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

As we come to the end of the year, 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.

In the past few years, our Department has concentrated on recruitment, administrative reorganization and some new projects. The next few years will realize a period of consolidation, fine tuning and transition not only for us but for the entire Faculty of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals. This overriding transition theme involves the concepts of medical education and clinical practice.

Included below are the main transition themes, the present status of our Department and thoughts about our future direction.

- **Hospital building projects and clinical expansions**
  - The Montreal Skyline is now accommodating the MUHC Superhospital at the Glenn Site and our Department will relocate for both adult and pediatric services to this new facility. State of the art outpatient clinics have already been planned with an anticipated start date in the summer of 2015. What is still unknown is the accommodation for our Department’s administrative structure and the location of Physician offices within this new structure.
  - The JGH Pavilion K expansion will provide the hospital with a modern emergency room, a new ICU, CCU, PACU and step down units. Anticipated date of opening is 2014.
  - Our Department has already expanded its clinical work to LaSalle Hospital, Verdun General Hospital and the Lakeshore General Hospital. The mission of Lachine General Hospital is presently under discussion but I am certain that our Department will have a presence at this revitalized facility as well.

- **New University staff designations**
  Last year, McGill University changed its terminology for University non-tenured staff. The term GFT is no longer applicable being replaced with the designation CAS (Contract Academic Staff), which also accommodates the descriptor categories of Clinical, Professional and Research. The intent of this nomenclature change is to help recognize the University contributions of non-tenured staff, particularly as it applies to promotion dossiers.
Transitions in Education
At the University level there is another transition occurring which serves to update the Medical School educational curriculum. By the year 2013, 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 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.

MSc Otolaryngology Program
It is extremely significant that McGill University has the only MSc Program in Otolaryngology in Canada and one of the very few such programs in North America. It is a small but active program and we presently have 13 MSc students enrolled. To meet the needs of this program we engage our staff as clinical supervisors along with our affiliated researchers who serve as basic science supervisors for our Post-Grad students. Recently, we have engaged in preliminary discussions to expand our postgraduate activities to the PhD level which will require the recruitment of additional qualified teaching staff and researchers.

Research productivity
The Department’s research productivity is clearly enhanced due to our intimate collaboration with basic scientists, some of whom are directly appointed but others have been cross-appointed from other university units. This relationship involving clinical and basic scientists is extremely important for the success of our residency research enrichment year and for the MSc Otolaryngology postgraduate program. The ensuing report lists the significant national and international grants provided to our researchers and our numerous publications, which once again serves to highlight our research productivity.

Creation of clinical divisions
Our previous departmental discussions involved the concept of creating “Centres of Excellence” in a number of subspecialty areas. Already in place is our McGill Program of Head and Neck Oncology. This past year, we created two new internal divisions, the Division of Voice and Swallowing and the Division of Facial Plastic, Reconstructive and Esthetic Surgery. The Directors of these new divisions will offer their initial reports within these pages.

Recent appointments and future recruitment
We have been very privileged to appoint extremely qualified fellowship trained staff to our Department in the past few years. Each of them has made an important impact on the delivery of clinical services and the quality of teaching. Within the limitation of micro-managed Government PEM positions, it is important to continue adding young fellowship trained individuals to our Department. Over the next few years we will consider the recruitment of personnel in the areas of Neuro-otology, Pediatrics, and Head and Neck Oncology. It will also be in the interests of our Department to recruit another Clinician-Scientist in the area of Head and Neck Oncology. In addition, we have negotiated the cross-appointment of a PhD Researcher to both our Department and to the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders and hope to have this position filled in the next few months.

Fundraising
Our Department has been very successful in its fundraising efforts over the past few years. In the year 2010, the McGill Head and Neck Cancer Fund honoured Dr. Martin Black with the establishment of a Fellowship in his name. This year Dr. Eyal Sela was the first recipient of this 1.5 million dollars endowment fund. In the year 2011, our Department was fortunate to honour Actor/Producer Michael Douglas with a gala event which raised more than 1.5 million dollars for the Head and Neck Cancer Research Fund. This past year, the Head and Neck cancer Fund Honoured Mr. Victor Bertrand Sr., Chairman and Founder of MEGA Bloks, with a gala family event at his toy plant which raised more than $600,000 for our research endeavors. More importantly, at this last event, we launched a fundraising project to benefit our own McGill Auditory Sciences Laboratory. This will be a three year million dollar project partnered by the MCH Foundation, MEGA Brands and the McGill Head and Neck Cancer Fund.

Needless to say, fundraising has been extremely vital and important to our Department. It drives our educational mission and provides support for our affiliated investigators and student researchers. It has also allowed our Department to establish a sizeable endowment for research and other scholarly activities.

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Future planning and direction

There are a number of projects yet to be realized but important for our Department.

