

Hi Everyone,

This week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to Holly Agostino and Brett Burstein, yet really is in recognition of a wonderful collective effort that came to fruition earlier this week that I was able to partially attend.

Holly and Brett are repeat offenders in this weekly acknowledgement and last received one for their contribution to the Department's social life and joie de vivre for their organization of the annual Skit Night in late January. On this occasion, they are being acknowledged for their "win" at the past week's Pediatric Residents' Research Day. Holly, a fellow in Adolescent Medicine who will be joining our staff shortly, presented her work on a paradigm shift in the management of youth with anorexia nervosa. Brett, already a PhD in cardiac physiology (and a proud graduate of my MedIV small group elective on Medicine in the Third Reich-ask him about it sometime), presented a 20-year population study on SIDS in Quebec. Needless to say, kudos must also go to their project supervisors Drs Di Meglio, Côté and Rohlicek. As a result of this accomplishment, Holly and Brett have an opportunity to have yet another honeymoon in.....Winnipeg (doesn't have the cache of Hawaii or Paris does it?), where they can present their work with the Department's sponsorship at a national event featuring fellows' residents' research efforts from across the country. Runner up in the fellows category was Ziad Al Sani (Ron Gottesman and Michael Zappitelli) and in the residents' group Jade Seguin (Ron Gottesman and Michael Zappitelli again)

Residents' Research Day is an annual event held together with our colleagues at CHU Sainte-Justine that alternates its venue from site to site. It only happens because of the tireless efforts of our PGME Director Richard Gosselin, ably assisted by Alessandra Tedeschi and staff members implicated in the research component of the residents' training, specifically Evelyn Constantin and Shuvo Ghosh who co-ordinate the overall effort. Judging of the residents' presentation this year was provided by Robert Brouillette, Patricia Li and Pia Wintermark.

I would be remiss if I did not also mention the other Departmental residents and fellows who presented their work together with their Departmental Supervisors; Helena Evangeliou (Suzanne MacDonald, Veronique Morinville), Osama Safdar (Martin Bitzan), David Martens (Di Meglio), Turki Al Ahmadi (Larry Lands), Virginie Beauséjour Ladouceur, Chatchay Prempunpong (Guilherme Sant'Anna), Geneviève Tourigny-Ruel (Dubravka Diksic, Elise Mok, David McGillivray), Claudia Renaud (Franco Carnevale, Sam Shemie), Reem Al Khalifah (Evelyn Constantin, Laurent Legault, Elise Mok, Claire Leblanc), Brigitte Moreau (Ernie Seidman, Sylviane Forget), Tanya Di Genova (Farhan Bhanji), and Nadine Korah (Evelyn Constantin). All are winners in my eyes for making the effort to ask questions, design studies that provide answers and present their work in a public forum subject to peer scrutiny.

Happy Easter and Chag Shameach!

Have a happy extended weekend everyone.

Michael