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

I am pleased to update everyone with activities that are current, projects that have recently transpired and other academic developments in progress as they apply to our cherished Department.

Effectively, we have started a period of transition. There are important building projects taking place that will transform our University teaching hospitals and bring our Department to a new level. The Montreal Skyline is now accommodating the MUHC Superhospital at the Glen Site and the JGH Pavilion K expansion is starting to rise above ground level. What exciting developments. It means that at the MUHC, the Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Department will have a newer and outstanding OPD facility. At the JGH the building will provide our Department with new and exciting operating room facilities. This period of transition is now in full development and our Department is reacting to position itself in a most positive way once the structures and facilities are completed in the next two to three years.

Furthermore, at the University level there is another transition occurring to once again change and update the Medical School educational curriculum. By next year, undergraduate students will envisage a curriculum change that brings McGill to its next educational level. Similarly, there are ongoing discussions at present time to update education as it applies to postgraduate (residency) training. In this regard I have co-chaired an important Committee looking at the medical education continuum as it applies to our McGill residents. There is no doubt that medical education, both undergraduate and postgraduate at McGill will shortly encompass a new philosophy and new methodology.

Now, let’s get back to grassroots business. Our Department recently held some important CME courses. In the month of March, the McGill University Laryngology Course directed by Dr. Karen Kost took place at the Medical Simulation Centre. The course welcomed residents from across the country who were taught by an internationally renowned faculty. The lecturers included Dr. David Eibling (Pittsburg), Dr. Gregory Postma (Augusta, GA) and Dr. Jennifer Anderson (University of Toronto). Local McGill faculty included Dr. John Manoukian, Dr. Françoise Chagnon, Dr. Jonathan Young and Colleen Timm. The course was co-directed by Dr. Nadine Yammine, a former Resident and Fellow, who is presently practicing in the Windsor area and is affiliated with the University of Western Ontario. See below for other details concerning this McGill CME event.

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Another Departmental CME course which recently occurred was our 16th Annual McGill Winter Update in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at Mont Tremblant. It was a resounding academic success with almost 100 registrants coming from various parts of North America. The skiing wasn't bad either. Congratulations are extended to the course Directors, Drs. Karen Kost, Jamie Rappaport and Michael Hier. See the pages below for the course outline, the local and visiting faculty and pictures from this event.

On March 30, Dr. Mark Samaha held his 3rd Annual Facial Plastic Surgery Cadaver Dissection Course at the Sim Centre. It was attended by all our ENT Residents.

Our Annual Temporal Bone Dissection Course also took place recently. It was directed by Dr. Sam Daniel and included the valuable support from Drs. Robert Shapiro, Jamie Rappaport, Robert Sweet and Leo Tarantino.

There are a number of upcoming courses and events to outline. Dr. Nabil Fanous will be holding his Facial Plastics Course on two separate days, April 13 and April 27.

On April 25, Dr. Lily Nguyen will be directing her annual Multidisciplinary Airway CRM Course for PGY4 and PGY5 Residents in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck, Anesthesia and Emergency room trainees.

Dr. Sam Daniel has organized an International Pediatric Otolaryngology Update scheduled for May 6 and 7. This conference will be honoring Dr. Melvin Schloss and will be welcoming Dr. Peter J. Koltai (California) as the 9th Annual Melvin D. Schloss Lecturer. There are a number of prominent invited guests speakers with an international faculty that also includes some of our own graduates. The details of this program are listed below.

We are also in the process of planning our Department’s Annual Residents’ Research Day including the Baxter Lectureship on May 10. This year we have invited Dr. KJ Lee as our guest Professor. We anticipate a day long symposium of this year’s research projects to be presented by our residents and affiliated medical students. In the evening, we will hold our annual social event to announce the prize winners and to acknowledge the contributions of our staff and trainees.

An Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Course will take place on May 23 and May 24, co-directed by Drs. Marc Tewfik, Mark Samaha and Martin Desrosiers. The hands on portion will be held at the Medical Simulation Centre for a target audience of ENT Residents from across Quebec.

