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

It has been quite a while since we sent out our Departmental Newsletter. The overriding issue was the MUNACA strike of McGill employees which considerably compromised the day to day functioning of our Department. This strike was finally settled on December 6th and we are now back to normal business sending out this newsletter and its information backlog was one of my priorities.

As we embark on a new academic year, I am pleased to update everyone on the exciting events which have occurred and the exciting projects which are yet to be realized. In essence, I could state that our Department has continued to grow and mature both clinically and academically.

In the past year there has been a clear focus on recruitment. We have welcomed to our staff Dr. Alex Mlynarek, in 2009, who completed two years of fellowship training in Head and Neck Surgery and Microvascular Reconstruction (Edmonton, Auckland). In 2010, we welcomed Dr. Mark Tewfik, who completed an 18 month fellowship in Rhinology and Skull-base Surgery (Adelaide) and also Dr. Jonathan Young who completed a 15 month fellowship in Laryngology (Harvard). We have also welcomed Dr. Yolène Lacroix, who has expertise in Craniofacial Surgery to the MCH staff in 2010. Other recruitments have been Dr. Vi Vu as a cross-appointment to the MUHC and Dr. Lyne Picard to the MCH staff. With regards to the expansion of the Medical School to the Gatineau Campus, cross-appointment of otolaryngology staff has been offered to Drs. Richard Caouette, Renée Dionne, Luc Monette and Michel Lalonde. Quite recently, we cross-appointed Dr. Véronique-Isabelle Forest to the Head and Neck Service. She has expertise in the field of sleep apnea and in Microvascular Reconstruction. Two PhDs joined our staff to enhance our research program. Dr. Melissa Henry is involved in social-psychological aspects of head and neck cancer patients and Dr. Sabrina Wurzba is involved in head and neck oncology research including development of a tumor database. At the administrative level, we note that after three years, Joanna Aroutian tendered her resignation. She has now been replaced by Ilhem Douagui.

In March of this year, our Department ran its very successful 15th annual mid-winter Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery update course at Mont Tremblant. This successful course under the direction of Drs. Karen Kost, Jamie Rappaport and Michael Hier, realized its highest numbers to date including a significant international registration. Congratulations!

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In the past year, our Department has witnessed two exciting fundraising projects. In 2010 we established a $1.5 million endowment fund to create the Martin Black Fellowship in Head & Neck Oncology. In 2011, we honored the well known actor and celebrity Michael Douglas.

The fundraising event was held in May 3, 2011 at the Windsor Ballroom, coordinated by Carole Goldberg. The evening was acknowledged for its splendour and for its significance to McGill University, the JGH where he was diagnosed, and indeed to the City of Montreal. The event received international press but more importantly, raised in excess of $1.5 million for our Department’s Head and Neck Cancer Research Fund.

I am pleased to report of our continued academic productivity. We presently have 9 Otolaryngology MSc. students enrolled which is the most ever. We have also started discussing an expansion of our postgraduate education to the Ph.D. level. Our residents and staff continue to present their research on the international stage and our publications continue to increase from year to year. This augurs well for a “Clinical” Department and congratulations are extended to Dr. Bernard Segal, the Director of Research.

With respect to the evolution and growth of our Department, we are working towards the following projects:

- Creation of departmental divisions
  - Dr. Karen Kost has been appointed Director of the Division of Voice and Swallowing
  - Dr. Nabil Fanous has been appointed Director of the Division of Facial Plastic, Reconstructive and Esthetic Surgery
- Creation of a Thyroid Cancer Centre
- Cochlear Implant Program as part of an inter-RUIS effort with the University of Montreal

I would like to report on a number of hospital expansion projects currently under way:

- The MUHC superhospital at the Glen will house the new ENT Department in the year 2014
- At the JGH, construction is under way for the new Pavilion K to contain an expanded emergency room ICU, CCU and surgical suites
- Lachine Hospital is being redefined in its new capacity as an MUHC Hospital
- Our Department continues to have OR resources at LaSalle Hospital, Lakeshore General Hospital and Verdun General Hospital.

