We live in a time of rapid changes and exciting developments in the Department of Surgery. New techniques, improved technology, expanded programs, modernized buildings and cutting edge research are just a few examples of the many good things that are happening in our department. This newsletter will be a means of not only documenting some of these initiatives but also a tool to chart our continued progress toward excellence as clinicians, teachers and researchers.

Sincerely,
William L. Orovan, MD
Professor and Chair,
Department of Surgery

Welcome to new faculty:

Full time faculty:
~ Dr. F. Ayeni (Ortho)
~ Dr. K. Bailey (Ped Surg)
~ Dr. B. Baronia (Ped Neuro)
~ Dr. V. Chaudhary (Ophthalm)
~ Dr. T. Davies (Urology)
~ Dr. B. Dehesiri (Ortho)
~ Dr. M. Denkers (Ortho)
~ Dr. D. Hong (Gen Surg)
~ Dr. V. Iyer (Vascular)
~ Dr. T. Rapanos (Vasc)
~ Dr. K. Sabri (Ped Ophth)
~ Dr. D. Williams (Ortho)
~ Dr. I. Wong (Ortho)

Part time faculty:
~ Dr. H. Brien (Ortho)
~ Dr. R. Casselman (Urol)
~ Dr. S. Chatterjee (Urol)
~ Dr. R. Chiasson (Thoracic)
~ Dr. L. Flores (Ortho)
~ Dr. P. Gamble (Ortho)
~ Dr. D. Haddad (Ortho)
~ Dr. K. Irshad (Thoracic)
~ Dr. G. Jansz (Gen Surg)
~ Dr. S. Keshavjee (Thoracic)
~ Dr. B. Le Roux (Ortho)
~ Dr. M. Lisi (Gen Surg)
~ Dr. W. Love (Urol)
~ Dr. P. Mathew (Ortho)
~ Dr. W. Minet (ENT)
~ Dr. G. Moammer (Ortho)
~ Dr. T. Morris (Gen Surg)
~ Dr. J. O’Sullivan (Ortho)
~ Dr. R. Rerri (Ortho)
~ Dr. R. Singh (Gen Surg)
~ Dr. R. Sowery (Urol)
~ Dr. S. Voice (Plastic)

Awards and achievements

Congratulations to the following faculty:

Renewal for special appointment
~ Dr. Victoria Avram
~ Dr. Ronen Avram
~ Dr. Thorstein Gunnarsson
~ Dr. Nicole Hodgson
~ Dr. Sheila Singh
~ Dr. Niv Sene

Promotion to full Professor:
~ Dr. Brian Cameron
~ Dr. Jorge DeMaria
~ Dr. Andre Lamy

CAWAR and to Associate Professor
~ Dr. Shucui Jiang
~ Dr. Edward Kachur
~ Dr. Edward Matsumoto
~ Dr. Kevin Pierc
~ Dr. Lelo Ruo

CAWAR
~ Dr. Peter Lovrics
~ Dr. Karen Bailey, the
Roberts Wesleyan College Alumna of the Year Award
~ Dr. Mehran Anvari, the
ORION Leadership Award
~ Dr. Mitch Winemaker, C4
Proof of Principle Grant
~ Dr. Stephen Foster, the
Teasdale Corti Humanitarian Award for
his work in Angola.
~ Dr. Susan Reid: newly
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~ Dr. Mohit Bhandari on
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Women in Surgery—Scalpels and Stilettos

Although 50% of medical school graduates are female, attracting women into surgical specialties remains a challenge. Dr. Victoria Avram has therefore launched a Women in Surgery initiative to bring together female surgical faculty and medical students for the purpose of exploring surgery as a career choice. The first event, Scalpels and Stilettos, will provide a forum for female surgeons and residents to share their experiences as a woman in a surgical specialty, as well as encourage casual discussion with medical students and residents. There will also be an opportunity to create a mentorship program between faculty and medical students. Scalpels and Stilettos, 5-7 pm on September 22nd in the Great Hall at the University Club.
Candidates are eligible if they are accepted into the McMaster Postgraduate Training Program in Surgery from any training program, and a graduate program (leading to a MSc/ Med or PhD). A minimum of 2 years of formal research training is recommended to achieve meaningful research and adequate experience to function as an independent researcher in the future.

**Surgeon Scientist**

The Surgeon Scientist Program at the Department of surgery was designed by Dr. Sheila Singh to provide access to excellent research training for surgical residents, and to encourage the pursuit of careers in academic surgery. It provides a framework for pursuit of graduate studies within the course of residency, as well as secure funding at the PGY level of entry into the SSP program.

“**The key to a successful grant application lies in a strong team that is prepared to resubmit multiple times, each time bettering what was submitted the last time**”.  
R. Whitlock.

**International Surgery Desk**

In June 2010, Dr. Brian Cameron launched the International Surgery Desk to facilitate international surgery activity within the Department and collaborate with like-minded disciplines and colleagues within the McMaster University and Canadian surgical communities.

Why did Dr. Cameron choose to call it a Surgical desk? He explains, “it’s a acronym that reflects our goals: development, education, service and knowledge.”

Some recent and current projects include work in India (Dr. M. Bhandari and Dr. A. Card), the Ukraine (Dr. K. Bailey), Angola (Dr. K. Foster), Bolivia (Dr. J. Harvey) and Guyana (Dr. M. Gordon).

Future events include two visiting scholars, Dr. Dan Poenaru (Kenya) and Dr. Abdul-Rahman (Nigeria) who will speak at an ISD meeting on October 25th cohosted with Global health.

**Resident Research Day**

**Annual Residents’ Research Conference 2010:**
Dr. James Bain, Associate Chair of Research, invites the Faculty, Residents and Research Staff of the Department of Surgery to attend our Annual Residents’ Research Conference on Wednesday November 17th 2010.

This all-day event will be held at St. Joseph’s Healthcare’s Miller Auditorium. The majority of Divisions hold their own Divisional Research Days, which gives Residents and in some cases, our Faculty as well, the opportunity to present their research work to their peers. The best presentations from each Division then represent their Divisions at our Department Conference. Many of our residents then go on to present at national and international conferences.

For a complete listing of dates and locations, please go to: [http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/surgeryresearch/](http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/surgeryresearch/)

**Upcoming Events**

- **Scalpels and Stilettos—Women in Surgery,** Wednesday, Sept 22, 2010, 5-7 p.m. in the Great Hall at the University Club.
- **International Surgery Desk & Global Health—reception and lecture,** Oct. 25 2010

**Resident Research Days:**

- **Plastics**—Sept. 10th
- **Ortho**—Sept. 15th
- **Ortho Div**—Oct. 1st
- **Gen.Surg**—Oct. 15th
- **ENT**—Oct. 20th
- **Neuro**—Oct. 29th
- **Annual Research Day—November 17 2010**

**Grants and Publications**

Congratulations to our most recent CIHR Grantees:

- **Drs. Teoh, Whitlock, Yusuf and Lamy:** $4.1M over 4.5 years
- **Drs Bhandari and Guyatt:** $1.5M over 4 years
- **Drs Bhandari and MacIntyre:** $160,000 over 2 years

**Publications by Division:**

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Write and let us know for our next issue by Nov 30th.
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