- We are in the process of submitting a proposal to the Quebec Government for a Cochlear Implant Program in partnership with the University of Montreal.
- I would like to move forward on the creation of a McGill Thyroid Cancer Centre based on our increased clinical volumes and our acknowledged academic leadership position in this field.
- It would be important for our Department to continue creating other clinical divisions in the areas of Neuro-Otology, Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery in order to promote scholarly excellence in these sub-specialty areas.
- Finally, with respect to the current Faculty of Medicine initiatives, it would be my intention to have another retreat during the Spring in order to discuss our Department’s educational mission for undergraduates, residency training, the MSc. program and sub-specialty fellowship training.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the members of our staff for their important contributions to our Department and to the academic mission of McGill University. I refer you to our departmental website [http://www.mcgill.ca/ent/](http://www.mcgill.ca/ent/), which contains more information, updates and news items featured in our electronic newsletter titled “eVoice”.

I take this opportunity to wish all those who are connected with the McGill Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery and to your respective families, a happy and healthy Holiday Season. It is a time for intimate reflection with respect to the trials and tribulations of the past year and more so because of the significant events that have occurred in the world. I extend my very best wishes to our cherished alumni. I look forward to the year 2013 with optimism and hope as our Department continues to evolve and progress.
SAY AHHH!
FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations
Dr. Marc Tewfik received the Colonel Edward T. Renouf Research Award ($25,000) on October 17, 2012.

Dr. Nabil Fanous received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of her Majesty’s accession to the throne and in recognition of Dr. Fanous’ contribution to Canada.

Dr. Sam Daniel, received the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation Honor Award.

Dr. Sam Daniel’s Triological Thesis was recently accepted and he will be inducted into the Triological Society at its upcoming spring meeting.

Dr. Vi Vu and husband Dr. David Nguyen welcomed a baby girl, Kim-Ly, on November 4, 2012.

Dr. Martin Black has become the grandfather of two beautiful new born babies Lindsey Esther and Benjamin Sydney (December 21, 2012).

Appointments
Dr. Sam Daniel was appointed as Director of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for the Province of Quebec.

Tremblant update in Otolaryngology Course
The Department’s 17th Annual McGill Update in Otolaryngology Course will take place on March 15-17, 2013 at the Hotel Fairmont in Mont-Tremblant. This year’s course features an exciting program featuring faculty from both Canada and the United States. Please visit the course’s website to view the program and for information about registration and hotel room booking.

https://www.mcgill.ca/ent/tremblant

North American Masterclass in Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Course
June 5-7, 2013
The North American Masterclass in Endoscopic Sinus Surgery Course will take place on June 5-7, 2013 at the Arnold and Bluma Steinberg Medical Simulation Centre. The aim of this course is to teach advanced techniques in endoscopic sinus surgery, including frontal recess dissection and drillout, medial maxillectomy, as well as common endoscopic skull base approaches to the pituitary region, clivus, anterior cranial and infratemporal fossae. The course will include two and a half days of hands-on dissections; CT imaging and the latest instrumentation will be provided. There will also be a course on the Endoscopic Management of Large Vessel Injuries, on June 8, 2013 – the first of its kind in North America. Please visit the course’s website to view the program and for information about registration:

https://www.mcgill.ca/ent/endoscopic-sinus-surgery-course
The 18th Annual McGill Head & Neck Cancer Fund

On June 14, 2012, the Department held its 18th Annual McGill Head and Neck Fundraiser at the MEGA Brands Head office. This year's Honouree was Victor J. Bertrand Sr., Chairman and Founder of Mega Brands.
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The Department’s annual holiday party “the McGill Casino and DJ Night”, organized by Carole Goldberg, was held December 12 at the “Living Room Restaurant”. Members from the Department’s four hospital departments were invited to the dinner that included gaming tables, music, and lots of dancing! Below are some photos from the evening.
Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Holiday Party “The McGill Casino & DJ Night”
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VISITING LECTURESHPHS AND PROFESSORSHIPS

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, was the lecturer at the Melvin D. Schloss 9th Annual Lectureship, which took place on May 6 and 7, 2012. The details about this event are listed in the following document:


Resident Research Day / James D. Baxter Lectureship

Dr. K.J. Lee, Southern New England Ear, Nose Throat & Facial Plastic Group LLP, was the lecturer at the 20th Annual Resident Research Day & James D. Baxter Lectureship, on May 10, 2012. Dr. K.J. Lee gave a talk on “What kind of doctor – person will you be? Potpourri of thoughts”.

Summary of Awards

1. Facial plastics annual course awards:
   Facial plastic surgery course awards
   Junior:
   1. Tamara Mijovic
   2. Rickul Varshney
   3. Yaseen Ali
   Senior:
   1. Mohamed Al-Essa
   2. Valerie Cote
   3. Nathan Jowett

   Facial plastics R5 graduation certificates
   Dr. Mohammed Al-Essa
   Dr. Valerie Côté

   Best publication: Dr. Valerie Cote
   Best presentation: Dr. Valerie Cote

   Fellow: Dr. Nancy Shehata

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

3. Best Student Presentation: Amanda Fanous
4. Best Junior Resident Presentation: Dr. Yalon Dolev
5. Best Senior Resident Presentation: Dr. Hani Al-Marzouki
6. Melvin Mendelsohn Temporal Bone Drilling Award 2010-2011: Dr. Saud Al-Romaikh
7. “3rd William H. Novick” Cannmeds Resident Award: Dr. Valerie Cote
8. Best Teacher Award: 2010-2011: Dr. Mark Samaha
9. Presentation of certificate to Dr. Manohar Bance the 19th Annual James D. Baxter Lecturer. Plaque–honorarium/tie
Resident Research Day / James D. Baxter Lectureship
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The Annual Herbet S. Birkett Memorial Lectureship

The Department’s 70th Annual Herbert S. Birkett Memorial Lectureship was held on November 8, 2012 at the Jewish General Hospital. The invited guest lecturer was Dr. Martin Corsten, Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, University of Ottawa. The topic of Dr. Corsten’s talk was: “Expanded Endonasal Approaches to the Skull Base”.

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RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS

Congratulations

Dr. Tamara Mijovic received the FRSQ two-year award for medical professionals starting a masters degree. It is a bursary aiming to support Dr. Mijovic's engagement in research while undergoing clinical training. She was ranked first among 45 applicants this year in the masters program throughout the province of Quebec.

Two of our incoming residents were prize winners upon graduation from Medicine at McGill University. Both Michael Roskies and Joe Saliba jointly received The H.S. Birkett Memorial Prize in Otolaryngology. In addition, Michael Roskies received the Alexander D. Stewart Prize presented to a member of the graduating class who "presents in every respect the highest qualifications to practice the profession". Joe Saliba was also awarded the Holmes Gold Medal as the "student graduating with the highest aggregate standing in the entire medical curriculum".

Dr. Rania Ywakim and husband Karim Rafia welcomed a baby boy, Lucas, on October 6, 2012.

Dr. Madana Jeevanandam and wife Dr. Deeke Yolmo, welcomed a baby boy, Liam, on October 17, 2012.

ALUMNI CENTRE

Dr. Paul Campisi has been appointed Program Director for Residency Training at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Abdulrahman Hagr was elected President of the Saudi Society of ORL-H&N and won the “Ingeborg and Erwin Hochmair” Award 2012 for Service to the Deaf.

Internationally recognized rhinologist Dr. Samer Fakhri, has received the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation (AAO-HNSF) 2012 Honor Award, presented at the AAO-HNSF’s annual meeting held in Washington, D.C. The award is given to academy members in recognition of contributions to the AAO and its foundation.

Dr. Samer Fakhri, an associate professor and residency program director in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) Medical School, has been recognized with the medical school’s Dean’s Teaching Excellence Award for the seventh time.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- January 10-11, 2013: The 4th Annual McGill Facial Plastic Surgery Cadaver Course. Dr. Mark Samaha, at the Arnold and Blema Steinberg Medical Simulation Centre of McGill University, Montreal
- January 12, 2013: The FESS Cadaver Course. “Finding Sinus Ostia: The use of landmarks”. Dr. Mark Samaha, at the Arnold and Blema Steinberg Medical Simulation Centre of McGill University, Montreal
- January 28-30, 2013: Temporal Bone Drilling Course (R3s). Dr. Sam Daniel, at the MCH, Montreal
- March 8, 2013: Facial Plastics Course. Dr. Nabil Fanous, at the Arnold and Blema Steinberg Medical Simulation Centre of McGill University, Montreal
- March 15-17, 2013: The 17th Annual McGill University Update in Otolaryngology & Ski Meeting, Mont Tremblant, QC
- Apr. 11, 2013: Raymer Lectureship. Invited lecturer: Dr. John H. White, Professor Department of Physiology and Medicine, McGill University
- May 2013: The 10th Melvin Schloss Pediatric Lectureship
- May 16, 2013: Resident Research Day / Baxter Lectureship
- June 2 to 4, 2013: CSO-HNS Annual Meeting, Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, BANFF, AB
- June 5 - 7, 2013: The North American Masterclass in Endoscopic Sinus Surgery, The Arnold and Blema Steinberg Medical Simulation Centre of McGill University, Montreal
- June 11, 2013: The 19th Annual McGill Head and Neck Fundraiser Gala
- Oct. 25- 27 2013: Congrès ORL Québécois Annual Meeting, Montreal Centre Mont royal

KEEP IN TOUCH

If any staff, residents, or alumni have newsworthy items, please convey the information to Ilhem Douaguï (ilhem.douaguï@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.