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

I would like to send out this very brief report describing our recent Resident Research Day. It was an extremely successful event to culminate the academic year at McGill University. We’re very pleased to welcome back Dr. Samer Fakhri as the 21st Annual Baxter Lecturer. Samer graduated from our Residency Training Program in the year 2003 and has progressed onto an illustrious career path in the field of Rhinology and Endoscopic Sinus and Skullbase Surgery. I would like to acknowledge the various prize winners from the resident research competition and other acknowledgements that were bestowed during our evening celebration at the Faculty Club of McGill University.

Awards for the research competition were as follows:

- Best Medical Student Presentation – Nathalie Gabra
- Best Junior Resident Presentation – Amanda Fanous 1st prize – Joseph Schwartz 2nd prize
- Best Senior Resident Presentation – Tamara Mijovic 1st prize – Rania Ywakim 2nd prize

The following were also acknowledged

- Melvin Mendelsohn Temporal Bone Drilling Award – Joseph Schwartz
- William H. Novick Canmeds Resident Award (donated by Dr. Joseph Chen to honour Dr. Novick) – Faisal Zawawi
- The following residents were acknowledged for their Grand Rounds presentations:
  – Amanda Fanous, Joseph Schwartz, Tamara Mijovic,
- Facial Plastics Awards were presented by Drs. Nabil Fanous and Mark Samaha
- Best Teacher Award 2012-2013 – Dr. Marc Tewfik

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I am very pleased to highlight the following three upcoming events:

- Dr. Karen Kost, President of the Canadian Society of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery will be welcoming our colleagues both nationally and internationally to the Annual Society Meeting on June 2, 2013 in Banff, Alberta.
- Dr. Marc Tewfik has organized the North American Masterclass in Endoscopic Sinus Surgery on June 5-7 at the McGill Medical Simulation Centre following on June 8 will be the North American Endoscopic Management of Vascular Injuries Workshop at the McIntyre Medical Building. The special invited faculty member is Dr. Peter John Wormald from Australia.
- The 19th McGill Head and Neck Cancer Fundraising Event is scheduled for June 11, 2013 at the “Arsenal de Montréal”. A project to create a Multidisciplinary Thyroid Cancer Centre will be launched and the honourees for the evening festivities are the Argento Family.

Finally, I wish to recognize Dr. John Manoukian our Residency Program Director. He received the “Best Program Director of the Year 2011/2012 Award” from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. I am pleased to report that with the guidance of Dr. Manoukian and the Resident Research Committee, our Department received full accreditation from the Royal College in March of this year.

What follows is the Agenda of Resident Research Day including all the presentations and the listing of research supervisors.

I take this opportunity to wish all our friends, alumni and colleagues a wonderful summer. We will try to issue another newsletter in the early fall as an update to our departmental activities.
**SAY AHHH!**

**FACULTY NEWS**

**Congratulations**

After over 40 years at the JGH, Dr. Isaac Fried has retired. On January 30, 2013 we had a celebration in his honour at the Atrium.

Dr. Henrietta Galiana has received a grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). The funds are for a project titled “Smart and Automatic Analysis of Ocular Nystagmus for Tracking Patient and Astronaut Health”. Duration of grant is January 1, 2013 to January 14, 2014.

Dr. Sam J. Daniel was inducted into The American Laryngological, Rhinological and Otological Society (aka The Triological Society) in a ceremony held in Orlando. Membership in the Triological Society (founded in 1895) brings the distinction of being elected to the most prestigious society in otolaryngology, which attracts the best and brightest in academic and clinical otolaryngology. In addition, Dr. Daniel was awarded for his work on an Innovative Botulinum Toxin Injection Technique for Drooling Children.

Dr. Richard Payne was promoted to Associate Professor (Clinical), on February 1, 2013. Warmest congratulations and many thanks for the hard work and important contributions to our Department.

Dr. Melvin Schloss received the MCH Foundation Medical Excellence Award, he also was acknowledged by Principal Heather Munroe–Blum for the development of the Mini-Med School program at McGill University.

Congratulations to Dr. Katsarkas on his 40 years of fellowship with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Dr. Segal is a grand-father of a beautiful baby girl named Elizabeth born on February 5, 2013.

