario), Tamara Mijovic (McGill), Rania Ywakim (Calgary).

Visiting Lecturers, Professorships

Upcoming Lectureships

Dr. Dominique Dorion, Professor, Division Head, and Program Director in the Division of Otolaryngology at Université de Sherbrooke, will be the lecturer at the 11th Annual Raymer Lectureship, which will take place April 30, 2009. Dr. Dorion, who is Chief Examiner at the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians of Canada, will also be conducting a session on the Royal College Certification Exam for the Department's residents.

Dr. Joseph Chen, Associate Professor at the University of Toronto and Otolaryngologist-in-Chief in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, will be the lecturer at the 17th Annual Resident Research Day / James D. Baxter Lectureship, which will take place May 7, 2009.

Alumni Corner

Dr. Erin Wright, Associate Professor at the University of Alberta, was recently appointed Program Director of the University's Division of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery.

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Head and Neck Cancer Fundraiser

The McGill Head and Neck annual fundraiser will take place on May 27, 2009 with honouree Mr. Alain Thibault, President and CEO of Meloche Monnex. Inquiries about the fundraiser and donations to the Head and Neck Cancer Fund can be directed to Carole Goldberg at cgoldber@ent.jgh.mcgill.ca or 514-340-8222 ext. 5024.

Website: <http://www.mcgill.ca/ent/headandneckfund/>

Upcoming Events

- April 30 Annual Raymer Lectureship
- May 7 Resident Research Day / Annual James D. Baxter Lectureship
- May 10-13 CSO-HNS Annual Meeting – Halifax, NS
- May 27 Head & Neck Fundraiser gala

Help Name our Newsletter

We are still accepting name suggestions for our newsletter. Send in your suggestions and be eligible to win a special prize. Send your suggestions to Joanna Aroutian at jaroutian@jgh.mcgill.ca.

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.