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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

October 31, 2020 marks the first anniversary of the creation of the McGill Department of Emergency Medicine.

This week, in celebration of this momentous event, we launch our first departmental newsletter which summarizes the achievements of the department to date.

We hope you like the design, format and new way of sharing our knowledge and news with you!

We want this newsletter to be valuable for you so *please, please* share your feedback and suggestions to help us improve.

ASSOCIATE CHAIR POSITIONS

On October 7, 2020, we launched a department-wide a Call for Expressions of Interest for four key positions in the McGill Department of Emergency Medicine. Namely:

- [Associate Chair, Clinical Practice](#)
- [Associate Chair, Education](#)
- [Associate Chair, Innovation](#)
- [Associate Chair, Research](#)

The application deadline has been extended to **November 6, 2020 at 5pm EST** in order to provide all members the opportunity to participate.

Thus far, applications have been received for the Clinical Practice and Education portfolios. In addition to these two portfolios, opportunities to enhance and shape the academic Department of Emergency Medicine abound in the Innovation and Research arena.

PROMOTIONS UPDATE – FALL 2020 COHORT

Following the September 2020 meetings of the Departmental Promotions Committee (DPC), recommendations for the promotion of an additional 8 DEM members were submitted to the Faculty for consideration. Official decisions on most of these are expected as of April 2021.

Since the creation of the DEM in October 2019, 16 members have been promoted (11 from Faculty Lecturer to Assistant Professor and 5 from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor).

MUTLI-SITE COLLABORATION

In the spring of 2019, an Emergency Medicine Health Informatics Collaboration team, comprised of members from multiple sites, was constituted with the mission of creating a McGill Emergency Medicine Centre of Excellence in Health Informatics. One of the key aspects to achieving this mission, was the creation of an Emergency Medicine Health Informatics Fellowship, which was successfully accomplished in August 2019, with Dr Adam Gossack, the inaugural fellow, beginning his fellowship in late August 2020.

Part of the Emergency Medicine Health Informatics Fellowship consists of academic half day sessions, which are geared towards building and developing informatics capacity in Emergency physicians, in the areas of data acquisition (software, user interface), data management, data analysis (AI and big data) and change management.

These sessions take place on a bi-weekly basis, from September until June, on Thursdays from 9am to 11:30am via MS Teams. For details on upcoming sessions, please see [Health Informatics Fellowship Academic Half Day Schedule](#).

The Emergency Medicine Health Informatics Fellowship Journal Club and Academic Half Day sessions are a self-approved group learning activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

REVAMPED DEM WEBSITE

As you may recall, on August 6, 2020, we announced the upgrade to the departmental website, which is best viewed on desktop or tablet, but has been designed to be mobile-friendly.

Update your profile page

Each department member has their own profile page under the [department directory](#).

If your name is listed, you can go to your own page, then click on 'Log-in (site maintenance)' in the bottom right hand corner, and you'll be able to update your own page with as much or as little information (contact info, training, research/publications, etc) as you'd like - empty fields will not be visible. Professional-looking profile photos would be great and are easy to upload through the web interface. The 'Title' field refers to any specific position you hold within the DEM (program director, committee chairperson, etc), while 'Academic Title' refers to the academic rank (Faculty Lecturer, Assistant Professor, etc).

If your name is not listed, you'll have to submit a '[Create a Profile Page](#)' request in the [Portal](#). Please note, you will be prompted to log-in with your McGill e-mail to view the forms.

We encourage you to explore the website and to continue to provide your feedback so that we can continue to improve upon it.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE

On June 15, 2020, the Chairs of Emergency Medicine and Family Medicine concluded a [Lettre d'Entente](#) outlining the academic appointment criteria for CCFP-EM and CCFP trained family physicians to the Department of Emergency Medicine.

UPCOMING TOWN HALL

During this unprecedented time, the leadership team of the McGill Department of Emergency Medicine would like to continue to keep the lines of communication open so that we can better support you.

In early 2021, we will host one or more town halls to welcome your feedback on a number of important topics relevant to the future of the department. All faculty members, learners and staff are encouraged to attend.

As valued internal stakeholders, this is an opportunity for you to share comments and ask questions about our collective future. Your input is critical to ensure we continue to build on our successes in academic medicine.

Details to follow!

Be safe, be well, and be kind,

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