Dr. Audrey Lovett has been appointed Interim Director, Division of Pediatric Dermatology, effective June 1, 2012.

Dr. Brenda Moroz relinquished her longstanding role (1975) as Director, Division of Pediatric Dermatology, effective January 31, 2012. We wish Brenda all the best as she enters ‘retirement’!

Dr. Thérèse Perreault has been appointed as Director of the newly constituted MUHC Division of Neonatology, effective April 1, 2012.

Dr. Michael Shevell has been appointed as the Inaugural Harvey Guyda Chair in Pediatrics as of January 1, 2012. The Harvey Guyda Chair in Pediatrics was established with the purpose of funding research into pediatrics.

Dr. Michael Westwood has resigned as attending staff from the Division of Adolescent Medicine, effective June 30, 2012.

Dr. Blair Whittemore has stepped down as Interim Director, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Residency Program, effective December 31, 2011.

New Recruitment

Dr. Patricia Fontela has accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine of the Montreal Children’s Hospital of the MUHC, effective January 1st, 2012. Dr. Fontela obtained her medical degree from the Federal Faculty of Medicine in Porto Allegre, Brazil (1997). After completing a training residency in General Pediatrics and a clinical fellowship in Critical Care (both at the FFCMPA and the PUCRS in Porto Allegre), Dr. Fontela completed a second fellowship in Pediatric Critical Care at McGill University (2004-2007). She subsequently obtained her M.Sc. (2003) and Ph.D. (2011) in Epidemiology at McGill University. Dr. Fontela has maintained an active teaching role in the Department of Pediatrics during her Ph.D. training, coordinating the Evidence-Based Medicine seminars for Critical Care fellows and Pediatric residents. She has also actively mentored trainees in clinical research projects.

Words from the Chairman
Michael Shevell

Those of you who have visited me in the Chair’s office have noticed that after an initial understandable hesitation given Harvey’s long tenure of the office, I have now made it my own. Furniture has been added and art that reflects my own tastes now decorate the walls. In addition, a prescient gift provides a framed copy of some of my favorite leadership quotes and the MCH library was kind enough to loan me a framed signed photograph of Sir William Osler for inspiration that is placed opposite my desk. And perhaps significantly, my snowglobe collection is safely ensconced with better display than I had on A-5!

The foregoing is to say that I am settling in for the long haul ahead and my initial impression is one of gratitude for the group I have been trusted to lead. This newsletter bears testament to this. There has been a plethora of prizes awarded to individuals in all aspects of our academic mission (teaching, research, clinical service, and advocacy) and the younger and mid-career members of our Faculty have had an extraordinary success at external granting support.

Most gratifying is what I can sense as a “can-do” spirit coming to the fore as we grapple with our challenge of moving to the Glen. The recent Renewal Day event ably put together by Vice-Chair Emmett Francoeur highlighted the values we share and our devotion to the identity and the culture that is the “Children’s”. I am particularly heartened by repeated mention to me that I look like I am having fun and having a good time. Which I am and indeed I would not do this if I was not. It brings to mind what Richard Goldbloom told me not once, but twice, this past week; “Surround yourself with smart people and you will always look good.”

Take pride in the contents of this newsletter. It represents collective achievement.

And most of all enjoy the summer ahead.

Staff Updates

Dr. Elise Couture has been appointed Director of the new Neonatal Follow-up Fellowship Program, effective May 1, 2012.

Dr. James Adam Fleming has stepped in as Director, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Residency Program, effective January 1, 2012.
Dr. Daniel Brody has accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine of the Montreal Children’s Hospital of the MUHC, effective January 1st, 2012. Dr. Brody obtained his medical degree from McGill University (2006) and obtained prior to that a B.Sc. in Biology (2002) from McGill University. He completed his fellowship training in Pediatric Emergency Medicine (2011) at the Montreal Children’s Hospital-MUHC.

Dr. Jennifer Turnbull has accepted a position as Part-Time Faculty Lecturer Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine of the Montreal Children’s Hospital of the MUHC, effective June 15, 2012, for a period of one year. Dr. Turnbull obtained her medical degree from Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario (2005). She completed her pediatric residency training at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario (2008) and her pediatric emergency medicine fellowship at McGill University (2010). Dr. Turnbull is doing a maternity replacement for Dr. Suzanne Vaillancourt.

