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HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Message from the Director: Dr. Johane Allard

On behalf of the GI Executive, I wish you and your family peace, joy and happiness for the holiday season and for 2010. I also want to thank you again for your important contribution to the education and research programs in 2009. I am sure that everyone is now looking forward to well deserved holidays and then, to another very productive year!

Announcements

Welcome to our new GI trainees for the Academic year 2010-2011!!

Dr. Amir Abadir, Dr. Mohammad Albeshir, Dr. Ahmad Alhouti, Dr. Heather Boudreau, Dr. Vivian Huang, Dr. Paul James, Dr. Aveva Leber, Dr. Justina Sam, Dr. Kanya Thomgthai

A new Chair in Hepatology !

Dr. J. Heathcote was successful in attracting funding for a Chair in Hepatology. She is the first recipient of the Francis Family Chair in Liver Research at the Toronto Western Hospital. Upon retirement, the Chair will be rename "The Francis Family-Dr. Elizabeth J. Heathcote Chair in Liver Research to pay tribute to Dr. Heathcote. Congratulations!!!

Thank you!

To Dr L. Cohen for his time and dedication as Interim Division Head at Sunnybrook.

He was replaced as July 1st, by Dr J Allard.

To Dr F Saibil who was the site director for GI trainees at Sunnybrook.

He was replaced December 1st by Dr E Yong

To Dr L Lilly who represented Hepatology on the GI Executive Committee.

He was replaced September 1st by Dr D Wong

To all of you who contributed significantly to our GI Division!

Awards

Dr. J. Heathcote: Received the 2010 International EASL Award in Vienna for her outstanding contribution and continuous action in the field of liver disease.

Dr. H. Gaisano will receive the CAG Research Excellence Award at CDDW 2010.

Dr. N. Marcon will receive the CAG education Excellence Award at CDDW 2010.

Dr. M. Silverberg will receive the Young Investigator Award at CDDW 2010.

Dr. C. Wang received a CIHR Fellowship Award to continue his Master in Epidemiology and Clinician-Scientist Program.

Dr. Murthy was also award a CIHR Fellowship and just started his Master in Epidemiology and Clinician-Scientist Program.

Dr. Marilyn Li received the University of Toronto GI Division Fellowship Award.

Dr. M. Bernstein and Dr. H. Shah will share the University of Toronto GI Division Young faculty Advancement Award.

Congratulations to all!!!

GUT CLUB

January 27, 2010

Topic: H. Pylori

Speaker: Dr. Nicola Jones

Location: Faculty Club

February 2010

March 24, 2010

April 21, 2010

May 27, 2010

GI Research Day

Wednesday June 23

From 10:00AM to 10:00PM !

Faculty Club

Keynote speaker:

Dr Alessio Fasano

University of Maryland

Celiac Disease

2010 SMH GI Research

Rounds Schedule

07:30 to 08:30 AM

January 5, 2010

Topic: Management of gastric varices

Speaker: Issa Al-Qarshoubi &

Paul Kortan

February 2, 2010

April 6, 2010

June 1, 2010



Should you have news to announce on the newsletter, please contact Sandra at sandra.sutherland@uhn.on.ca

TWH Motility

Laboratory

We are pleased to announce that waiting time is now reduced due to more fellows.

Current tests available:

24-Hr catheter based ambulatory impedance / pH study
Anorectal manometry
Biofeedback
BRAVO capsule for 48 hr wireless pH study

If you have any questions about our new GI Motility Physiology Studies, please do not hesitate to contact us ([mailto: Louis.Liu@uhn.on.ca](mailto:Louis.Liu@uhn.on.ca)) or Louis.Liu@uhn.on.ca). To book these studies, you may contact Stanley Henry (13-5356, Stanley.Henry@uhn.on.ca) or Maria Martins (13-5276, Maria.Martins@uhn.on.ca)



Events...

SUNNYBROOK PANCREAS GUT CLUB

Date: January 9th, 2010

Location: Vaughan Estates, 2075 Bayview Avenue

Who to contact for registration: Dr. L. Cohen or Dr. E. Yong

Website: www.utorontoogi.ca/16-1.asp

Under Gut Club

GI RESEARCH RETREAT ON IBD NOVEMBER 4-6 WAS A SUCCESS!!

This event organized by Dr. K. Croitoru and his City-Wide organizing committee was well attended by the GI Faculty, Trainees and Fellows from Adult and Pediatric GI, surgery, clinical and basic research. An Executive Report will be distributed in January. A Steering Committee will be established to explore the creation of a City-Wide Digestive Disease Center with multidisciplinary partnership. Stay tuned!!

DR. BARRY MARSHALL WAS IN TOWN!

Dr. Marshall, Nobel Laureate for his discovery of H Pylori, was in Toronto in October for the Gairdner Awards.

Dr. H. Gaisano acted as host and several highly intellectual events were organized with the GI division:



Dr Marshall and Dr Gaisano in a yoyo competition. Dr Marshall was a yoyo champion in Australia. He won this competition too!



Dr Marshall stuck in the elevator at Sick Kids (for 30 minutes!) trying to open the doors with the Nobel Prize Medal!..."Finally something useful to do with this Medal" he reportedly said!



The GI residents with Dr Marshall at the Wine & Cheese Reception after Dr Marshall's presentation