Finally, I offer my thanks to all members of the teaching staff, our alumni and to our volunteer supporters whose contributions continue to make our Department successful. The pages below elaborate and highlight these contributions. On behalf on our Department, I extend my very best holiday greetings to everyone. May this time of the year offer you peace and meaningful reflection.
**SAY AHHH!**

**FACULTY NEWS**

**Staff**

The Department congratulates Kathleen Cullen, who is the recipient of the International Barany Society's 2010 Hallpike-Nulen medal. The prize, which is awarded only every two years, recognizes outstanding contributions to basic vestibular science. Kathleen is a Professor of Physiology and Associate member of Otolaryngology, who specializes in Multi-sensory processing and the neurophysiology of self motion perception. Her research, funded by the Canadian Institutes for the Health Research (CIHR), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Canadian Space Agency (CSA), the National and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), has led to important developments in new knowledge-based therapies for balance disorders and provided insights into novel strategies for the development of neural prostheses.

Dr. Melissa Henry and her husband welcomed a baby girl named Julia on August 22, 2011

Dr. Lily HP Nguyen appeared on CBC National news and Global TV news, and was featured in the Gazette and on the front page of the National Post for a case of a toddler who swallowed a pen; Dr. Nguyen retrieved the pen with an esophagoscope. It was the longest foreign body swallowed reported in a child.

**Appointments**

Dr. Lily HP Nguyen has been appointed member of the Centre for Medical Education at McGill University.

Dr. Melvin Schloss was elected to represent the Faculty of Medicine on the University Senate.

**Conferences**

The International Conference on Residency Education (ICRE) meeting took place in Ottawa in September 2010; it was dedicated to the advancement in residency education (all specialties). Dr. Lily Nguyen had five posters and one platform presentation, all related to Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Residency Education.

The annual Airway Basics Course held at the McGill Medical Simulation Centre on September 7, 2010, was a success, with over 100 residents from 9 different Departments.
Fundraisers

On May 13, 2011, the Department held its 17th Annual McGill Head and Neck Cancer Fundraiser at the Windsor Ballroom. This year’s special honouree was actor and producer Michael Douglas.
The Department’s 15th Annual McGill Update in Otolaryngology Course took place on March 18-20, 2011 at the Hotel Fairmont in Mont Tremblant. This year’s course featured an exciting program featuring faculty from both Canada and the United States.
Saturday – March 19th, 2011

7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

OTOLARYNGOLOGY - Moderator: Dr. Jamie M. Rappaport

7:15 – 8:00 a.m. INVITED GUEST SPEAKER – Dr. Brian Westerberg – Univ. of British Columbia
Topic: “A Practical Update on Cochlear Implants”

8:00 – 8:10 a.m. Question Period

8:10 – 8:20 a.m. “Morning Stretch”

8:20 – 9:20 a.m. Topic: “Aural Rehabilitation of Hearing Loss”
- Case presentations (panel/audience discussion)
- Panelists: Ms. Y. Hernandez, Dr. M. Schloss, Dr. B. Westerberg, Dr. A. Zeitouni

3:45 p.m. Après-ski snack

LARYNGOLOGY - Moderator: Dr. Karen Kost

4:00 – 4:20 p.m. INVITED GUEST SPEAKER – Dr. David Eibling – University of Pittsburgh
Topic: “Avoiding Post-op Trach Disasters”

4:20 – 4:40 p.m. SPEAKER - Dr. Karen Kost – McGill University
Topic: “Percutaneous Tracheotomy and Otolaryngology: Perceptions, Trends and Educational Implications”

4:40 – 4:50 p.m. Question Period

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Topic: “Challenging Cases in Tracheotomy”
- Case presentations (panel/audience discussion)
- Panelists: Dr. D. Eibling, Dr. S. Parnes, Dr. M. Black

SOCIAL PROGRAM NOTE: Saturday Evening Buffet Dinner Event
7:15 p.m. Mali I & II

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Sunday – March 20th, 2011

7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

PEDiATRICS - Moderator: Dr. Lily Nguyen

7:15 – 8:00 a.m. INVITED GUEST SPEAKER – Dr. Johanna MacCormick – University of Ottawa
Topic: “Pediatric Neck Masses”

8:00 – 8:10 a.m. Question Period

8:10 – 8:20 a.m. “Morning Stretch”

8:20 – 9:20 a.m. Topic: “Pediatric Neck Masses”
- Case presentations (panel/audience discussion)
- Panelists: Dr. D. Brown, Dr. S. Daniel, Dr. M. Husein, Dr. S. Sobol