Dr. Audrey Lovett has accepted a position as Full-Time Assistant Professor Clinical (Contract Academic Staff) in the Department of Pediatrics, at McGill University and as staff physician within the Division of Pediatric Dermatology of the Montreal Children’s Hospital of the MUHC, effective February 1st, 2012. Dr. Lovett obtained her medical degree from the University of Montreal (2002) and completed her residency in dermatology at University of Montreal (2007). She has subsequently completed her fellowship in pediatric dermatology/genodermatosis at CHU Sainte-Justine - Mother-and Child University Hospital Center (2008).

TEMPORARY REPLACEMENT

Dr. Samir Hussain did a temporary replacement for Dr. Maala Bhatt, Division of Emergency Medicine, Department of Pediatrics for the period of October 17, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

Dr. Lisa-Anne Rasmussen is doing a temporary clinical replacement for Dr. Michael Shevell, Division of Neurology, Department of Pediatrics, for the period of March 1st to June 30th, 2012.

MATERNITY REPLACEMENT

Dr. Samara Zavalkoff is on maternity leave as of June 10, 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Dr. Dominic Chalut for having been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Association des pédiatres du Québec for the year 2012-2013.

Dr. Evelyn Constantin for having been named to the Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence in recognition of her contributions to teaching in the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Aurore Côté for having received the 2012 Aldo Best Care for Children Award, Ambulatory Care Team, from The Montreal Children’s Hospital Foundation.

Dr. Geoffrey Dougherty for having marked an extraordinary milestone representing 25 years of service at the MUHC.

Dr. Harley Eisman for having received the 2012 Bell Best Care for Children Award, Emergency Department Team, from The Montreal Children’s Hospital Foundation.

Dr. Daniel Faucher for having been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Association des pédiatres du Québec for the year 2012-2013.

Dr. F. Clarke Fraser for having been inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. With this induction, Dr. Fraser joins in the Hall’s distinguished ranks, another McGill Department of Pediatrics and Montreal Children’s Hospital luminary, Dr. Charles Scriver.

Dr. Nada Jabado, who was profiled in April by Premières en affaires magazine as one of eight women who are innovative, inspiring trailblazers on the frontlines of strategic change in healthcare.

Dr. Nada Jabado, for receiving the 2012 Group Jean Coutu Best Care for Children Award in Research, from The Montreal Children’s Hospital Foundation.

Dr. Nada Jabado, for receiving the Faculty of Medicine’s Maude Abbott Prize. This prize is awarded annually to women faculty members who excel in education, research or administration, with a focus on those at the early stages of their careers.

Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy for having been named to the Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence in recognition of her contributions to teaching in the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Claire Leblanc for having been awarded the CPS Member Recognition Award 2012. This prestigious honor is awarded to members who have gone above and beyond what is expected from a volunteer in the past year.
Dr. Hema Patel for having been the recipient of the 2012 Canadian Pediatric Society Victor Marchessault Advocacy Award. This award was established in 2001 to recognize the diverse ways that Canadian individuals or organizations have made outstanding contributions to make life better for children and youth at the local, provincial, or national level. The award was presented during the CPS Child and Youth Health Lecture at the Society’s 89th Annual Conference in London, Ontario, on June 7th, 2012.

Dr. Saleem Razack for having been selected as the award recipient for the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada May Cohen Gender Equity Award. This award recognizes the important contribution to the Equity, Diversity and Gender Community in Canada.

Dr. Saleem Razack for having been selected as one of the inaugural laureates of the 2012 Haile T. Debas Prize. The Haile T. Debas Prize was established in 2010 to promote equitable diversity at all levels in the McGill Faculty of Medicine. This prize recognizes a Faculty member(s) of any gender or ethnicity who helps promote diversity by acting as role model or mentor, by implementing new policies to increase underrepresented minorities in undergraduate or postgraduate training, and by faculty recruitment, retention and/or promotion.

Dr. Nicolas Steinmetz for having received the 2012 Aldo Best Care for Children Award, Visionary, from The Montreal Children’s Hospital Foundation.