The Head and Neck Cancer Fundraising Committee led tirelessly by Carole Goldberg is now in full swing to organize the 18th Annual Gala Event which Honors Victor J. Bertrand Sr., Chairman and Founder of MEGA Bloks. The event itself will take place on June 14 at the toy plant and will feature a red carpet welcome with Hollywood’s Emmy Nominated Host Shira Lazar. This will be a unique family style event where participants will have a hands on experience to learn about toy development in North America’s largest toy manufacturing factory. Related to this event will be an important fundraising project to benefit the McGill Auditory Sciences Laboratory directed by Dr. Sam Daniel at the Montreal Children’s Hospital.

Finally, one of my unfinished projects is to recognize and showcase Alumni who have graduated from our Residency Training Program prior to my arrival as Chair in the year 2002. We have made personal requests to receive photos from each of these OTL-H&N Alumni in order to post your pictures and years of graduation on our Departmental walls. Many of you have replied but there are still some colleagues who have yet to answer. I therefore appeal to those Alumni who have not as yet sent their pictures to either Gaby or Ilhem to do so as soon as possible. Please also include your year of graduation from McGill residency and a small biographical update of yourself. I am anticipating and looking forward to your replies.
SAY AHHH!
FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations

Dr. Saul Frenkel received a Certificate of long service in recognition of his 35 years of service to the Jewish General Hospital.

Congratulations to Dr. Nathan Jowett, who has received an International Travel Fund Award from the Research and Graduate Studies Office at McGill University. Dr. Jowett will be using this award for his travel expenses to Hamburg, Germany (University of Hamburg). His research topic will be: "Ultrafast Laser Ablation of Tissue".

Dr. Jowett also received this month a Great Award from McGill Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

The Department congratulates Drs. Jowett N, Wiseman P, Kraemer D, Mlynarek M and Harrison RV, for receiving in July 2011 a CORE Resident Research Grant from the American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery for their research: "Osseointegration Following Ultrafast Laser Ablation Osteotomy".

Congratulations to Dr. Samer Fakhri and wife Nadia who welcomed a baby boy, Zain Nadjib, in January 2012

Teaching

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On April 25, 2012, Dr. Lily Nguyen will be directing her annual Multidisciplinary Airway CRM course as a hands-on approach to learning the basics of airway management. The course is for McGill University PGY4 and PGY5 residents in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, and for Anesthesia and Emergency room trainees.

Dr. Nabil Fanous conducted his annual Facial Plastic Course on April 13, 2012 at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Dr. Fanous will also be directing the same course on April 27, 2012.

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The McGill Laryngology Course directed by Dr. Karen Kost took place on March 5 and 6, 2012 at the Medical Simulation Centre. The Program for this event can be found at:

Fundraisers

The 18th Annual McGill Head and Neck Cancer Fundraiser will take place on June 14, 2012 at the MEGA Brands Head Office with Honoree Mr. Victor J. Bertrand Sr., Chairman and Founder of MEGA Bloks. Inquiries about the fundraiser and donations to the Head and Neck Cancer Fun can be directed to Carole Goldberg at cgoldberg@ent.jgh.mcgill.ca or 514-340-8222 ext. 5024. You can also visit our website at: http://www.mcgill.ca/ent/headandneckfund/2012-fundraiser.

Below are photos of a committee meetings and committee members at the MEGA Brands Head Office:
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“I hear you” Golf Tournament

The Montreal Children’s Hospital Foundation Annual Golf Tournament will take place at the Hemmingford Golf Club on June 2, 2012. For more details and registration form, see below:
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Tremblant Update in Otolaryngology Course

The Department’s 16th Annual Update in Otolaryngology and Ski Weekend was held on March 9, 10, 11, 2012 at the Hotel Fairmont in Mont-Tremblant. Organized by course directors Drs. Michael Hier, Karen Kost, and Jamie Rappaport, the event brought together participants from Canada and the United States and was a great success.