Dr. Jonathan Young and spouse Jennifer welcomed a beautiful baby girl named Lyla born on May 3, 2013.
E-SOUND
Resident Research Day / James D. Baxter Lectureship

Dr. Samer Fakhri, Associate Professor and Otolaryngology Residency Program Director, The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, was the lecturer at the 21st Annual Resident Research Day & James D. Baxter Lectureship, on May 16, 2013.

Dr. Fakhri gave a talk on “Management of Skull Base Pathology without Cracking the Skull Open: Where Do We Stand?”.

Pictures can be viewed by following this link: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rsmsmzixq8cudbn/QyOTx8G_XC?n=65962771#/.

Dr. Baxter was not able to attend the Resident Research Day and sent the following message:

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MY WIFE AND I ARE SORRY THAT WE CANNOT BE PRESENT WITH YOU THIS EVENING. I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME BACK TO MCGILL UNIVERSITY DR. SAMER FAKHRI AND TO THANK HIM FOR DELIVERING THIS AFTERNOON THE 21ST JAMES D. BAXTER LECTURE. HE IS THE SECOND GRADUATE OF OUR RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY – HEAD AND NECK SURGERY TO BE INVITED BACK TO MCGILL UNIVERSITY TO DELIVER THIS LECTURE.

THE 18TH JAMES D. BAXTER LECTURER WAS DR. NADER SADEGHI – MAY 17, 2010. BOTH THESE LECTURERS CURRENTLY ARE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S.A., WHICH SPEAKS WELL FOR OUR TRAINING PROGRAM.

I WOULD LIKE DR. SAMER FAKHRI TO KNOW HOW HELPFUL THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS WAS TO ME IN MY CAREER. THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHEN ONE CAN NEGOTIATE WITH A UNIVERSITY – WHEN THEY WANT YOU TO JOIN THEIR STAFF OR, ON THE RARE OCCASION, WHEN THEY DO NOT WANT YOU TO LEAVE.

IN 1972, THE ‘BAXTER FAMILY’ ALMOST MOVED TO TEXAS WHEN I WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. WHEN THE DEAN OF MEDICINE AT MCGILL HAD TO SIGN CERTAIN DOCUMENTS, HE INVITED ME TO HIS OFFICE WHERE WE AGREED THAT THERE WAS A FUTURE FOR ACADEMIC OTOLARYNGOLOGY AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY, HE INCREASED OUR BUDGET AND THE REST IS HISTORY.

IT IS IRONIC THAT THE AMERICAN BOARD OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY – HEAD AND NECK SURGERY DOES NOT RECOGNIZE CANADIAN TRAINING – ENOUGH SAID!!

MY WIFE AND I TRUST THAT YOU WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL EVENING – OUR WARMEST REGARDS TO YOU ALL!!

JAMES D. BAXTER
10:00 a.m.  
**Introduction**  
Dr. Saul Frenkiel, Professor & Chairman, Dr. John Manoukian, Program Director, Moderator

10:05  
**Comparison of topical vasoconstriction in endoscopic sinus surgery: Cocaine versus Adrenaline**  
Dr. Constanza Valdes (PGY6)  
Supervisors: Drs. Marc Tewfik, Mark Samaha

10:15  
**Interspecialty training in crisis resource management**  
Dr. Carol Nhan (PGY2)  
Supervisor: Dr. Lily Nguyen

10:25  
**Intraoperative parathyroid hormone level: Which patients benefit from it?**  
Dr. Faisal Zawawi (PGY3)  
Supervisor: Dr. Richard Payne

10:35  
**Towards a murine model of chronic rhinosinusitis: Baseline characteristics of the sinonasal tract in wild-type and innate immunity knock-out mice**  
Dr. Alipasha Rassouli (PGY 4)  
Supervisor: Dr. Marc Tewfik

10:45  
Questions and discussion – Coffee break

11:05  
**The McGill thyroid nodule score and lymph node metastasis and extrathyroidal extension of the tumor**  
Maude Campagna-Vaillancourt (Med 3)  
Supervisors: Drs. Richard Payne, Veronique-Isabelle Forest, Michael Hier and Alex Mlynarek