9:20 – 9:40 Closure of Meeting

Course Directors:
Dr. Michael P. Hier
Dr. Karen M. Kost
Dr. Jamie M. Rappaport

McGill University Faculty:
Dr. Martin Black
Dr. Stavroula Christopoulou
Dr. Sam Daniel
Dr. Jamie Del Carpio
Dr. Saul Frenkel
Ms. Yolaine Hernandez
Dr. Michael Hier
Dr. Karen Kost
Dr. Lily Nguyen
Dr. Richard Payne
Dr. Jamie Rappaport
Dr. Mark Samaha
Dr. Melvin Schloss
Dr. Marc Tewfik
Dr. Anthony Zeitouni

Visiting Faculty:
Dr. David Brown – Medical College of Wisconsin
Dr. Karen Calhoun – Ohio State University College of Medicine
Dr. Danny Enepekides – University of Toronto
Dr. David Eibling – University of Pittsburgh
Dr. Murad Husein – University of Western Ontario
Dr. Shaun Kilty – University of Ottawa
Dr. Johanna MacCormick – University of Ottawa
Dr. Mark Odell – University of Ottawa
Dr. Steven Parnes – Albany Medical College
Dr. Steven Sobol – University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Brian Westerberg – University of British Columbia
Recent and Forthcoming Publications


E-SOUND
VISITING LECTURESHP AND PROфессORSHIPS

ANNUAL RESIDENTS RESEARCH DAY–JAMES D. BAXTER LECTURESHP

The Department’s 19th Annual Resident Research Day / James D. Baxter Lectureship was held on May 9, 2011 at the Royal Victoria Hospital. The day-long event included presentations from residents and medical students from McGill University.

Dr. Manohar Bance, Professor of Otology, Neuro-otology and Skull Base Surgery and Acting Head, Division of Otolaryngology Dalhousie University, was the invited lecturer. Dr. Bance's talk was on “Future Trends in Otology”, he also gave a presentation on “Bone Conduction Hearing” to the residents at morning rounds the following day.

The day ended with a dinner at the University Club of Montreal where awards were distributed for various presentations and honours from the 2010-2011 academic year:

1. Facial Plastics: (Dr. Fanous)
   Acknowledge corporate sponsors for awards in facial plastics at McGill.
   Facial plastics annual course awards:
   Facial plastic surgery course awards
   Junior:
   • Tamara Mijovic
   • Rickul Varshney
   • Yaseen Ali
   Senior:
   • Mohamed Al-Essa
   • Valérie Côté
   • Nathan Jowett

   Facial plastics R5 graduation certificates:
   • Dr. Mohammed Al-Essa
   • Dr. Valérie Côté

   Best publication: Dr. Valérie Côté
   Best presentation: Dr. Valérie Côté

   Fellow: Dr. Nancy Shehata

   Best presentation at university grand rounds for 2011:
   • Jr. resident: Dr. Tamara Mijovic “Velopharyngeal Dysfunction”
   • Sr. resident: Dr. Nathan Jowett “Laser Surgery”

2. New residents:
   • Amanda Fanous (CARMs – McGill)
   • Carol Nhan (CARMs - McGill)
   • Abdullah Al-Bader (Kuwait)
   • Majed Al-Dosari (Saudi)

3. Fellows:
   Dr. Nadine Yammine (Laryngology)

4. Graduating Residents (Certificates)
   • Dr. Mohammed Al-Essa
   • Dr. Valérie Côté
5. **Acknowledge Course directors:**
   - Vestibular: Dr. Thanos Katsarkas/Dr. Robert Sweet
   - Otology – Neuro-otology: Drs. Anthony Zeitouni, Sam Daniel, Jamie Rappaport and Robert Sweet
   - Rhinology: Drs. Mark Samaha, Martin Desrosiers, Marc Tewfik
   - Facial Plastics: Dr. Nabil Fanous
   - Temporal Bone Drilling Course: Dr. Sam Daniel, Dr. Sweet
   - Laryngology/Dysphagia: Dr. Karen Kost,
   - Pediatrics: Dr. Sam Daniel, Dr. Lily Nguyen

6. **Best Student Presentation:**
   Amanda Fanous

7. **Best Junior Resident Presentation:**
   Dr. Yalon Dolev

8. **Best Senior Resident Presentation:**
   Dr. Hani Al-Marzouki

9. **Melvin Mendelsohn Temporal Bone Drilling Award 2010-2011:**
   Dr. Saud Al-Romaih

10. **“3rd William H. Novick” Canmeds Resident Award (inaugurated by Dr. Joseph Chen):**
    Dr. Valérie Côté

11. **Best Teacher Award: 2010-2011:**
    Dr. Mark Samaha

12. Presentation of certificate to Dr. Manohar Bance the 19th Annual James D. Baxter Lecturer.
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Annual Herbert S. Birkett Memorial Lectureship 2011
The Department's 69th Annual Herbert S. Birkett Memorial Lectureship was held on November 10, 2011 at the Royal Victoria Hospital. The invited guest lecturer was Dr. John K. Niparko, George T. Nager Professor & Interim Director Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, The John Hopkins Schools of Medicine and Public Health. The topic of Dr. Niparko’s talk was “Childhood Development after Cochlear Implantation”.