Dr. Blair Whittemore for having marked an extraordinary milestone representing 45 years of service at the MUHC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DELIGHTED PARENTS


Jessica Stewart on her baby boy (Zev John Shahin), born on March 19, 2012.

Meranda Nakhla on her baby girl (Amelia Michelle Perin), born on March 24, 2012.

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DELIGHTED GRAND-PARENTS

Dr. Claudette Bardin on her third grand-child (Sophie), born on May 11, 2012. A forth one is due to arrive in a few days.

WEEKLY DEPARTMENTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

February 2012

3 - Dr. Nada Jabado; Drs. Holly Agostino and Brett Burstein for organizing Skit Night
10 - Drs. Preetha Krishnamoorthi and Nadine Korah for ‘Dancing with the Docs’; and Dr. Saleem Razack
17 - Dr. Genevieve Bernard; the late Dr. John Kiteala
24 - Members of the MCH ECMO team who participate in this program, including PICU attending, fellows, nurses and cannulating surgeons. Second acknowledgment for Dr. George Mandich.

March 2012

2 - Dr. Apo Papageorgiou (with the JGH neonatal medical staff). Dr. Bruce Mazer, and ECMO omission from previous week; Ken Shaw and the Blood Bank team.
9 - Dr. Richard Gosselin, Alessandra Tedeschi and the members of the Resident Selection Committee; Also Chantal Poulin who heads up the pediatric neurology CaRMS selection process.
16 - Attending staff based at the RVH NICU-Daniel Faucher, Nabeel Ali, Romain Mandel, Brahim Bensouda and Alexandre Barbier.
23 - Dr. F Clarke Fraser
30 - Recognition of years of service: Saleem Razack, Hema Patel, Louis Beaumier, Robert Platt, Brian Greenfield, Marie Josee Beland, Lorraine Bell, Rick Haber, and Wendy MacDonald

April 2012

5 - Drs. Holly Agostino and Brett Burstein for Pediatric Residents’ Research Day and their project supervisors
13 - Drs. Hema Patel
20 - Dr. Nada Jabado
27 - Dr. Alice Chan-Yip

May 2012

4 - Dr. Saleem Razack
11 - Drs. Evelyn Constantin and Preetha Krishnamoorthy
18 - Dr. Claire LeBlanc
25 - Dr. Blair Whittemore

June 2012

1 - Dr. Michael Shevell (put forward by Emmett Francoeur)
8 - Heather Davies and Rosalie Suarez (Nurses’ Week)
15 - Drs. Mitchell Shiller and George Mandich
22 - Dr. Claudette Bardin
**MCGILL FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CHIEF RESIDENTS**

Drs Catherine Nolin and Jade Séguin for having been selected as Chief Residents in Pediatrics, for the period from March 12, 2012 to March 10, 2013.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO**

Holly Agostino, winner in the Fellows category and Brett Burstein, who received a Mention of Honor in the residents’ category, at the 24th Annual National Pediatric Resident and Fellow Research Competition in Winnipeg, on May 17-18, 2012. A well-deserved honour!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBERS ON THEIR PROMOTION:**

Dr. Giosi Di Meglio on her promotion to the rank of Associate Professor (Clinical) Contract Academic Staff, effective January 1, 2012.

Dr. Karen Watanabe Duffy on her promotion to the rank of Associate Professor (Clinical) Contract Academic Staff, effective January 1, 2012.

**THE MCGILL UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER (MUHC)**

The members of the Newly Constituted MUHC Board of Directors:

Two representatives from the population
- Jill Hugessen (CSCA Member)
- Gwen Nacos

Two representatives from the User’s Committee
- Maria Mastracchio
- Pierre Hurteau

One member from the Council of Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists (CPDP)
- Dr. Earl Rubin (Member, Department of Pediatrics)

One representative from the Council of Nurses
- Susan Drouin

One representative from the Multidisciplinary Council
- Colleen Timm

One representative from the Council of Non-Clinical Personnel
- Alison Laurin

One representative from the Foundations
- Joan Ivory

Two representatives from McGill University
- Robert Rabinovitch
- Rose Goldstein

Two representatives from the Agence de la santé et des services sociaux
- Marie Giguère
- David H. Laidley

