Fall has arrived and we have many things to celebrate as a Department this term.

On behalf of all the faculty and staff, I would like to offer congratulations to our graduating residents this past June. We are very proud of your accomplishments and excited for your future careers. We wish you the very best in the next stage of your surgical career, and look forward to your involvement with the Department as Alumni.

Congratulations are also in order for the faculty who will be promoted this year to Associate Professor and Full Professor status. (see page 4). A cocktail reception for these faculty, their family and Division heads occurred in June.

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It has been a busy spring and summer with faculty organized CME for colleagues including the Urology Day for family practice, organized by Dr. Anil Kapoor, and the second Annual Day In Surgery for Primary Care arranged by Dr. Nalin Amin.

Our department staff and Division Heads have been very busy creating the first ever Department of Surgery Status Report which will be ready for publication in the near future.

New initiatives in the Department include a review of the faculty Practice Plan. A working group has been appointed to review our current Practice Plan; consider alternatives, and report back to the Surgical Executive with suggestions for updating and improving the plan. A second working group has been formed to review Professionalism within the Department; to consider University, and regulatory body policies, and to seek advice from key faculty advisors with a view to developing a robust and useful education plan for faculty support regarding Professionalism.

I hope that each of you has had some time this summer to rest and rejuvenate. It is very important that our busy clinical and academic lives are balanced with time with family and friends; time to clear the thoughts and be ready to face the fall with renewed energy.

Dr. Susan Reid
The 14th Bethune Round Table conference in Hamilton attracted 150 participants from 17 countries representing 49 organizations including universities, professional societies and NGOs. The conference theme “Improving Global Outcomes Through Safer Surgery” was addressed by 5 keynote speakers, 27 podium presentations and 21 poster presentations. The high quality of the presentations, the rich discussion and opportunities for networking, and the friendships nurtured will support the ongoing collaborations of Canadian surgeons, anesthetists and obstetricians with colleagues working to improve surgical care in low-resource settings. Post-conference courses were fully subscribed, including the CNIS Trauma Team Training Instructor Course, Regional Blocks for Trauma course, and a Getting Started in Health Research course. The BRT will be held in Calgary in 2015, and Halifax in 2016.

Videos and powerpoint presentations from the conference are available on the website: http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/surgery/isd/brt2014.html

Thanks to everyone who attended and to everyone who worked so hard to make the 2014 BRT a smashing success!

Brian Cameron
Chair, BRT2014

Did We Miss Your News?

The deadline for the next newsletter is:

December 5, 2014

All members of the Department are welcome to submit

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Alumni Corner
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New Staff

Welcome to the following Department of Surgery new staff members:

Tanya Nesvit: Finance Assistant
Julie Anderson: Medical Secretary (Dr. Forbes)
Jessica Boyd: Medical Secretary (Dr. Kapoor)
Roxanne Ashby: Program Coordinator for the division of Orthopaedics
Kerry Tai: Research Assistant (Dr. Bhandari)
Tobi Ademeyo: Research Assistant (Dr. Cadeddu)
Leigh Mahan: Administrative Assistant
Kelly Hancock: Program Coordinator for the division of Neurosurgery
Andrea Schwieg: Program Coordinator for the divisions of Cardiac & Vascular Surgery.
Carol Dow: Program Coordinator for the divisions of Plastics Surgery & Otolaryngology.
Jessica Fackelmann: Medical Secretary
(Drs. Isaza, Korman & MacLean)
Mohammad Mohaghagh Poor: Research Assistant
(Dr. Chaudhary)
Haniya Khan: Research Assistant (Dr. Sommer)
Nisha Khosla: Research Assistant (Dr. Sabri)
Dominika Bhatia: Research Assistant (Dr. Lovrics)
Kizanee Jegatheeswaran: Research Assistant
(Dr. Braga)

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Mosaic Update
We would like to thank all Mosaic users for their patience in the first months of implementation. The system is improving as errors and issues are being resolved. Please visit: http://www.mcmaster.ca/mosaic/news/index.html for the latest Mosaic news.

