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Hi Everyone,

Continuing our theme from last week, this week's Departmental Acknowledgement goes to **Guillaume Sébire** who stepped down as our Division Director of Pediatric Neurology on March 1st with the intent to more vigorously pursue his laboratory investigative work.

Guillaume is a product of France where he completed his medical, specialty, PhD and post-doctoral fellowship training. For a time, Guillaume came under the tutelage of Jean Aicardi, one of the foremost child neurologists of the 20th century. During his training Guillaume was the first author of a 1992 J Peds article that was the first clinical description of what became recognized as anti-NMDA receptor encephalitis in 2007.

Guillaume first academic posts were in Louvain in Belgium and in 2003 he jumped the pond to CHUS where he was Divisional Director and reached the Chercheur National level in salary support funding.

In 2014, I was most happy to recruit Guillaume to McGill and the MCH as both Divisional Director of Pediatric Neurology and the Dodds Professor of Pediatrics. Guillaume is an internationally renowned authority in inflammatory mediators of brain injury and dysfunction in a variety of pathologic states including prematurity, birth asphyxia, stroke and auto-immune disorders. He has robust external operational funding, a prodigious publication record, and a steady supervision of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

As Division Director, Guillaume was a steady hand who enabled Division members to pursue well-chosen and professionally enriching career paths. At a personal level he handled well the challenge of being the Divisional 'boss' of his own 'boss'. Perhaps what will be most enduring is how well he recruited; Elisabeth Simard-Tremblay, Genevieve Legault, Ken Myers and Bradley Osterman. Guillaume hands over to Maryam Oskoui a Division that, you have heard this phrase from me before, is "firing on all academic cylinders".

Please join me in thanking Guillaume for his service and wishing Maryam all the best.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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