11:15  
**Non-linear scanning microscopy of vocal folds: Stepping into a new horizon**  
Dr. Amanda Fanous (PGY2)  
Supervisor: Dr. Karen Kost

11:25  
**Probiotics as a therapeutic alternative for chronic rhinosinusitis – a pre-clinical proof of concept**  
Dr. Joseph Schwartz (PGY3)  
Supervisor: Dr. Martin Desrosiers

11:35  
**Ressection and reconstruction planning for head and neck tumors using 3D generated models**  
Dr. Yaseen Ali (PGY4)  
Supervisors: Dr. Alex Mlynarek, Robert Funnell (PhD)

11:45  
Questions and discussion
12:05  **Ototoxicity of olive oil in a chinchilla animal model**  
Nader Emami, MD (Master student)  
Supervisor: Dr. Sam Daniel

12:15  **An *in vivo* study of a novel composite hyaluronic acid and gelatin hydrogel to improve healing of vocal fold scars in a rat model**  
Dr. Yazeed Al-Ghonaim (PGY4)  
Supervisor: Dr. Sam Daniel

12:25  Questions and discussion - LUNCH

1:30  **Facial nerve paralysis in retrograde parotidectomy**  
Dr. Majed Al-Dosari (PGY2)  
Supervisor: Dr. Alex Mlynarek

1:40  **Frozen section analysis and sentinel lymph node biopsy in well differentiated thyroid cancer**  
Yelda Jozaghi (Med 3)  
Supervisor: Dr. Richard Payne

1:50  **Fine needle aspiration cytology of thyroid nodules – Does size matter?**  
Dr. Rickul Varshney (R3)  
Supervisor: Dr. Richard Payne

2:00  **Title: Synchronous Airway Lesions in Children: What Are the Risk Factors Telling Us?**  
Dr. Tamara Mijovic (PGY4)  
Supervisor: Dr. Nguyen

2:10  Questions and discussion

2:30  **PHOTO SESSION**

3:00  **Pre-operative TSH and Thyroglobulin levels: Would it predict thyroid cancer?**  
Dr. Abdullah Al-Bader (PGY2)  
Supervisor: Dr. Richard Payne

3:10  **Part-Time faculty in academic Otolaryngology: the view of Chairs**  
Nathalie Gabra, Med 3, Université de Montréal  
Supervisors: Dr. Lily Nguyen, Dr. Saul Frenkiel

3:20  **Isolation of a functional salivary gland using a bioreactor: An *in vitro* salivary gland model for the study of xerostomia**  
Dr. Rania Ywakim (PGY4)  
Supervisor: Drs. Anthony Zeitouni, Simon Tran

3:30  **Head movements in patients with vestibular lesion: a novel approach to functional assessment**  
Dr. Tamara Mijovic (PGY4)  
Drs. Anthony Zeitouni, Kathleen Cullen

3:40  Questions and discussions – Coffee break
4:30 MANAGEMENT OF SKULL BASE PATHOLOGY WITHOUT CRACKING THE SKULL OPEN: WHERE DO WE STAND?
Dr. Samer Fakhri, 21st Annual James D. Baxter Lecturer

FRIDAY - MAY 17, 2012 (light breakfast will be served)

8:00 a.m. Dr. Samer Fakhri
DECISION-MAKING IN FRONTAL SINUS SURGERY

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Teaching rounds with residents
ALUMNI CENTRE

Dr. Talal Alkhatib started a career at King Abdulaziz University as an Assistant Professor after completing one year Pediatric Fellowship and one year Master in Health Professional Education.

Obituary

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Dr. Robert M.W. McMillan at the age of 93 at le Vivalis retirement home in Pointe-Claire on January 7, 2013.

Dr. McMillan served his country and community as a member of the RCAF and later as an ENT doctor working with Saint Mary’s Hospital and the Montreal General Hospital.

He was a kind and gentle soul who showed caring and compassion. Always with a smile a quick sense of humour. Dr. McMillan endeared himself to those he came in contact with.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family and friends.
**EVENTS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- 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 Douagui (ilhem.douagui@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.