Six co-opted members
- Peter Abraham
- Claudio Bussandri
- Gail Campbell
- François Laurin (CSCA Member)
- Glenn R. Rourke
- Norman G. Spencer
- Normand Rinfret, Interim Director General and CEO, MUHC

**Dancing with the Docs at the Métropolis!**

Ten MUHC docs amazed thrilled and thoroughly entertained the 800-plus capacity crowd at Saturday night’s inaugural event. Among those docs, two were from The Montreal Children’s Hospital:

**Dr. Nadine Korah** – General Pediatrics Fellow and Chief Resident, The Montreal Children’s Hospital.

**Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy** – Pediatric Endocrinologist and Director for the McGill Undergraduate Education Program, The Montreal Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Krishnamoorthy, who performed a rollicking Bollywood-inspired cha-cha with her Arthur Murray partner Cristopher Panasuk, was crowned the winner with Drs. Korah and Kaedbey as 2nd and 3rd place finishers respectively.

The event raised $203,000 for The Best Care for Life Campaign and promises to be a much-anticipated annual fundraiser.

**THE MONTREAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL (MCH) OF THE MCGILL UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE (MUHC)**

**CPDP Executive Committee**

The elected members forming the 2012-2013 Executive Committee are:

- Dr. Pramod Puligandla, Chair
- Dr. Richard Haber
- Dr. Christos Karatzios
- Dr. Preetha Krishnamoorthy
- Dr. Catherine Millar
- Dr. Véronique Morinville
- Dr. Melvin Schloss
Dr. Harvey Guyda’s retirement form The Montreal Children’s Hospital on September 30, 2012

Dr. Harvey Guyda announced he will retire as Associate Executive Director (AED) of the MCH on September 30, 2012.

Dr. Guyda began his career at the MCH in 1971 and served as Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics in the McGill Faculty of Medicine for 16 years, following which he was appointed Dodds Professor Emeritus. Dr. Guyda was again distinguished when McGill University’s Faculty of Medicine created the Harvey Guyda Chair in its Department of Pediatrics in 2009 with an endowment established at the Montreal Children’s Foundation.

A search committee, co-chaired by Mr. Normand Rinfret and Mr. François Laurin has been established with the mandate of providing its recommendations to the Council of Services to Children and Adolescents (CSCA). The CSCA will in turn submit its recommendation to the MUHC Board of Directors.

MCH Foundation “15,000 Smiles” Music Concert in St-Patrick Basilica

On May 11, the medical students of the McGill University organized a fundraiser for the MCH Foundation “15,000 Smiles”. This classical music concert took place at St-Patrick Basilica, and featured the talent of many medical students, the FACE children and youth choirs, I Medici di McGill, as well as Drs. Evelyn Constantin and Olivia Tse, who both sang solos. The organizers surpassed their fundraising goal of $15,000 by raising $22,000!

THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT THE MONTREAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL OF THE MCGILL UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE

EXTERNAL FUNDING RESULTS

Dr. Geneviève Bernard has received a Junior 1 Chercheur-boursier clinicien career award and an establishment grant from the Fonds de recherche-Santé Québec (FRQS) in support of her research entitled “Caractérisation clinique et génétique de maladies neurodégénératives de l’enfant avec focus sur les leucodystrophies et maladies héréditaires de la matière blanche cérébrale.”

Dr. Evelyn Constantin has received a Junior 2 Chercheur-boursier clinicien career award from the FRQS in support of her research entitled “Troubles du sommeil chez les enfants: Les effets du traitement sur les résultats de santé.”

Dr. Isabelle Gagnon has received a Junior 2 Chercheur-boursier clinicien career award from the FRQS. In addition, the FRQS has awarded Dr. Gagnon a clinical research grant of $215,255 over a three-year term in support of the project “Évaluation de l’impact d’une intervention de réadaptation et le risque de subir une deuxième blessure chez les enfants et adolescents ayant subi une entorse de la cheville: étude clinique randomisée.”

Dr. Cindy Goodyer has received funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to study “The human growth hormone receptor: regulation of expression during development.” Valued at $629,130 over a five-year term, this grant was ranked first by the Endocrinology Committee at the CIHR.

