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"The capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill, the willingness to learn is a choice"

Brian Herbert

Hi Everyone

Our weekly Departmental Grand Rounds is an important forum for us to come together as a community on a regular basis and embrace our commitment to a lifetime of Continuing Professional Development. Organizing and ensuring the smooth flow of these Rounds is an enormous task and that is why this week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to **Elisa Ruano Cea** our Grand Rounds Coordinator.

Elisa is originally from Central America but made her way to Montreal where she completed her MDCM at McGill after CEGEP. By the way her academic record is replete with the descriptors such as "Honours", "Honour Roll" and "Best Academic Achievement" attached to her performance. Elisa then went on to do a pediatric residency here which included a Fellowship in Academic General Pediatrics. As a resident she dedicated herself to several very successful advocacy efforts on behalf of child health oriented towards multiculturalism and refugee health. Elisa's natural skill set in medical education was formalized with a Master's of Health Profession Education obtained last year from the University of Illinois in Chicago.

Fortunately for us Elisa was able to join our General Pediatrics Division where her clinical activities are clustered as an attending physician on our in-patient wards, in our Medical Day Hospital and at the RVH nursery. A valued and highly respected teacher, Elisa is additionally an affiliate member of the Faculty's Centre for Medical Education. She is playing a key role in the challenge of our transitioning to the Competency By Design model mandated by the Royal College that will have a substantive impact on both training and evaluation. She is also a competitive athlete in the sport of beach volleyball.

Elisa has organized Grand Rounds for the past academic year and will continue to do so into the next year. This is a complex and challenging task from interfacing with multiple Divisions to assign speakers, to liaising with the speakers to make scheduling and travel arrangements, to ensuring smooth operation of the AV systems in the RI amphitheatre where the rounds are held. In effect she functions as our hostess and external representative and she does so with a pedagogical mindset, grace, humor and efficiency that is quite admirable and could serve as a lesson to all. It was Elisa who advocated for the provision of coffee and danishes at the end of Rounds as we exit. She has also done a remarkable job at ensuring diversity and novelty in the topics presented. The result has been an increase in attendance and dare I say more networking. At a time when a common (and valid) complaint is a loss of closeness with the move to the Glen, Grand Rounds offers a regular portal to engage and connect. I thank our regular attendees and encourage all of you to make an effort to attend.

Please join me in thanking Elisa for the work she does on all our behalf.

Have a great weekend!

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