

Hi Everyone

This week's Departmental Acknowledgements go to Gaelle Chedeville, Ron Gottesman, and Mitch Shiller.

You are probably wondering what these 3 individuals have in common?

They are the initial recipients of awards from the MSSA's Career Enhancement Fund (CEF). Implemented last year, this fund is supported by a 0.5% contribution from MSSA members. This generates roughly \$150,000 annually which is then made available for MSSA members who wish to undertake a further learning experience that would benefit their career, their Division, the hospital, and most importantly our patients.

Gaelle, a rheumatologist, will utilize her CEF Award to attend a detailed musculoskeletal ultrasound course being offered in Madrid. This technology will enable the non-invasive evaluation in difficult situations of children with rheumatologic disorders. Ron, a specialist in critical care medicine, longtime director of our PICU, and a maven in medical education scholarship, will utilize his CEF Award to facilitate his participation in the International Medical Educators exchange program. This unique program brings together senior medical educators from McGill, the Karolinska Institute (Stockholm), Dalhousie University, Utrecht Medical Centre (Netherlands), and St George's University (London, UK). Ron will use his Award to enable his participation in the overseas segments of this eXchange program. Mitch, a community pediatrician who is now Associate Chair (Financial) has emerged as one of our key champions in medical informatics. Mitch will use his CEF Award to pursue additional medical informatics specific training that will enable the establishment of a Departmental Medical Intelligence Unit that will allow us to enhance our capability to capture data that should lead to improved care, organizational efficiencies, teaching and research opportunities.

Gaelle, Ron and Mitch should be congratulated for their willingness to improve their personal skill set for the betterment of the Department as a whole. Given their success and the opportunity that the CEF offers, I would encourage all Departmental members to think creatively about utilizing this opportunity.

This Departmental Acknowledgement would not be complete without noting that the creation of the CEF is largely the work of Bob Brouillette and Celia Rodd.

Lastly, on behalf of the entire Department of Pediatrics, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Drs. Robert Platt, Louis Beaumier, Saleem Razack, Hema Patel for their fifteen years of service and Drs. Wendy MacDonald and Richard Haber for their thirty-five years.

Have a great weekend everyone.

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