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The Centre for Medical Education located in the Lady Meredith House at the corner of Peel and Pine has 12 Core Faculty and 17 Centre Members whose role it is to carry out the mission of the Centre.

The Faculty of Medicine Centre for Medical Education has a mission to:

- enhance the profile of medical education and medical education research in the faculty of medicine.
- stimulate research in medical education in the faculty of medicine.
- respond to consultations and requests related to the educational mission of the faculty in undergraduate, postgraduate, and continuing medical education.

Centre for Medical Education Activities 2004-2005:

Research

The Core Faculty and Centre Members have participated on many fronts. There has been active collaboration with other departments and schools at McGill University as well as with American and European researchers. The large collaborative project on interprofessional education involves members from the Centre as well as those from Internal Medicine, Nursing and Physiotherapy. We have collaborated with Dr. Bernard Charlin and our Université de Montréal confreres in several areas. Two of the Core Faculty are actively involved in the critical thinking group directed by Dr. Charlin. The Director and Associate Director of the Centre have had ongoing discussions with the Université de Montréal Centre Director and will have further discussions in the fall related to development of a conjoint McGill-Université de Montréal Unit of Medical Education. Centre Members and Core Faculty have presented many plenary sessions, R&D sessions, posters, and workshops at international meetings including the AAMC in Boston and the AMEE in Edinburgh. The Centre for Medical Education was broadly represented as well at the CAME meeting in Saskatoon. As a group we have been very successful in receiving grant awards. Details of awards are listed in Appendix 3.

Academic Staff

Professor Saleem Razack from the Department of Pediatrics joined us as a Core Member while Dr. Aliki Thomas from Occupational Therapy took a leave of absence. Among the notable appointments during the past year are: Dr. Sylvia Cruess, Full Professor of Medicine, Dr. Linda Snell, Associate Physician in Chief at the MUHC, Dr. Yvonne Steinert, President Elect of CAME, Dr. Colin Chalk, Director, Division of Neurology MUHC-MGH, Dr. Ron Gottesman, Clinical Skills Centre Steering Committee.
Dr. Yvonne Steinert and Dr. Linda Snell each registered significant accomplishments in having an education publication listed in the top 10 articles downloaded from the prestigious journal *Medical Education*. Dr. Steinert’s acclaimed article is entitled “Student Perceptions of Small Group Teaching”. Dr. Snell’s acclaimed article is entitled “Orienting Teaching Toward the Learning Process”

**Teaching and Learning**

A committee under the direction of Dr. Linda Snell and Dr. Alenoush Saroyan met extensively over the past year to develop the brand new Master’s of Educational Psychology with a health sciences option. The group worked tirelessly to develop a program outline and the courses required, and to shepherd the program through the McGill Faculty of Medicine Course Approval Committee and subsequently the Principal’s Committee Chaired by Dr. Martha Crago. There were five new applicants for the program, two of whom were accepted to begin in the fall of 2005.

We received eight applications for the Postgraduate Fellowship in Health Sciences Education and selected Dr. Jennifer Walton from Pediatrics and Dr. Evelyne Caron from Obstetrics and Gynecology. Both were valuable additions to the Centre activities and both did extremely well in carrying a heavy course load in the Faculty of Education. Dr. Walton has developed a significant project related to improving clinical teaching and presented a workshop on this topic at the CAME meeting in Saskatoon. Dr. Caron has developed a unique project designed to educate obstetric and gynecology residents about teenagers’ needs related to sexuality. She presented a poster at the Canadian Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology meeting. In the spring of 2005, we interviewed another eight new applicants for fellowship and accepted two outstanding individuals in the person of Dr. Teresa Rudkin from Genetics and Dr. Catherine Henin from Pediatrics.

The Faculty Development office, under the direction of Dr. Steinert, conducted a number of valuable workshops throughout the year, and many members of the Centre played active roles in designing and conducting these workshops. Finally we are proud of the teaching output of all of our members, each of whom has a base specialty in which they are valued teachers.

In conjunction with the Faculty Development office and Associate Dean Yvonne Steinert, we developed the annual Medical Education Rounds program. The four rounds’ presentations featured visiting medical experts as well as Centre for Medical Education Members and Teaching Scholars.

**Involvement in the community**

Almost all members participate actively, not only in undergraduate and postgraduate education, but in continuing education in the scientific community and in the lay community. Examples of this include active instruction in continuing medical education and continuing professional development for practitioners in the McGill community, in Montreal, and in other universities across Canada. Dr. Steinert and Dr. McLeod have been involved in the highly popular Mini Med series for the lay community.
and Dr. Steinert has been involved in a major educational project for Health Science teachers in Argentina.

Appendix I – Honours Awards and Prizes

- Dr. Gustavo Duque – CAME Prize for the best poster at the CAME Annual Meeting in Saskatoon.

- Dr. Linda Snell – Osler Lecturer at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Canadian Society for Internal Medicine.

- Dr. Sarkis Meterissian – Appointed to the McGill faculty Honour List for teaching excellence.

- Dr. Anne-Marie MacLellan – Prix Letondal 2004: Association des Pédiatres du Québec

- Dr. Richard Cruess - Honorary Degree, Laval University. Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa.
Appendix II – Publications for 2004
(A list of all publications Jan 1, 2004 – Dec 31, 2004 can also be found on our website at: http://www.medicine.mcgill.ca/centreformeded/annualpubs.htm#2003)


Appendix III – Grants

Boudreau, D., “McGill Curriculum on “Physicianship. Design Development and Program Evaluation” (Max Bell Foundation “Special Projects” Grant, $412,000)

Boudreau, D., “McGill Skills Centre- Clinical and Communication Skills Program” (Max Bell Foundation “Special Projects” Grant, $130,000)

Boudreau, D., “The Patient Perspective on the Physician as Healer and Professional” (Montreal General Hospital Foundation Grant, $110,000)


Gottesman, R. “Web-based post-graduate learning for Pediatric Critical Care Medicine.” (McGill Faculty of Medicine/ McGill Instructional Communication Center, 2003-2005, $10,000)


Snell, L., Laprise, R., Learning habits of academic specialists (Aventis Pharma, 2003-6, $7000)
Snell, L., Steinert, Y. Look before you leap: a Defining the roles of faculty-wide programs in teaching the CanMEDS competencies (Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada -CanMEDS / AMS, 2003-5, $20,570)

Steinert, Y., Boillat, M., Meterissian, S., Liben, S. and McLeod, P.J. Developing Successful Workshops: A Faculty Development Workshop to Enhance the Teaching and Learning of CanMEDs Roles. (Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, 2004-2005, $5,000)

Steinert, Y., Razack, S., DiMeglio, G., Cruess, S., and Cruess, R. Faculty Development for Social Accountability: From the University to the Community – and Back Again! (Health Canada, 2004-2006, $13,000)

Steinert, Y., Walsh, A., Mott, M. and Maskill, S. A Faculty Development Program for Teachers of Internationally Educated Health Care Professionals. (Health Canada, 2004-2005, $245,000)
Appendix IV – distinguished visitors to the Centre for Medical Education

October 8th, 2004 – Dr. Karen Mann, Dalhousie University. “The Role of Theory in Medical Education.”

November 4th, 2004 – Dr. Amitai Ziv, Beer-Shiva University, Israel. “The Simulation Center.”

January 20th, 2005 – Dr. Leora Berkson, McGill University, “Teaching the Joint Exam.”

February 3rd, 2005 – Dr. Gerald Fried, McGill University “Teaching and Evaluating Technical Skills”

April 21st, 2005 – Dr. Marilyn Hammick, Oxford University. “Interprofessional Education.”