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Chair's Report

Dear Colleagues, Staff Members,
Residents, Students, and Alumni,

This newsletter represents our Department's first attempt to enter the communication space age. It represents a new initiative on my part to send all of you reports, announcements, and other information that will enable each of us to keep in better touch. My plans are to issue this newsletter at least on a quarterly basis.

I have been reflecting on what to name this electronic newsletter. Some of my thoughts are as follows:

eNOSE

The Electronic Rhino

You can see my bias towards my personal sub-specialty.

Therefore, I would like to propose a contest for each of you to enter to suggest a title for this electronic newsletter. The winning entry will receive a special prize. Everyone on this mailing list is eligible. Send in your suggestions to Joanna Aroutian (jaroutian@jgh.mcgill.ca).

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Faculty News

Appointments

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Joanna Aroutian as our new Administrative Coordinator. Her duties will be to assist Gaby and take responsibility for McGill-related academic activities. She will assist the Director of Research, Dr. Bernard Segal, and will help coordinate the MSc program. She will also be available as the liaison with alumni and will be responsible for issuing this newsletter.

McGill Otolaryngology at the Academy

McGill presentations at the Congrès de l'Association d'oto-

rhino-laryngologie et de chirurgie cervico-faciale du Québec on September 12-14, 2008.

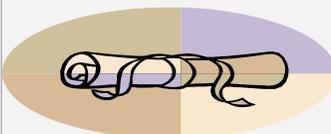
"Protéomique quantitative de mucus nasal dans la sinusite chronique avec polypose nasale"
Y Al-Badaai, M Samaha, M Tewfik, M Difalco

"Lumière ultraviolette : une nouvelle thérapie pour les polypes"
M Desrosiers, L Mfuna Endam, S Kilty, A Javer, A Korech, Q Hamid

"L'étourdissement et le vertige chez la personne âgée"
A Katsarkas

"Body mass index in the evaluation of thyroid cancer risk"
T Mijovic, M Pakdaman, J S How, L Rochon, O Gologan, M P Hier, M J Black, J Young, M Tamilia, R J Payne

"Exérèse endoscopique de papillomes inversés. L'approche Caldwell-Luc est-elle toujours utile?"
N Yammine, M Samaha



Faculty News, Cont'd



McGill presentations at the upcoming American Academy meeting in Chicago on September 21-24, 2008.

"Outcome of Endoscopic Sinus Surgery for Chronic Rhinosinusitis Patients: A Canadian Experience"
Y Al-Badaai, M Samaha

"Defining Success of Parathyroidectomy in Hyperparathyroidism"
Y Dolev, R J Payne

"Bilateral Papillary Thyroid Cancer and Associated Histopathological Findings"
E Hwang, R J Payne

"Thyroid Gland Management in Total Laryngectomy: Meta-analysis and Surgical Recommendations"
A A Mendelson, T Al-Khatib, M Julien, R J Payne, M J Black, M P Hier

"Fine-Needle Aspiration Biopsies in the Management of Indeterminate Follicular and Hurthle Cell Thyroid Lesions"
T Mijovic, R J Payne

"Incidence of Micropapillary Carcinoma in Total Thyroidectomy"
M N Pakdaman, R J Payne

"Micropapillary Thyroid

Carcinoma and Hashimoto's Thyroiditis"
M N Pakdaman, R J Payne

"Female Gender as a Risk Factor for Post-Thyroidectomy Hypocalcemia"
N Sands, R J Payne

The following course will also be given:

"Endoscopic Percutaneous Tracheotomy: Indications & Technique"
K Kost

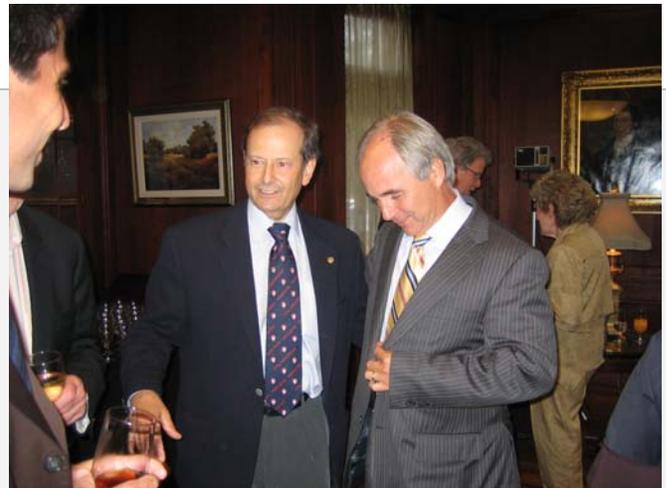
Departmental Cocktail Reception

Our Department held a 5 à 7 cocktail reception at the Dean's building on September 3, 2008 to start the 2008-2009 academic and social year. Invited were members of the academic staff, the Head & Neck Cancer Fundraising Committee, residents, donors, and, of course,

the spouses and companions. We were pleased to have in attendance Dean Richard Levin, who offered his welcome and congratulations to our department, with respect to our most recent successful fundraising event. As well, we were pleased to welcome last year's special honoree, Me

Marcel Aubut. He addressed the gathering and spoke about the importance of raising funds for cancer research. He also told us about his recent trip to Beijing, China as a member of the Canadian Olympic Committee.

Here are some of the photos from the cocktail reception.



Postgraduate News

Our Department recently received a team of external reviewers from the Royal College of Canada on September 4, 2008. We are pleased to report that the process was extremely successful. The reviewers complimented our Department on our Residency Training Program, at times using the word "exemplary". Their verbal decision to us was to recommend "full approval". However, the final decision will be forthcoming when the official accreditation committee of the Royal College meets in the month of October.

Our Department offers its congratulations to Dr. John Manoukian and to all members of the faculty and residents who worked diligently towards this successful outcome. The Department also acknowledges the efforts of the Faculty of Medicine, Dean Richard Levin, and Associate Dean Sarkis Meterissian for their efforts on our behalf.

New Community Rotation at Lakeshore General Hospital

Our residents have now started this new rotation under the supervision of Dr. Richard Lafleur. The R4 residents will be rotating on a monthly basis.



Residents and Fellows

Our Department welcomes the following Fellows.

2008-2009:

Dr. Fahad Al-Saab in Pediatrics
Dr. Hadi Hakami in Head & Neck

McGill graduates currently away on Fellowship:

Dr. Alex Mlynarek has already completed one year of Head & Neck at the University of Alberta and is presently in his second year in Auckland, New Zealand. He could be reached at the following email:
alexmlynarek@hotmail.com.

Dr. Marc Tewfik was awarded the CSCI research award by the Faculty of Medicine. He is leaving shortly for Adelaide, Australia to start his two-year fellowship in Rhinology. He could be reached at marc.tewfik@mail.mcgill.ca.

Prizes were awarded for best Grand Round presentations in the past year. The best junior resident presentation was by **Talal Al-Khatib**. The best senior resident presentation was by **Jonathan Young**.

Visiting Lectures, Professorships

Take note of the following important dates:

Dr. Eric Blom, from the Center for Ears, Nose, Throat, & Allergy in Carmel, Indiana, will be giving Ground Rounds on September 18, 2008. He will be talking on "Management of Tracheoesophageal Voice Restoration Problems and Complications".

The McNally Lectureship is scheduled for October 23, 2008. The probable lecturer is **Dr. David Zee**, Professor of Neurology at Johns Hopkins.

The Birkett Lectureship is scheduled for November 20, 2008. The lecturer will be announced shortly.



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Alumni Corner

Hello to all of our alumni. The academic year has begun, and we are anticipating an outstanding year in the Department. Of note, we will welcome back Alex Mlynarek to our Faculty next summer. The annual general meeting of the Canadian Society will be in Halifax, Nova Scotia in the spring of 2009, and I hope that many of you will be there so we can renew our friendships and get updated

on your families. The American Academy meeting will be held in Chicago this month, and some members of the Faculty will be there, but not all.

Please take this opportunity to inform us of any personal or professional news that we may send out to our growing alumni. People are interested to know about each other.

My personal best to all. And, I

hope to see you all in Halifax.

Dr. Martin J. Black

Announcement

Dr. Khalil Almacki has been appointed Head of the Department of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery in the Medical Services of the Royal Army of Oman. He could be reached at khalil.almacki@gmail.com.

Help Name our Newsletter

Don't forget to send in your suggestions for a name for our newsletter, 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.