

Hi Everyone,

Beginning about 6 weeks ago, I began to notice a large number of smartly dressed young people gathering over a week's time each day in the corridor outside my office on C-4. The girls in skirtsuits or pantsuits with heels and a smattering of boys looking somewhat uncomfortable in suits and ties. It was evident that the annual mid-winter ritual of Canadian academic medicine known as the CaRMS interviews had begun.

It is for this reason and the CaRMS results that were revealed on Tuesday this week, that the week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to Richard Gosselin our dedicated PGME Director. Beginning with 158 applications from across Canada, through systematic review of each file Richard selected 63 fourth year students for interviews. From this group, 9 individuals were selected and will form our entering cohort of pediatric R1s for the 2012-2013 year. This group is in addition to 3 FMGs and a pediatric neurology trainee who will spend his first year in pediatrics. Richard puts his heart and soul into the selection process on behalf of the entire Department and we know how valuable and integral these residents are to our mission. It should also be noted that it's a credit to Richard that our program consistently attracts a high volume of applications and that those eventually matched are indeed among the best and brightest in their graduating classes.

Richard will no doubt want me to also acknowledge the hard work of the Pediatric PGME administrator Alessandra Tedeschi who spends an inordinate amount of time attending to the details of the CaRMS process and the members of the Selection Committee that represents a cross-section of the Department; Tiscar Cavalle-Garrido, Louise Auger, Patricia Li, Catherine Henin, Ilana Bank, Shuvo Ghosh, Evelyn Constantin, Nadine Korah and Robert Sternszus. I would also like to personally add Chantal Poulin who heads up the pediatric neurology CaRMS selection process.

Finally, we need to recognize our incoming R1s and on behalf of everyone, I look forward to welcoming them to our Department this forthcoming July. They also deserve hearty congratulations on this important personal and career milestone. Their names are listed below.

Asim Al Bushi, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Oman.
Mohammed Al Ghounaim, Kuwait University, Kuwait.
Mohammed Al Mazyad, King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
Mher Barbarian, McGill
Estelle Chétrit, McGill
Virginie Clavel, Université de Montreal
Rachel Deschamps, McGill
Raven Dumont-Maurice, McGill
Alicia Lambrinakos-Raymond, McGill
Fiona Muttalib, McGill
Gillian Seidman, McGill
Zofia Zysman-Colman, McGill
Jarred Garfinkle, McGill (pediatric neurology)

Have a great weekend everyone!

Michael