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16th Annual McGill University Update in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

**UPDATED PROGRAM**

**Fairmont Tremblant Hotel, Mont Tremblant, Québec**

**Mali III and IV Meeting Rooms**

**Friday – March 9th, 2012**

6:45 a.m.  
Continental Breakfast

7:00 a.m.  
Welcome  
- Chairman - Dr. S. Frenkiel  
- Co-Directors – Dr. M. Hier, Dr. K. Kost, Dr. J. Rappaport

**OTOLOGY/NEUROTOLOGY** - Moderator: Dr. Jamie M. Rappaport

7:15 – 8:00  
INVITED GUEST SPEAKER - Dr. Julian Nedzelski – University of Toronto  
Topic: “The Blocked Ear: Superior Canal Dehiscence and other causes”

8:00 – 8:10  
Question Period

8:10 – 8:20  
“Morning Stretch”

8:20 – 9:20  
Topic: “Management of the Blocked Ear: From Tube to Craniotomy”  
- Case presentations (panel/audience discussion)  
- Panelists: Dr. J. Nedzelski, Dr. I. Saliba, Dr. R. Sweet, Dr. A. Zeitouni

3:45 p.m.  
Après-ski Snack

**HEAD AND NECK** - Moderator: Dr. Michael P. Hier

4:00 – 4:40 p.m.  
INVITED GUEST SPEAKER - Dr. Nader Sadeghi – George Washington University  

4:40 – 4:50 p.m.  
Question Period

4:50 – 5:00 p.m.  
Coffee & Tea

5:00 – 6:00  
- Case presentations (panel/audience discussion)  
- Panelists: Dr. M. Black, Dr. V. Forest, Dr. P. Kerr, Dr. N. Sadeghi

**SOCIAL PROGRAM NOTE:** Friday Evening Welcoming Cocktail Reception  
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Mali I & II  
*All are welcome!*

**KIDS’ CORNER!!!** Bring the kids for food & fun! Movie for children and teens will be shown during the cocktail reception.
Saturday – March 10th, 2012

7:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

PEDIATRICS - Moderator: Dr. John Manoukian/Dr. Sam J. Daniel

7:15 – 8:00 a.m.  INVITED GUEST SPEAKER – Dr. Maria T. Pena – George Washington University
Topic: “Emergencies in Pediatric Otolaryngology”

8:00 – 8:10 a.m.  Question Period

8:10 – 8:20 a.m.  “Morning Stretch”

8:20 – 9:20 a.m.  Topic: “Presentation of Selected Pediatric Emergency Cases”
- Case presentations (panel/audience discussion)
- Panelists: Dr. L. Nguyen, Dr. M.T. Pena, Dr. D. Vu

3:45 p.m.  Après-ski snack

LARYNGOLOGY - Moderator: Dr. Karen Kost

4:00 – 4:40 p.m.  INVITED GUEST SPEAKER – Dr. Michael Pitman – New York Eye & Ear Infirmary
Topic: “Surgical Management of Dysphagia”

4:40 – 4:50 p.m.  Question Period

4:50 – 5:00 p.m.  Coffee & Tea

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  Topic: “Challenging cases of Dysphagia”
- Case presentations (panel/audience discussion)
- Panelists: Dr. M. Pitman, Dr. J. Young

SOCIAL PROGRAM NOTE:  Saturday Evening Buffet Dinner Event
7:15 p.m.  Mali I & II
Sunday – March 11th, 2012

7:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

RHINOLOGY - Moderator: Dr. Marc Tewfik

7:15 – 8:00 a.m.  INVITED GUEST SPEAKER – Dr. Donald A. Leopold - University of Vermont
Topic: “Olfactory Loss and Distortion – What can be done?”

8:00 – 8:10 a.m.  Question Period

8:10 – 8:20 a.m.  “Morning Stretch”

8:20 – 9:20 a.m.  Topic: “Ask the Experts: Challenging cases of Nasal Polyposis”
- Case presentations (panel/audience discussion)
- Panelists: Dr. M. Desrosiers, Dr. D. Leopold, Dr. E. Massoud, Dr. M. Samaha

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. Sam Daniel
Dr. Martin Desrosiers
Dr. Saul Frenkel
Dr. Veronique Forest
Dr. Michael Hier
Dr. Karen Kost
Dr. John Manoukian
Dr. Lily Nguyen
Dr. Richard Payne
Dr. Jamie Rappaport
Dr. Mark Samaha
Dr. Robert Sweet
Dr. Marc Tewfik
Dr. Duy Dat Vu
Dr. Jonathan Young
Dr. Anthony Zeitouni