Dr. Paul Goodyer has been awarded a grant of $709,705 over a five-year term from the CIHR to study “Renal progenitor cells in kidney development and the response to renal injury.”

Dr. Nada Jabado has received a Senior Chercheur-boursier clinicien career award from the FRQS in support of her research entitled “Identification d’événements moléculaires et génétiques impliqués dans la genèse des astrocytomes de l’enfant.” Dr Jabado’s application for this award ranked first in the senior chercheur-clinicien fundamental research competition.

Dr. Meranda Nakhla has received a Junior 1 Chercheur-boursier clinicien career award and an establishment grant from the FRQS in support of her research programme “Accessibilité aux soins de santé, utilisation des ressources et leur impact sur la santé des enfants et adolescents atteints de diabète au Québec.”

Dr. Larry Lands has received a grant of $152,329 over a two-year term from Cystic Fibrosis Canada to investigate “Activation of the type I interferon pathway in CF airway epithelial cells and macrophages to limit rhinoviral infections.”

Dr. Maryam Oskoui has received a New Investigator Grant from the CIHR/SickKids Foundation entitled: “Prevalence and Health Care Utilization Pattern of Children with Cerebral Palsy in Quebec. The grant is a three-year term which value is to be confirmed.

Dr. Robert Platt has received a Chercheur national salary award from the FRQS in support of his research programme “Développement de méthodes statistiques spécifiques à des problèmes de recherche en pédiatrie et
pharmaco épidémiologie.” Furthermore, Dr. Platt has received a three-year grant of $405,940 from the CIHR for “Propensity scores and marginal structural models in drug safety research” in addition to a five-year grant of $60,000 from the National Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada (NSERC) in support of the study “Causal inference in statistics.”

Dr. Janusz Rak has received a two-year grant of $100,000 from the Canadian Cancer Society in support of the project “Age-specific antiangiogenic therapy.”

Dr. Aimee Ryan has received a five-year grant of $130,000 from NSERC in support of her project “The role of claudins in embryonic patterning and morphogenesis.”

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Congratulations to...

Dr. Nada Jabado, for being awarded the Canadian Cancer Society William E. Rawls Award for excellence in cancer research. This honour is awarded each year by the National Council of the Canadian Cancer Society to a young investigator whose work has led to important advances in cancer control within the past decade.

Dr. Nada Jabado, for being named “Researcher of the Month” by Canadians for Health Research.

Dr. I. Barry Pless, for receiving a Doctor of Science, honoris causa, from his alma mater, the University of Western Ontario. He was invited to deliver the convocation address at the ceremony.

Congratulations to Trainees

Ms. Amanda Baumholtz, a Master’s student in Dr. Aimée Ryan's laboratory, and Xiaoyang Lui, an MD/PhD student in Dr. Nada Jabado’s laboratory, for receiving prizes for best presentations at The Montreal Children's Hospital Annual Research Day.

IN MEMORIUM

Dr. John Kiteala passed away on January 16, 2012, at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Dr. Kiteala graduated from McGill Faculty of Medicine in 1961 and received his Pediatric training at the Montreal Children's Hospital. He was among the last of the solo community-based practitioners with a longstanding practice in the Côte-des-Neiges area. He was a loquacious, engaging man with a broad and hearty sense of humor. He was a devoted Pediatrician, able to ignore a crowded waiting room and spend the time necessary with a child and family. He was particularly fond of music in many different styles (including opera, bluegrass, and folk) and was also an accomplished musician himself on the banjo, piano, and harmonica.

Our condolences go out to his family.

OUR CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO

Dr. Mary Decell on the loss of her father, Mr. Thomas Abbott Decell, who passed away on January 27, 2012.

Dr. Ilana Greenstone on the loss of her mother, Mrs. Freda Greenstone, who passed away on April 24, 2012.

FALL DEPARTMENTAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

8:00 a.m.

Forbes-Cushing Amphitheatre (D-182)

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m.

SPRING 2013 TOWN HALL MEETING WITH DEAN EIDELMAN

Wednesday, May 22, 2012

8:00 a.m.

Forbes-Cushing Amphitheatre (D-182)

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m.

YOU ARE ALL ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

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