

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS NEWSLETTER JUNE 2005

DEPARTMENT

Staff Updates:

Dr. G. Dougherty has stepped down as Associate Pediatrician-in-Chief as of June 1, 2005. We thank Geoff for his assistance to the Department of Pediatrics and we wish him success in his new endeavors.

Dr. P. Goodyer has been appointed as Associate Pediatrician-in-Chief for the MCH of the MUHC, as of June 1, 2005. We welcome him and thank him for accepting to support the Chair in this role.

Dr. C. Larson has resigned his hospital appointment after having been on staff at the MCH for over 25 years. He has decided to stay on an additional two years at the Centre for Health & Population Research in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Search Committees:

A search committee for the Director of the Division of **Gastroenterology and Nutrition** continues its deliberation and its work is on going. A candidate will visit the MCH on July 14 & 15, 2005.

A search committee for the Jack Cole Chair in Pediatric Oncology has been re-activated and a candidate is being considered.

Maternity Leave:

Dr. H. Karounis, MER, is on maternity leave from April 1, 2005 to February 1, 2006.

Dr. P. Krishnamoorthy, Endocrinology, is on maternity leave from April 20, to July 6, 2005.

Sick Leave:

Dr. F. Ducharme is on sick leave from May to mid-August 2005.

A broken ankle forced **Dr. M. Westwood** to be on sick leave from mid-March to mid-May 2005.

Maternity/Sick Leave Replacement:

Dr. Barbara Arena is replacing **Dr. Helen Karounis** from April 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005.

Congratulations to:

Dr. M. Béland for having been appointed President of the Canadian Pediatric Cardiology Association.

Dr. F. Carnevale for having been named to the Faculty Honour List for Educational Excellence 2005-2006.

Dr. D. Chalut for having been re-elected as member of the Board of Directors of the Association des pédiatres du Québec for the year 2005-2006.

Dr. A. Chan-Yip for having been the first recipient of the Certificate of Merit from the CPS presented at the Annual Quebec Pediatric Association on April 23rd. This award is given for working to make communities more accessible for kids with special needs and to make child/youth health programs more accessible for hard to reach communities.

Dr. A. Chan-Yip for having received the inaugural Noni MacDonald Award at the annual CPS meeting, on June 25, 2005. This annual award, sponsored by Pulsus Group Inc., recognizes an individual whose article has contributed significantly to Paediatric Medicine. Dr. Chan-Yip was chosen for her article: "Health Promotion and research in Chinese community in Montreal: A model of culturally appropriate health care", published in the November 2004 issue of Paediatrics & Child Health.

Dr. C. Cummings for having been re-elected as member of the Board of Directors of the Association des pédiatres du Québec for the year 2005-2006

Dr. E. Francoeur for having passed successfully the Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics American Board Exam.

Dr. B. Foster for having been honored with a *chercheur-boursier* Junior I Salary Awards from the FRSQ. These competitive and highly prestigious awards are conferred for a four-year term in recognition of excellence in research.

Dr. S. Ghosh for having passed successfully the Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics American Board Exam.

Dr. R. Gosselin for having been invited to be an Affiliate Member of the Centre for University Teaching and Learning Services to acknowledge his long-term contribution to teaching development in his own faculty and across the University.

Dr. R. Gottesman for having been invited to participate in a new faculty initiative of “Physician Apprenticeship”. This four-year commitment requires 8 to 10 sessions/year with a group of medical students.

Dr. R. Gottesman for having been appointed for one year as a member of the Centre for Medical Education beginning June 1st, 2005 and ending May 31, 2006.

Dr. L. Hechtman for having been inducted into the CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) Hall of Fame. This award recognizes individuals with outstanding contributions toward advancing the science of ADHD and/or to advancing the educational or legislative/advocacy mission of CHADD. In addition, **Dr. Hechtman** has been appointed President of the Canadian ADHD Resource Alliance.

Dr. L. Lands for having been named Chair of the Clinical Studies Network of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This network oversees, coordinates, and promotes multi-center studies and trials both within Canada, and between Canadian and international centers.

Dr. D. Leduc for having been appointed President of the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS). He will begin his term in June 2005.

Dr. A. Mackie for having been honored with a *Chercheur-boursier* Junior I Salary Award from the FRSQ.

Dr. H. Patel for having won the Prix IMS Canada 2004 in the subspecialist category for the meta-analysis “*Glucocorticoids for acute viral bronchiolitis in infants and young children*” which was published by the Cochrane Library in 2004. **Dr. Robert Platt** was a co-author on the publication.

Dr. G. Pেকেles for having been appointed Vice-President of the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) in 2005-2007 and President in 2007-2008.

Dr. R. Platt for having been honored with a *Chercheur-boursier* Junior II *Salary Award* from the FRSQ.

