



Dates To Remember:

March 27, 2008

23rd Annual Sheila Sherlock Liver Research Day

May 1, 2008

GI Strategic Planning Retreat at Vaughan Estates

May 26, 2008

Department of Medicine Annual Day at Metropolitan Hotel

June 18, 2008

GI Research Day at the Faculty Club
Speaker: Dr. Stephen Targan

Gut Club 2008:

March 26, 2008

Dr. Kenneth Croitoru
IBD

April 16, 2008

Dr. Paul Moayyedi
GERD and Barrett

May 28, 2008

Dr. Paul Green
Celiac Disease

Announcement

- **Recruitment:** Dr. Jordan Feld was recently recruited by UHN-MSH as Clinician-Scientist. He will be on staff July 1, 2008 at the TWH in Hepatology and will have laboratory space at the MaRS Building under the McLaughlin-Rotman Center for Global Health. His area of interest is viral hepatitis. Dr. Feld completed a 3-year fellowship in basic science at the Liver Branch, NIDDK, NIH and a Masters in Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.
- **The Sunnybrook-Odette Cancer Centre Endoscopic Ultrasound Program** is now open! In addition to clinical services, it offers teaching and research opportunities. For details and consultation requests, contact Dr. Elaine Yong, HG - 60, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, 2075 Bayview Ave, Toronto, M4N 3M5, phone 416 480 - 5910 Fax 416 480 5977
- **Educational Partnership 2008:** The Division was again extremely successful with its fundraising. Thanks to all our sponsors, we were able to reach \$205 000 for 2008. The funds are used to support the Education and Research Program within the University of Toronto Division of Gastroenterology.

GI Strategic Retreat

GASTROENTEROLOGY 2010 & BEYOND: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

Date: THURSDAY, MAY 1ST, 2008

Time: 14:00-21:00 p.m.

Venue: The Coach House, Vaughan Estates Estates of Sunnybrook, 2075 Bayview Avenue

The objectives of the retreat are to:

- Share achievements, progress against goals and impact of our strategic priorities to date at Hospital and University division levels.
- Discuss environmental influences and pressures that impact on our activities and present new opportunities for the Division.
- Develop a framework to realize the division's vision of international leadership in Luminal Gastroenterology and Hepatology and identify potential partnerships to ensure success.

Register online at www.utorontogi.ca (under EVENT on the top menu). Deadline for registration is **April 21, 2008**

1st Annual Combined Adult & Pediatrics GI Research Day

Guest Speaker: Dr. Stephan Targan

Date: Wednesday June 18, 2008

Time: 12:00 - 22:00 pm

Location: The Faculty Club, Univ. of Tor., 41 Willcocks St.

Deadline for abstract submission is **Friday May 16th, 2008**

Deadline for registration is **Friday June 6th, 2008**

Online abstract submission ad registration at www.utorontogi.ca

Hire a student?

The GI Division may have sufficient funds to support a couple of students. The Research Committee will work on the funding process. This will be posted on our website at www.utorontogi.ca, under the Research section. Student's requests are posted on the Bulletin Board. Requests for fellowships and support staff (lab technicians, research assistant, etc) are also posted there.

Award deadlines:

Proctor & Gamble Post-Residency Fellowship - May 1, 2008

Division of Gastroenterology Intramural Awards in Quality of Care/Patient Safety and in Education – May 1, 2008

Dr Lou Cole Awards - Nomination letters are due April 17, 2008.

Gastroenterology Awards

Proctor & Gamble Post-Residency Fellowship - This \$12,500 award is intended to provide support to a graduate of the University of Toronto Gastroenterology Residency program who is/will be enrolled fulltime in a post-graduate program (Masters or PhD) at the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto. **Deadlines: Application (including letters of support) due May 1, 2008**

Application process: Submit via website (will accept submissions by start of April). For details and terms of reference, [click here](#). The recipient will be announced at GI Research Day.

Division of Gastroenterology Intramural Awards in Quality of Care/Patient Safety and in Education - These \$5000 awards (one in [Quality of Care/Patient Safety](#) and one in [Education](#)) are intended to promote research collaboration across sites within the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of Toronto. They are intended as seed money/pilot funds for projects/initiatives that involve at least 2 faculty members (at least 1 of whom is a member of the Division of Gastroenterology) from at least 2 sites at the University. **Deadlines: Application (including letters of support) due May 1, 2008**

Application process: Submit via website (will accept submissions by start of April). For details and terms of reference, click the links above. The recipient will be announced at GI Research Day.

Dr KN Jeejeebhoy Award - This \$2500 award is for a 2nd year post-graduate resident in gastroenterology in the Department of Medicine who has demonstrated excellence in clinical medicine, research and teaching. Candidates will be evaluated by the GI Awards Sub-Committee and Research Committee based on teaching scores, training evaluations and curriculum vitae. The award will be presented at GI Research Day in June. For terms of reference, [click here](#).

Timelines: Candidates will be contacted for their CVs in mid April.

Dr Lou Cole Awards - There are 2 Lou Cole awards for excellence in teaching, one for a GI trainee (who is awarded a \$300 University of Toronto Bookstore gift certificate) and one for the GI faculty. The candidates are nominated by their peers (GI faculty or trainees) who send letters or emails to nominate individuals and briefly justify their choice by describing the nominee's positive attributes as it relates to teaching. The nominees are then notified and are asked to provide their teaching dossier with effectiveness scores for the previous 2 years (for the Faculty) and the names of 3-5 current or former students who could provide testimonials regarding the nominee's teaching skills (faculty or trainees). These materials are then evaluated by a committee which will include division heads, program director, division director and post-graduate program director. **Deadlines: Nomination letters are due April 17, 2008.**

Nomination process: Submit via website (will accept submissions by start of April). The recipients will be announced at GI Research Day.