Annual William J. McNally Memorial Lecture
The Department's 15th Annual William J. McNally Memorial Lecture was held on October 20, 2011 at the Royal Victoria Hospital. The invited guest lecturer was Robert E. Kearney, Ph.D., Eng., Department & Graduate Program Chair, Department of Biomedical Engineering, McGill University. The topic of Dr. Kearney’s talk was “Dynamic Ankle Stiffness and Control of Upright Posture”.

Annual Raymer Family Lecture
The Department's 13th Annual Raymer Family Lecture was held on April 14, 2011 at the SMBD-Jewish General Hospital. The invited guest lecturer was Dr. Jimmy Gutman, MD, FACEP, prominent Author of the International Health Bestseller “Glutathione: Essential Health AID – Antioxidant. Immune Booster. Detoxifier”. The topic of Dr. Gutman’s talk was “Glutathione in Health and Illness. Potential ENT Applications”.

Visiting Lectureships and Professorships (Cont’d…)

19th Annual Residents Research Day–James D. Baxter Lectureship
Dr. Fahad Saab was promoted in May 2011 as Head of the Department of Education and Promotion section King Abdullah International Medical Research Centre – Eastern Region, Saudi Arabia. Dr. Fahad was also nominated as best ENT tutor for the academic year of 2010-2011.

Dr. Khalil Al-Macki, who is Consultant and Head of the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the Armed Forces Hospital in Muscat, Oman, writes with an update. Dr. Khalil Al-Macki has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel Rank at the Royal Army of Oman.

Dr. Hagr Abdulrahman, who completed his residency in the Department in 2004 and is currently on staff at King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, writes with an update. Dr. Hagr has been elected President for Saudi ORL Society for the coming three years.

The Department alumni met for a wonderful reunion dinner at the annual CSO/HNS meeting in Victoria, B.C. This was attended by 25 plus alums, 2 pledges and some spouses. It was a fantastic dinner and an outstanding wine selection that was organized and subsidized by Jeff Ludemann from Vancouver. THANKS and WELL DONE! We are also grateful to Ms. Ingrid Power from Pendopharm for her delightful company and support. It was resolved to meet again at the next year CSO/HNS meeting.
Obituary

It is with sadness that we report the untimely passing of Dr. Vijay Dayal, an alumnus of our Department and prominent otolaryngologist who was on staff at the University of Chicago. Our Department extends its sympathies to the entire family.

I refer you to the obituary that recently appeared in the Chicago Tribune. 

Dear Dayal Family,

I want to express my deepest sympathies on the passing of your beloved Vijay.

Similar to myself, we both received our education at McGill and we were both together at the University of Toronto when I was an ENT Resident and Vijay was my supervising staff. It is then in the mid-70s that I got to know and appreciate Vijay for the talented and kind individual that he was. Since then, I have always had the warmest spot in my heart for him. I was fortunate to be present at the University of Chicago a number of years ago when Vijay was honoured at the time of retirement. I was able to say a few words about him and once again learned how highly he was regarded. I called him a guru.

I was very saddened to hear the news about his passing and sent the announcement to all members of our McGill Department. Many of our staff, particularly the senior ones knew him personally and also send their sympathies to the Dayal Family.

We wish you Sheela and Vijay’s children our condolences. We hope you retain the most wonderful memories of him. We at McGill will certainly remember him for all his accomplishments and for his exceptional qualities as a person.

Yours sincerely,

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EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- March 9-11, 2012: 16th Annual McGill University update in Otolaryngology. Fairmont Mont Tremblant Hotel, Mont Tremblant, Quebec.
- April 5, 2012: Raymer Lectureship (details to follow).

KEEP IN TOUCH

If any staff, residents, or alumni have newsworthy items, please convey the information to Ilhem Douagui (idouagui@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.