Dr. B. Pless for having been elected as a Fellow in the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS). An Induction Celebration is scheduled to take place on September 21, 2005 in Vancouver.

Dr. C. Polychronakos for having been awarded the Aldo Group Award of excellence in Research. This award is given to a researcher at The Montreal Children's Hospital whose initiatives have made unique and significant contributions to pediatric care.

Dr. E. Seidman for having been appointed to the Bruce Kaufman Chair in Inflammatory Bowel Disease. The appointment will be for a five-year term.

Dr. B. Whittemore for having been granted the MCHF Leadership Award of Excellence presented by Pfizer for 2005. This award is bestowed on a leader for his lifetime contributions to The Children's, distinguished by outstanding dedication to patient care, unwavering commitment to furthering the pediatric mission and strong leadership within the Hospital and the health care community.

The **MCH Centennials Hockey Team** captained by Dr. Ken Shaw for having successfully battled the CJAD Hockey Team to a resounding 7 to 1 win on February 19. The team was comprised of surgeons, pediatricians and non-medical staff who came together seamlessly for a great victory. The Department members were **Robert Barnes, Laurent Legault, David Mitchell, Mitchell Shiller** and **Emmett Francoeur**. Funds were raised for the CJAD Kids fund.

And to ...

Dr. Benjamin Burko and his wife, on their baby boy (**Zane Ezra**), born on April 3, 2005.

Dr. Helen karounis and **Dr. Adrien Dancea**, on their baby girl (**Katerina Krissa**), born on March 25, 2005.

Dr. Preetha Krishanmoorthy and her husband, on their baby boy (**Matteo**), born on April 6, 2005.

Dr. Joe Nemeth and his wife, on their baby girl (**Cienna**), born on March 21, 2005.

Dr. Annie Janvier and **Dr. K. Barrington** on their baby girl (**Violette**), born on May 22, 2005.

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Congratulations to:

Dr. Samuel Benaroya was among the recipients of the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine 2004 Osler Award. This award is presented annually to individuals demonstrating excellence in achievement in the field of General Internal Medicine, either in clinical practice, research, medical education or specialty development.

Dr. F. Ducharme for having been promoted to the rank of full professor, GFT-U, effective March 1, 2005.

Dr. L. Lands for having been promoted to the rank of full professor, GFT-U, effective June 1, 2005

Dr. M. Shevell for having been promoted to the rank of full professor, GFT-U, effective June 1, 2005

THE MONTREAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF THE MUHC

Congratulations to:

Danuta Rylski for having been granted the MCHF Clinical and Administrative Support Staff Award of Excellence presented by RBC Capital Markets for 2005. This award is presented to a member of the administrative and clinical support staff who has demonstrated remarkable initiative in improving the well-being of patients and/or in enhancing the quality of life at work.

Appointments

Paula Rozanski was nominated as the new Associate Director of Hospital Services and Program Support at the MCH, effective May 16, 2005. Ms Rozanski brings to this position over 17 years of healthcare management experience in Canada and the United States including working at The Children's and the Royal Victoria Hospital in the late 1980s. She holds a Masters in Health Sciences and in Health Administration and is a member of the Canadian College of Health Services Executives.

Chief Residents :

As of June 6, 2005, we welcome our two new chiefs residents and wish them a good year:

Antonia Stang and ***Jesse Papenburg***

2nd Annual Caring for Kids Radio-thon raises more than \$1.7 million for the MCH

From March 9 to 11, a total of \$1.724 million was raised for The Children's, \$780,000 of which on Friday alone! The money will be used to purchase much-needed equipment throughout the hospital. This amount is up from \$1.2 million in 2004, which makes the Montreal radio-thon the 2nd largest in North America.

Election of Members to the 2005-2006 CPDP Executive Committee:

The elected members were nominated by acclamation as follows:

Dr. Mary Decell, Chair

Dr. Sharon Abish

Dr. Chantal Bernard

Dr. Hélène Flageole

Dr. Jean-Pierre Farmer

Dr. Paul Rossy

Dr. Ted Tewfick

Another Canadian First for The Children's

The Children's opened the first dedicated Pediatric Insulin Pump Centre, in North America, on April 27, 2005. The Centre's mission is to treat children with type 1 diabetes who use insulin pumps and to proactively prescribe pump therapy for all appropriate youngsters with insulin-dependent diabetes. The Children's has been at the forefront of both the recommendations for use and the utilization of pediatric insulin pump therapy in Quebec since seeing the first patient in 2000. These patients represent approximately 12% of the hospital's clientele, and the number is increasing, with patients throughout Quebec seeking to go on insulin pump therapy. In addition to providing clinical care, research into aspects such as treatment satisfaction, measures of metabolic control and the impact on the quality of life of the pump user and his/her family will be conducted.