Mosaic Approvals
We ask all PIs and delegates to review their Mosaic “Worklist” regularly (login to mosaic.mcmaster.ca, then navigate to Main Menu > My Work > Finance Worklist) to ensure that you approve all journal entries, expense reports and other pending items to prevent processing delays. In the Department of Surgery, we attempt to remind PIs via email when we require your approval for entries we initiate, but in some cases, an outside department may initiate an entry to charge your research projects. If this is the case, the department has no way of knowing what is pending on your Worklist.

OHIP Billing Practices
A reminder to all of those who submit billing to RMA using WebSTAR, diskette billing, through an EMR or other software, that billing needs to be entered on a regular basis. Errors and processing delays can occur when submitting large batches of billing at one time. Keeping billing up to date by entering it regularly in smaller batches makes less work for the Department of Surgery finance team as well as the RMA billing team.

Finance Team Update
I’m happy to welcome Tanya Nesvit as a new member of our Surgery Finance Team. Tanya started with us on July 28th as Accounting Assistant (replacing Sue Graci during her Career Growth Opportunity). Tanya brings a wealth of experience with her from outside the university and we are so excited to have her join the team!

Now that we have our whole finance team, we are splitting up all of the activities amongst us so that you have a single point of contact for each type of program/transaction (below).

Marcy Willis

Finance Team Contacts

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  - MSA Education and Research Travel Fund
  - Fund 77 – Trust Funds (endowed chairs, expendable trusts, etc.)
  - Diners Club payments for last names A-Q

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  - Fund 20: Residency Programs, Clerkship, etc.
  - Fund 78: Division Programs, PDA, etc.
  - Fund 72: Cost of Practice, Site COP
  - Diners Club payments for last names R-Z

- Reporting & Managing:
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  - Residency Programs
  - Division Programs
  - AFP
  - Research Projects
  - Operating
  - Trust Funds
Faculty Promotions & Reappointments

Effective May 1, 2014

Three-Year Reappointments:
• Dr. Vinita Bindlish
• Dr. Roland Isaac Sing

Effective July 1, 2014

To Full Professor:
• Dr. Deepak Dath

To Associate Professor:
• Dr. Nalin Amin
• Dr. Jason Archibald
• Dr. Victoria Avram
• Dr. Femi Ayeni

CAWAR:
• Dr. Yaron Shargall

Three-Year Reappointments:
• Dr. Aleksa Cenic
• Dr. Matthew Choi
• Dr. Adel Dyub
• Dr. Colin Schieman
• Dr. Enitan Sogbesan

Part-Time Promotions for July 1, 2014
• Dr. Doron Sommer – to Clinical Professor
• Dr. Forough Farrokhyyar – to Professor (Part-Time)

Department of Surgery hosted the first faculty promotion cocktail reception on Wednesday June 18, 2014 at the Ancaster Old Mill. The reception celebrated all the faculty promoted to Professor and Associate Professor this year.

Division heads and families were invited to attend the celebration, as Dr. Susan Reid highlighted each individual’s clinical, academic and research accomplishments and presented each faculty with a promotion certificate.

Congratulations to all faculty and thank you for your continued excellence and service. A special thank you to Ms. Brenda Paine for organizing the successful reception.

Dr. Susan Reid congratulating faculty for their accomplishments.
Dr. Deepak Dath and family celebrating Dr. Dath’s promotion to Full Professor.

Dr. Victoria Avram and family celebrating Dr. Avram’s promotion to Associate Professor.
Alumni Corner: Dr. Earl Isbister

Dr. Earl Isbister, BSc., MD., FRCSC was born in Ottawa in 1931. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree at McGill University in 1954. He was accepted to medical school at McGill University, graduating in 1958. Hamilton was recognized as a superb training center at that time so he interned at the Hamilton General Hospital in 1958 and finished as senior surgical intern in 1960. The first semblance of a urology ward was begun in the old part of the Hamilton General Hospital in 1956. Margaret Charters was the supervisor. The Head Nurse was Mrs. Chernook, the Assistant Head Nurse Ellen Woodridge and Pat Malec was a general duty nurse in the unit. Earl married Pat during his training. He was accepted for urology training at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota under doctors Culp and Thompson where he trained and was certified in urology in 1963.

Hearing rumours of a possible medical school, he and his wife Pat, a native Hamiltonian, decided to return to Hamilton which was becoming well known as an excellent training area. He joined the active staff at the Hamilton Civic Hospitals in 1964, the courtesy staff at St. Joseph's Hospital in 1965. He was granted his FRCSC in 1969. The Chief of Surgery at that time at the Hamilton Civic Hospitals was Dr. Gardiner Cooper while at St. Joseph's Hospital, the Chief of Surgery was Dr. Alan Lane. There were no Royal College training programs at that time although many surgical trainees spent time with the urologists.

Dr. Isbister practiced general urology but specialized in prostate surgery. The referral base in Hamilton was largely controlled by family physicians at that time. Dr. Isbister's practice grew steadily through referrals from younger family practitioners. He was invited by Dr. Joseph Feyerer, Head of Urology at the Hamilton Civic Hospitals to join his practice, and he did so, opening his office in the Medical Arts Building in January 1964. He remained in that practice for about four years. Dr. Isbister was later invited by Dr. Martin Jeremias, urologist to help construct a building at 700 Main Street East in Hamilton. His office remained there until 1981. He then joined the Faculty of Health Sciences and became Director of Urology at the request of Dr. Homer Beattie, the Chair of Surgery at that time. His office then moved to the Henderson General Hospital.

Dr. Peter Knight general surgeon, had been recruited to McMaster University in the 1969 to begin renal transplantation and help in the dialysis program at St. Joseph's hospital. Although Dr. Isbister was involved with the renal transplantation program, his major role as Director of Urology was to assure that the various hospitals were covered from a urological standpoint. Meanwhile, Dr. Orville Mirehouse, plastic surgeon, succeeded Dr. Gardiner Cooper in becoming Chief of Surgery at the Civic Hospitals. He asked Dr. Isbister to be Chief of Surgery at the Henderson General Hospital. After that, in addition to a busy clinical practice, Dr. Isbister helped rationalize urology services. Accordingly, he asked urologists, Drs. Greenspan and Zickman to cover the Hamilton Civic Hospitals. Subsequently, Dr. Isbister recruited Dr. Ian Davis, urologist who had an interest in oncology to go to the Civic Hospitals. It was initially difficult to get persons to cover McMaster Medical Centre clinically. Dr. Isbister became an affiliate staff member at Chedoke - McMaster Hospitals in 1978. He recruited Dr. George DeMaria to McMaster University Medical Centre to do pediatric urology. Dr. Paul Whelan and Dr. William Orovan practiced at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The McMaster urology training program was begun in 2002 with the initial Program Director being Dr. Paul Whelan. Dr. Whelan later helped found the McMaster Institute of Urology in 2004. That became a major regional center for kidney and urology services and also renal transplant procedures, accounting for 20% of Ontario’s renal transplants.

Dr. Isbister was busy as a member of the Canadian Association of Clinical Surgeons, the Canadian Medical Protective Association and a Past President of the Medical staff of the Hamilton Civic Hospitals. He was also a Past President of the Section of Surgery of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine. Despite his contributions to rationalization and administration, Dr. Isbister maintained a busy urology practice until 2000 when he retired. He looks back with great fondness on his contributions to the growth of academic urology in Hamilton and at McMaster University in particular.

Dr. Robert Hansebout
**AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

McMaster Orthopedic program has been the successful recipient of the PARO Residency Program Excellence Award. This award recognized programs that have consistently provided a positive and rewarding experience to their residents, while producing expertly trained residents.

**Dr. Ved Tandan** has been named President of the Ontario Medical Association.

**Julia Pemberton** received the Presidents Award for Outstanding Service in 2013 for her contribution to pediatric surgery research and student research education and mentoring.

**MacOrtho Research Coordinators** for receiving the Presidents Award for Outstanding Service 2013 (team): Paula McKay, Sheila Sprague, Marilyn Swinton, Kim Madden, Taryn Scott and Nicole Simunovic. They provide support to an international community of researchers, to orthopaedic residents and other student learners. This team manages a number of international orthopaedic trials and has contributed to the establishment of McMaster as a world leader in evidence-based orthopaedic research.

**Dr. Helene Flageole** conducted a successful workshop entitled, “A Health Research Workshop for Pediatric Postgraduate Clinicians” on June 12-13, 2014 at the McMaster Children’s Hospital.

CHCH TV talked to **Dr. Mehran Anvari** about the ‘IGAR Breast’ on October 3, 2014. It was also featured on The National on CBC on October 2, 2014. Follow the link: [http://www.cbc.ca/player/News/TV%20Shows/The%20National/ID/2540128021/](http://www.cbc.ca/player/News/TV%20Shows/The%20National/ID/2540128021/)

**Surgeon Scientist Program:**

**Dr. Nathan Evaniew** (SSP/Orthopaedics Resident) has been awarded the Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award from Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities and the Michael G. DeGroot Fellowship Award in Clinical Research, to support his second year as a Master’s candidate in the Health Research Methodology Program.

**GRANTS & FUNDING**

**Dr. Achilles Thoma and Dr. Chris Coroneos** received a HAHSO Innovation grant for research entitled, “Further Observation for chronic pain and poor functional recovery Risk Factor Examination at two SITEs: A study in partnership with the Vascular events in Surgery patients cohort evaluation - Cardiac Surgery (Vision Cardiac Surgery) (FORESITE VISION).

**Recipients of McMaster Surgical Associates Grants 2014- 2015**

**Education**

**Dr. Mohit Bhandari** - Development of a Treatment Decision Aid for Elderly Proximal Humerus Fracture Patients.

**Dr. Enitan Sogbesan** - Online Ophthalmology Module Development for McMaster Undergraduate Medicine Program.

**Dr. Deepak Dath** - Development of Video Scenarios for Teaching in Complex Environments.

**Basic Science:**

**Dr. James Bain** - Satellite Cells in Sensory Protected Muscle

**Dr. Michelle Ghert** - A Translational Study of the First Effect Neoadjuvant

**Dr. Jehonathan Pinthus** - Investigation into the Effects of Different Modes of Androgen-Deprivation Therapy on the Development of Cardiovascular Disease in a Mouse Model

**Clinical Science:**

**Dr. Luis Braga** - Expertise-Based Randomized Controlled Trial of Scrotal vs Inguinal (Standard) Orchiopexy on Postoperative Pain: EXPRESSO Trial

**Dr. Benjamin Deheshi** - Ultrasound for Sarcoma Discovery of Local Recurrence (UNCOVER): A Feasibility Pilot Study.

**Dr. Wael Hanna** - Does Intense Surveillance Improve the Rate of Therapeutic Re-Intervention After Lung Cancer Surgery: A Pilot Study for the Intense-CT Trial.
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Clinical Science Cont’d:
Wael Hanna - Incentive Spirometry Added to Physiotherapy to Reduce Postoperative Pulmonary Complications after Lung Surgery: A Prospective Blinded Randomized Trial.

Dr. Andre Lamy - Vascular events in Surgery patients cOhort evaluation - Cardiac Surgery (VISION Cardiac Surgery) Study.

Dr. Mark Walton - Do Glycerin Suppositories Decrease the Time to Full Enteral Feeds in Premature Infants? A Pilot Study for a Multicenter Randomized Placebo-Controlled Trial.

Education Research
Dr. Mohit Bhandari - PlasticEvidence: A plastic Surgery Evidence Database

Dr. Eddie Matsumoto - Robotic Surgical Skill Acquisition in Trainees: A Comparison of Two Robotic Simulators and Evaluation of Skills Transfer to a Simulated Robotic Task in the Operating Room.

Innovation:
Dr. Peter Lovrics: The Relationship Between Socioeconomic Status and Primary Care Model on the Presentation and Management of Breast Cancer in Hamilton: A Pilot Study.

Dr. Michelle Ghert & Dr. Nathan Evaniew (SSP/Orthopaedics Resident) for receiving funding from Physicians’ Services Inc for their research entitled, Central Adjudication of Deep Postoperative Infection Following Limb Salvage Surgery.

Recent Passings

Dr Stanley Walker Schatz (B.A., M.D., B.Sc. (med.), FRCS, F.A.C.S.) Passed away peacefully on Sunday 6th April 2014 at Juravinski Hospital in Hamilton. Stanley is survived by his loving family: his wife Ruth Gray Schatz, who shared his life for more than 60 years; their four children and their spouses, Douglas Evan Schatz and Meryl Halls, Deberah and Fred Griffiths, Dr Jennifer Schatz and Dr Vernon Stringer, and Julia Schatz and John Barrack; and by their ten grandchildren, of whom he was unceasingly supportive and proud: Titus Todd Schatz, Kimberley Griffiths, Jonathon Griffiths, Eilidh Schatz, Jillian Stringer, Liam Barrack, Callum Schatz, Alana Stringer, Michael Barrack and Luke Barrack. Stanley was born on 10th June 1929, the oldest child of Justice Stanley Nelson Schatz and Wilda Hope Finch. He was awarded a scholarship to McMaster University in Hamilton, from where he graduated with a BA degree in 1949. Four years in medicine at the University of Toronto led to his MD degree in 1953, followed by a B.Sc. (Medicine) in 1955.

During this time he was also proud to have served in the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve), retiring as Surgeon/Lieutenant in 1969, and as the President of the legal fraternity Delta Chi at the University of Toronto. Stanley practised neurosurgery at St Michael's Hospital in Toronto from 1961-1973 and in Hamilton from 1973-94, where he was Professor and Director of Neurosurgery at McMaster, Co-ordinator of the Regional Program in Neurosciences, and Head of Neurosurgery for Hamilton Civic Hospitals.

His integrity, graciousness, and empathy earned him professional respect as well as the loyal love and friendship of all those who knew him. If desired, donations can be made to McMaster University, Faculty of Health Sciences, Division of Neurosurgery, to support the Annual Schatz Lecture. For more information concerning a donation, contact (905)-525-9140 ext 24224 or email giving@mcmaster.ca.

Surgical Foundations

Congratulations to the recipients of the Surgical Foundations 2013/2014 Awards:

Research Awards:
1st Prize: Darren De Sa (Orthopaedic Surgery)
2nd Prize: Thomas Wood (Orthopaedic Surgery)
3rd Prize: Mariam Tso (General Surgery)

Tech Skills Awards:
PGY1 First Place: Maleka Ramji (Plastic Surgery)
PGY2 First Place: Jay Wong (Otolaryngology)
F. Griffith Pearson Award

This past spring, at the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) meeting in Toronto, our Division of Thoracic Surgery was honoured to receive the highly prestigious F. Griffith Pearson Traveling Fellowship. Through this award, I was able to spend one month of training at the University of Montreal’s CHUM Endoscopic Tracheobronchial and Oesophageal Centre (CETOC), Canada’s first comprehensive endoscopic thoracic program. Further to acquiring advanced endosonographic skills, I was able to learn the logistics of designing, building and running a high-volume cutting edge clinical and research program. After returning to SJHH, and through months of multi-disciplinary collaboration, we were able to replicate many aspects of this unique program, giving birth to our own Esophageal Thoracic Endosonographic Centre (E•TEC). E•TEC will be supported by our flagship multi-disciplinary esophageal cancer program, in collaboration with our partners from medical and radiation oncology, to provide the best and most advanced evidence-based medical care to our patients with esophageal cancer.

Waël C. Hanna,
Division of Thoracic Surgery

2014 Innovation Nation Conference & Robotics Competition

The Centre for Surgical Invention and Innovation presented the 2014 Innovation Nation Conference and Robotics Competition, July 28th & 29th at LIUNA Station, Hamilton, Ontario.

The 2014 Innovation Nation Conference, featured a series of talks by innovative leaders who are changing the way we live and redefining our cultural, economic and health care initiatives. The event consisted of a full day of presentations as well as an opportunity to network with scientists, engineers, researchers, physicians as well as leaders of business and industry.

The 2014 Robotics Innovation Competition, July 29th, was designed to shine a light on innovative Canadian students. High school and university/college students were invited to participate in the competition.

Designs from each category (high school and university/college categories) were showcased at the event. Teams had the opportunity to win cash prizes and industry recognition.

A prestigious panel of judges from industry, science and academia selected the winners. The designs were forward thinking, embodied ideas that are both transformational and unique, had functionality demonstrating ease of use and a practical application in the real world.

This competition is always a unique opportunity for your students to showcase their ideas, ingenuity and talent to industry leaders who are internationally recognized for their accomplishments.