



Message from the Associate Dean

As we enrolled the new first year class in September we took on responsibility for developing the resources needed to deliver education to 54 students compared with 24 the previous year. Next year we will

have 92 students!

This year, for the first time, we are delivering all of both first and second year Community Health Courses in Windsor, about six hours of teaching per week. In addition we have had to develop more physician support for second year Clinical Methods teaching as the program moved out of the Medical Education Building into clinics and the hospitals.

The evolution of the program is stretching the Windsor resources and we are grateful to our clinical colleagues for their commitment to the program. We still have a long way to go – increasing the number of clerkship places within the next year and developing the fourth year curriculum. The Windsor medical community sought to have medical education in Windsor and they have backed that up with their time and expertise, contributing greatly to our success so far.

Class of 2013 Largest Class to Date

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry welcomed its largest class to date of first-year medical students in Fall 2009—including 30 for the Windsor Program.

The Class of 2013 has 159 students drawn from a pool of more than 2,200 applicants. Last year's class of 24 students in the Windsor program began their second year of study in September.

First Year Student's Perspective



Andrea Lo is no stranger to hard work. Having completed her undergraduate degree in Pathology and Toxicology at UWO she is now ensconced in her medical studies and has assumed the role of Year One Class President of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry's Windsor Program. When asked about her experiences here Andrea happily boasts that the past 3 months at Windsor have been incredible!

"We have a dedicated administration who knows us all by name, more study space, a close-knit class and greater access to observership opportunities".

Andrea adds that Windsor students have teams in almost all of the intramural sports, they travel to London for many class-wide socials and that many Schulich London clubs have branches in Windsor. This year, Andrea founded the Schulich Windsor Outreach Team where Windsor Meds will bring several outreach initiatives organized by London clubs to the local community here.

Andrea proudly adds that an amazing school, phenomenal people and unending opportunities have made first year of medical

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On October 7, 2009, a 7-member team from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry visited the West China School of Medicine (WCSM), Sichuan University in China. A memorandum of understanding was signed between the two medical schools paving the way for the exchange of faculty, researchers, students and residents.

Representing the SSMD were: Drs. Carol Herbert, Ted Hewitt, John Denstedt, Victor Han, Jim Koropatnick, Weiping Min and myself.

The WCSM is an impressive medical school and the main hospital has 4,300 beds! It is part of a network of more than 170 hospitals. It has a wide referral base that covers the entire western region of China. It boasts superb clinical and research facilities. Areas of research include imaging, cancer, knowledge translation, simulation, robotics and tele-medicine.

A unique feature of the WCSM is the drug discovery platform from animal research to clinical trials in humans. The entire drug discovery program can literally be done within the medical school itself.

We are very excited about this MOU with the West China School of Medicine. It will open doors to us as our main affiliate in China.

I would personally like to thank Dr. Yigang Luo who is a medical graduate from the West China School of Medicine. Dr. Luo made all of the initial contacts and helped to make the MOU a reality.

Getting to Know You

Second Year Med Student Adam Slomer (L) offers some valuable advice to Meds 2013 student David Hamilton (R) who began his medical education in September as a member of the new 30-strong class



Anatomy Teaching in Full Swing



Sarah Beech, Anatomy Learning Specialist, loves her job. "To me, I see it as very artistic," says Beech. "The body itself is so beautiful, but to see it underneath is incredible so I'm very passionate about it."

Sarah got the chance to do a dissection during her second year and discovered a natural talent. "I was dissecting a hand and I never cut any of the nerves, which is very difficult because they're very fragile and close to the surface," she said. By her fourth year in Health Sciences at McMaster University Sarah had earned the job of head

Ontario Medical Association President, Dr. Suzanne Strasberg, addressed physicians on the progress of the 2008 Physician Services Agreement rollout, recent developments and challenges at the October 28th General Meeting at the Medical Education Building.



The event provided physicians in the area the opportunity to welcome the state-of-the-art Medical Education Building and to learn more about the affiliation with the school and the programs it has to offer.

MASSH Lectures (Medical Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities) 2009-2010

The MASSH lectures bring local and international scholars interested in the affinities between medicine, social science, and the humanities to the University of Windsor.

The series is sponsored by the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, Windsor Campus, Steven Palmer, Canada Research Chair in the History of International Health, Reason, Rhetoric, and Ethics in the Human Sciences, and Stephen Pender, Research Leadership Chair in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

The autumn schedule included:

Dr. Stephen Palmer—"Border City Medicine: Towards a History of Medical Practitioners in Windsor," September 23, 2009, Medical Education Building.

Dr. Stephen Pender—"Inside Some Conjoined Twins: Teratology in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century Europe," Wednesday, November 18, 2009, Medical Education Building.

Human Kinetics & Biology Students Doing Human Anatomy Labs

This semester students in Human Kinetics and Biology were able to carry out some of their laboratory sessions in the human anatomy labs of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry in the Medical Education Building.

Dr. Dave Andrews brought his students for about 25 hours of lab work taught by HK tutors and Ms. Sarah Beech an AAS in anatomy in the Windsor Program. Sara McNorton from Biology brought her students in several times to supplement their cat dissections with human cadaver teaching.

Research Ethics Boards

As the students in the Windsor Program and the faculty of the Schulich School in Windsor plan research related activities, all will be required to seek approval from the Research Ethics Board of the University of Western Ontario.

To expedite this process the three REBs are collaborating to develop a protocol that would see Windsor students and faculty submit locally, followed by a streamlined process in London, taking into account prior approval from a local board.

Meet our Course Coordinators

Dr. Christopher Leighton, Introduction to Medicine, Year 1

Dr. Sheila Horen, Patient-Centered Clinical Methods (PCCM), Year 1 and 2

Dr. Wally Liang, Community Health, Year 1 and 2

Dr. Shahin Zanganeh, Infection & Immunity, Year 1

Dr. Dana Fleming, Musculoskeletal, Year 1

Dr. Stephen Chao & Dr. Richard Stapleford, Respiratory & Airways, Year 1

Dr. Sheldon Lewis, Heart & Circulation, Year 1

Dr. Catherine Yanchula, Blood, Year 1

Dr. Mark Awuku, Skin, Year 1

Dr. Raphael Cheung, Endocrinology & Metabolism, Year 2

Dr. Earle Morgan, Digestive & Nutrition, Year 2

Dr. Amit Bagga & Dr. Al Kadri, Genitourinary, Year 2

Dr. Rahi Victory, Reproduction, Year 2

Dr. Hireen Desai, Neuroscience, Ear & Eye, Year 2

Dr. John Villella, Psychiatry & Behaviour, Year 2

Dr. Don Levy, Emergency Medicine, Year 2

Faculty Development—Windsor Program

The following three faculty development events were conducted for Windsor Program faculty and facilitators:

August 6 – How to Use Library Resources

A tutorial on how to access full text research articles, evidence-based medicine resources, clinical tools, practice guidelines, clinical calculators and more.

August 27— PCCM Facilitator Workshop

A workshop and discussion for Year 1 and 2 PCCM facilitators conducted by Dr. Sheila Horen and Ms. Gloria Bortolin at La Cucina Restaurant.

November 26—Course Coordinators & Facilitators Dinner Meeting

A discussion that included reports on realignment of the curriculum, the introduction of interprofessional health education, transition period development, faculty recruitment and reports from Year 1 and 2 course coordinators and facilitators.

2010 Events for Windsor Program Faculty

March 25—Video Conference Orientation, Tips & Tricks

April 20—Workshop for Small Group Facilitators



Best Wishes For a Happy & Healthy New Year