Visiting Faculty:
Dr. Patrick Froehlich – Université de Montréal
Dr. Paul Kerr – University of Manitoba
Dr. Donald A. Leopold – University of Vermont
Dr. Emad Massoud – Dalhousie University
Dr. Julian Nedzelski – University of Toronto
Dr. Maria T. Pena – George Washington University
Dr. Michael Pitman – New York Eye & Ear Infirmary
Dr. Nader Sadeghi – George Washington University
Dr. Issam Saliba – Université de Montréal
Recent and Forthcoming Publications


Noah B. Sands, MD, Shawn Karls, BSc, Alexander Amir, BSc, Michael Tamilia, MD, FRCPC, Olga Gologan, MD, FRCPC, Louise Rochon, MS, FRCPC, Martin J. Black, MD, FRCSC, Michael P. Hier, MD, FRCSC, and Richard J. Payne, MD, MSc, FRCSC, McGill Thyroid Nodule Score (MTNS): “Rating the Risk”, a Novel Predictive Scheme for Cancer Risk Determination, Journal of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Vol 40, No S1 (February), 2011:pp S1-S13


Lara Abdul-Sater, Melissa Henry, PhD, Agnieszka Majdan, MD, Tamara Mijovic, MD, Jason H. Franklin, MD, Michael P. Hier, MD, Richard J. Payne, MD, What Are Thyroidectomy Patients Really Concerned About?: Otolaryngology Head Neck; Surgery, Volume 144 (5) 685-690 May 2011

Michael Tamilia, Nora Al-Kahtani, Louise Rochon, Michael P. Hier, Tichard J. Payne, Christina A. Holcroft and Martin J. Black, Serum thyroglobulin predicts thyroid remnant ablation failure with 30 mCi iodine-131 treatment in patients with papillary thyroid carcinoma. Nuclear Medicine Communications, Vol. 32 No. 3 March 2011


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E-SOUND
VISITING LECTURESHIPS AND PROFESSORSHIPS

Raymer Family Lecture

The Department’s 14th Annual Raymer Family Lecture was held on April 5, 2012 with guest lecturer Dr. Gerald Batist, Minda de Gunzburg Professor of Oncology, McGill University, Director, Segal Cancer Centre and the McGill Centre for Translation Research in Cancer, Deputy Director, Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research. Dr. Batist gave a talk on “Personalized Medicine in Cancer: Our Contributions”.

Upcoming Lectureships

Resident Research Day / James D. Baxter Lectureship

Dr. K.J. Lee, Southern New England Ear, Nose Throat & Facial Plastic Group LLP, will be the lecturer at the 20th Annual Resident Research Day & James D. Baxter Lectureship, which will take place May 10, 2012.

Melvin D. Schloss 9th Annual Lectureship

Dr. Peter J. Koltai, Chief Pediatric Otolaryngology, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, California, President Elect, American Broncho- Esophagologic Association, Past-President, American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology, will be the lecturer at the Melvin D. Schloss 9th Annual Lectureship, which will take place May 6 and 7, 2012. The details about this event are listed in the following document:

EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 25, 2012: The Annual Multidisciplinary Airway CRM Course  
  Lecturer: Dr. Lily Nguyen
- April 30, 2012: Facial Plastics Surgery Part 2  
  Lecturer: Dr. Nabil Fanous
- May 6-7, 2012: 9th Annual Melvin D. Schloss Pediatric Lectureship  
  Invited lecturer: Dr. Peter Koltai
- May 10, 2012: Resident Research Day / Baxter Lectureship  
  Invited lecturer: Dr. KJ Lee
- May 18-19, 2012: Advanced Sinus Surgery Course, Mount Sinai Hospital Surgical Skills Centre, Toronto, ON
- May 20-23, 2012: CSO-HNS Annual Meeting, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, ON
- May 23-24, 2012: Endoscopic Sinus Surgery  
  Lecturers: Drs. Marc Tewfik, mark Samaha and Martin Desrosiers
- May 23 & 24, 2012: North American Endoscopic Ear Surgery Course, Mount Sinai Hospital Surgical Skills Centre, Toronto, ON
- June 2, 2012: “I Hear You” Golf Tournament, Hemmingford Golf Club
- June 14, 2012: The 18th Annual Head and neck Cancer Fundraising Event  
  Honoree: Mr. Victor J. Bertrand Sr.
  Life Science Centre, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

KEEP IN TOUCH

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