The Montreal Children's Hospital Opens an ADHD Clinic

The MCH has opened its first Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Clinic. The clinic emphasizes teamwork and promises a coordinated approach to diagnosis and management of this complex condition. Pediatricians, or even parents with a referral, who suspect their child may have ADHD can call the clinic's central intake number. A screening process will take place to determine if indeed there is a question of ADHD and/or any additional problems such as a learning disorder, depression or seizures. Once this initial triage is done, the child will be sent directly to the right sub-specialty team for a thorough evaluation.

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EXTERNAL FUNDING RESULTS

Operating Grants

Dr. Bethany Foster has received an establishment grant of \$30,000 from the FRSQ in support of “Anomalies cardiovasculaires chez des enfants et des jeunes adultes avec insuffisance rénale”.

Dr. Indra Gupta has received a new grant from the Kidney Foundation of Canada valued at \$100,000 for a term of two years in support of “Vesico-ureteric reflux and urinary tract development in the mouse”.

Dr. George Hatzakis has received a new grant of \$38,558 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for a term of one year in support of “Improving HIV-treatment: Predicting HIV co-receptor CCR5 and CXCR4 usage through V3 genotype”. In addition, **Dr. Hatzakis** has received a grant from the CIHR's Federal Initiative/HIV/AIDS program in support of “Optimizing HIV therapy: The use of phiX174 in an Index cohort in predicting HIV specific T cell responses to therapeutic vaccines”. This grant will be conducted in collaboration with principal investigator Dr. C. Tsoukas and co-applicants Drs. Nicole Bernard and Danuta Radzioch of McGill U.

Dr. Laurent Legault has received a pilot project grant from the CIHR valued at \$50,000 in support of Mentors-in-motion: A physical activity intervention for obese adolescents”.

Dr. Andrew Mackie has received an establishment grant of \$30,000 from the FRSQ in support of “Optimiser l'utilisation des ressources des soins de santé en ce qui a trait aux cardiopathies congénitales”.

EVENTS

Annual Research Day

The 22nd Annual Research Day took place in the MCH Amphitheater on Wednesday, May 25th, 2005. Featuring 14 clinical and fundamental research presentations by clinical and research fellows and graduate students in training at the MCH, the event was extremely well attended and enthusiastically received. The excellent quality of presentations made the task of selecting the best presentations a difficult one for the judging panel. Dr. Michael Zappitelli, a Nephrology clinical fellow, received the best clinical research presentation prize for “Derivation of a new prediction equation for glomerular filtration rate in children” while the best basic research presentation prize was awarded to MSc. Human Genetics student Inga Murawski for her talk “Vesico-ureteric reflux and the roles of the genes RET and Pax2 in the development of urinary tract defects”.

IN MEMORIUM

Dr. Katherine Metrakos passed away on May 12, 2005 with her daughter Dr. Stephanie Metrakos by her side, at the Brome Missisquoi Hospital in Cowansville, Quebec. Donations should be sent to the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation.

Our condolences go out to:

Mrs. Louise Dery-Goldberg on the loss of her mother, **Lucille Kathleen Dery**, on April 19, 2005. Contributions in her memory could be made to the MCH Foundation or the Jewish General Hospital Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PROGRAM:

GLOBAL CHILD HEALTH TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP

The Department of Pediatrics, McGill University, announces the development of a new program to allow faculty to participate in Global Child Health initiatives. Funds permitting, the Department will provide, on a competitive basis, one or two traveling fellowships per year to allow faculty to engage in worthwhile projects related to Global Child Health in the developing world.

The basic elements of the traveling fellowship are:

- The candidate will submit a one-page request, outlining the purpose and location of the planned travel, other sources of funding available and provide a description of the anticipated outcome, which should encompass clinical programs, teaching or research.
- Applications will be reviewed upon demand, but should be submitted at least three months prior to planned travel.
- The Executive Committee of the Department will serve as the review committee.
- Successful applicants will receive up to \$5,000.00 for expenses directly related to the planned travel, normally for a maximum of one month. Expenses will be compensated based upon original receipts.
- Full time faculty will have their regular compensation continued, subject to approval by the appropriate Functional Unit of MSSA.
- This program is also open to part time faculty

Successful applicants will normally not be eligible to reapply for a second award.

Please direct all inquiries to Filomena Goncalves, local 23189, filomena.goncalves@muhc.mcgill.ca

PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR AGENDAS TO ATTEND:

DEPARTMENTAL MEETING

MONDAY, November 14, 2005

5:30 p.m. Refreshments

6:00 p.m. Meeting to begin

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ATTENDANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED