Chair’s Report

The 1998-9 academic year was a success from many perspectives and the following are but a few highlights. Our newly recruited faculty, from other regions of Canada and beyond our borders, are already making major contributions to the clinical and academic life of the Department.

Our excellent research productivity is evidenced by the peer reviewed publications and grants outlined within our annual report. Our Department, The Hospital for Sick Children, and the University of Toronto can be especially proud of the recognition from our international academic colleagues within the Society for Pediatric Research, European Society for Pediatric Research, and American Pediatric Society. Following an international competition these organizations awarded us the Editorial offices for their flagship publication, Pediatric Research. The offices have now moved from Yale University to our Institution with the first Institutionally based issue of Pediatric Research being published in January 1999.

Our Department’s Annual Awards day once again provided us the opportunity to recognize our faculty’s continued outstanding contributions to education at the under-graduate, graduate, and post-graduate and continuing education levels. I am also very pleased with our Department’s increasing research in education. Several members of our Department have recently completed their graduate degrees in education, obtained cross-appointments to the Centre for Research in Education, and have accessed the new Departmental resources for their educational research projects.

There have also been significant changes and advances in clinical care within our Department. Our Department, Hospital, and Regional Paediatric Centres within the metropolitan and greater Toronto area have continued the development and staged implementation of the government mandated Child Health Network (CHN) and electronic Child Heath Network or CHN [http://www.echn.ca/]. The former will enable primary and secondary paediatric care to be provided closer to the patient’s home while the latter will enhance information transfer for services that can only be obtained at The HSC. Inside the Hospital’s Atrium at 555 University Avenue we continue to emphasize tertiary and quarternary care. Solid organ transplantation was re-organized into the Paediatric Academic Multi-Organ Transplant (PAMOT), a multi-divisional and multi-departmental programme. Regardless of the organ undergoing transplantation, PAMOT’s clinical activities are centralized on the same in-patient ward with integration of related Research Institute activities having a high priority. The Division of Paediatric Medicine’s Clinical Practice Unit (CPU) has continued its pattern of success and deserves special mention. Although the CPU was developed in the mid-1990s, solely in response to the reduction in the numbers of residents available for clinical coverage, it is recognized as one of the Institution’s leaders in the delivery of evidence based care. The CPU is also making steady contributions to research and the faculty members practicing on the CPU are highly sought after by our residents for their clinical expertise in consultative in-patient general paediatric care. The success of Paediatric Medicine’s CPU is one of the reasons why the Department developed a similar model for the in-patient haematology-oncology service during 1998-9 and is planning to broaden this model of care to other areas including the neonatal intensive care unit.

The successes of this year provides an excellent starting point for the last academic year prior to the new millennium and the 125th anniversary of The Hospital for Sick Children.

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AWARDS

TEACHING AWARDS

HARRY BAIN AWARD to a full-time member of the Department of Paediatrics who demonstrates excellence in teaching as nominated by core paediatric residents.

   Dr. Patricia Parkin, Emergency Medicine

MARVIN GERSTEIN AWARD to a part-time member of the Department of Paediatrics who demonstrates excellence in teaching as nominated by core paediatric residents.

   Dr. Norman Saunders, Paediatric Medicine

ONDAATJE AWARD to a senior resident for excellence in clinical teaching as nominated by core paediatric residents.

   Dr. Fraser Golding, Cardiology

PERLS AWARDS (Paediatric Educational Resident Lecture Series Award) to faculty members who have demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching at the Paediatric academic sessions.

   Dr. Bernice Krafchik, Paediatric Dermatology
   Dr. Alex Levin, Paediatric Ophthalmology
   Dr. Norm Rosenblum, Paediatric Nephrology
   Dr. Rayfel Schneider, Paediatric Rheumatology

CLINICAL AWARDS

THE SAUNDERS PRIZE to a senior resident who has demonstrated excellence in clinical paediatrics.

   Dr. Elena Pope

RESEARCH AWARDS

FREDERICK FITZGERALD TISDALL Awards for excellence in resident research.

General Paediatric Section

   1st Place Dr. Kelly Fitzpatrick, PGY4
   2nd Place Dr. Sonny Dhanani, PGY1 and Dr. Sherri Katz, PGY2
   Poster Prize Dr. Amy Ornstein, PGY2

Paediatric Subspecialty Section

   1st Place Dr. Ian Thornley, Paediatric Haematology/Oncology
2nd Place Dr. Dr. Astrid Guttmann, Paediatric Medicine and Dr. Padmaja Subbarao, Paediatric Respiratory Medicine

Poster Prize Dr. Bridget Fernandez, Clinical Genetics