

**MCMASTER DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY
INTERNATIONAL SURGERY DESK
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I would like to acknowledge and thank the Department of Surgery leadership and faculty for continuing to support the efforts of the International Surgery Desk. Many individual faculty are involved in global surgery service projects and international professional collaborations, as well as a leading a number of multi-institutional clinical studies including collaborators in LMICs. **Over 30 of these surgical collaborations are highlighted in the soon-to-be released McMaster International Compendium.**

The ISD continues to focus on development of **educational partnerships with Guyana and Uganda**. Our orthopedic and pediatric surgical faculty have visited these partner countries to contribute to training courses and professional development. During the past 2 years, we have had a Ugandan orthopedic surgeon and a Guyanese general surgeon each visit McMaster for clinical fellowships in collaboration with the St. Joseph's International Outreach Program. We have been able to fund these fellowships with support from the Department and more recently with a Charles Johnson Charitable Fund donation of \$25,000 over 2 years.

In May we held a Wednesday morning **Global Surgery Forum**, a joint grand rounds with the Departments of Anesthesia, Obstetrics/Gynecology and Surgery. Guest speakers were Dr. Jean Chamberlain, Dr. Stephen Foster, and Dr. Hilary McCormick. There was standing room only as they discussed "Making global surgery part of your career". This inter-departmental collaboration in global surgical care initiatives will expand with the inauguration of the MacGLOBAS collaborative aligned with the Global Health Office.

The 2016 **ISD resident travel scholarship** recipient Dr. Noor Alolabi joined a volunteer plastic surgery mission to Guatemala with Dr. Carolyn Levis and the Healing Hands Foundation. 2017 recipient Dr. Travis Schroeder will be visiting Dr. Foster in Angola early in 2018.

The ISD website is in the process of updating, and includes the semiannual newsletters with upcoming events.

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Recent publications include:

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