

WINDSOR PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

Message from the Associate Dean

Dr. Gerry Cooper

Time flies; so much has happened since our last Newsletter! I think it fair to say that excitement and optimism typify the atmosphere here at the Windsor Program. For example:



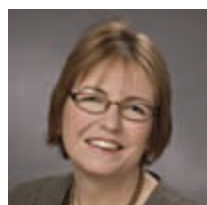
- There are many new people in key leadership roles at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
- Staff vacancies at the Windsor Program are being filled and plans to increase the staff complement are underway
- We have more physician faculty members than ever and the number involved with program leadership assignments is also increasing
- The number of residents undertaking their medical training in Windsor has never been higher
- For the first time we have students in all four years of the undergraduate medical education program; our current student census is 130!

If that were not enough to capture one's interest, we are gearing up for the historic occasion of the Windsor Program's Charter Class convocation in May 2012. A planning team has been formed with representation from a wide variety of stakeholders to plan how we will celebrate this special occasion. Please monitor this website for more details.

In closing, this has been an exceptionally busy period of change for this start-up medical program at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. The dedication and support of so many people is appreciated: folks at SSMD, the University of Windsor, Windsor Regional and Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospitals and the Windsor community have certainly welcomed my wife and I and have made the transition a smooth one. A special thanks to Windsor Program staff and Dr. Mark Awuku for their warm and ongoing reception to the community.

New Schulich Appointees Play Important Role for Windsor Program

Dr. Gary Tithecott has been appointed as Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education in the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, effective October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2016.



Dr. Margaret Steele has been appointed as Vice Dean, Hospital & Interfaculty Relations, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry effective September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2016. Margaret will have accountability for ensuring strategic linkages with our primary teaching and research partners and will be responsible for the development of an Academic Health Sciences Network in Southwestern Ontario.

Message from the Assistant Dean—Faculty & Governmental Affairs Dr. Mark Awuku

It has been an exciting and fruitful year. I will like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all staff and faculty who have helped to make another year a Great Success for the Windsor program. The medical students really appreciate your selfless dedication in ensuring a top class medical education for them. Our Associate Dean Dr. Gerry Cooper has been a great addition to the Windsor program and he continues to see to the growth of the Program.. As we move into the coming year I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.



Fourth-year Integration, Consolidation & Enrichment (I.C.E.)

The planning process is well underway to deliver the 4th Year curriculum at the Windsor location of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. The first cohort of students, the Meds2012 class, will complete their Clinical Electives and return to the medical education building in January 2012 for the "back to classroom" component of 4th year. The Integration, Consolidation & Enrichment (I.C.E) period will consist of two mandatory modules, along with various selective modules to equate to the required 186 credit hours. I.C.E. Coordinators for the Windsor Program, Dr. Jaco and Dr. Warwaruk, worked in collaboration to develop the I.C.E. period curriculum for the Meds2012 Windsor class. Specifically, two modules "Real Medicine" and "Exercise Physiology and Sports Medicine" have been created as a first time offer exclusively for the Windsor Program. The majority of modules will be delivered via videoconference with some of the offerings being taught on site. We look forward to delivering the first iteration of the I.C.E. curriculum for the Windsor Program Meds2012 class!

Dean presents Town Hall in Windsor

Dr. Michael Strong hosted a Town Hall Meeting in Windsor on October 25th. The meeting focused on implications of the new 10-yr strategic plan on the Windsor Program. The event culminated in an informative and robust discussion and all appreciated the Dean's enthusiasm for the direction that the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry is heading. Dean Strong's December Video Newsletter can be found here: <http://web.schulich.uwo.ca/newsletter/index.php>

New Vice-Dean Research on the Horizon...

One of the key directives of the new strategic plan is enhancing Schulich research. The appointment of a new Vice-Dean Research is imminent and we are hopeful that research initiatives from the Windsor Program will expand over the next five years.

MEB 3rd Floor Update

Construction to fit the 3rd floor of the Medical Education Building is on schedule for Spring 2012. Plans include dedicated space for the Schulich Windsor Program and simulation teaching facilities.

Course Coordinator's Dinner Meeting

The Associate Dean hosted a dinner meeting for Course Coordinators on November 9, 2012 at Per Bacco's Ristorante. The meeting was very well attended by Course Coordinators and the Windsor Program staff associated with the academic enterprise. Of interest is that many of the Coordinators met one another for the first time. The Associate Dean shared his observations since arriving in Windsor on September 1 and thanked the Course Coordinators for their commitment and leadership.

Schulich Windsor Awards of Excellence

Spring 2012 will introduce the "Schulich Windsor Awards of Excellence" with nominations being accepted in January 2012. Additional details will be posted to the medicine website soon! (www.uwindsor.ca/medicine)

Charter Class Celebration

A team with representation from SSMD, the University of Windsor, Windsor Regional and Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital and the Windsor community has begun planning celebratory events associated with the Windsor Program Charter Class graduation in May 2012. More details to follow but there will likely be several events to celebrate the accomplishments of the inaugural class and all those who have worked so hard to make this a reality. These events will occur throughout January, February and March and will culminate in late April, prior to the actual convocation date of May 18, 2012.



Student's Corner



Rahul Sharma, MD Candidate, Class of 2014 & VP (Windsor), Hippocratic Council 2011-2012

The 2011-2012 school year has been an exciting one! We are proud to welcome Dr. Gerry Cooper, our new Associate Dean, as well as the 2015 class.

The 2015s have elected their new class council and have been involved with several extracurricular clubs, including the new Windsor branch of SOAP and the newly-founded "inter-campus friendship club". Students have also been involved with several exciting initiatives in the Windsor community. Amongst these are the new Health Article series in the Windsor Star, the Windsor Hospice Program and the MedPals and Altitude Healthcare Mentorship programs. The Windsor Interprofessional Health Council has continued to grow this year, hosting two events with students of the Nursing, Human Kinetics, BCN, Respiratory Therapy and Social Work programs. The Windsor Medical Skills Club is now hosting weekly sessions that have been very well-received.

The Schulich Windsor Health Lecture Series has hosted two lectures in their series of healthcare-related talks. Operation Green and the Windsor COPD Follow-up Clinic, both recipients of 2011 Schulich Innovator grants, have continued their exciting progress from last year.



Neil Rittenhouse, MD Candidate, Class of 2014
VP Windsor Class

Amidst classes/clerkship and electives, Windsor students have managed to unwind by participating in intramurals and social events. OMSW, the Halloween integration weekend and our Windsor Integration weekend are just a few of the highlights.

We are looking ahead to the return of the 2012 class from their electives in January when our program will be at capacity for the first time. There are exciting times ahead in Windsor!

Family Medicine Update—Dr. Dale Ziter, Academic Director, PGE - Dept. of Family Medicine Windsor



All is well with FM education in Windsor. UGE, directed by Dr. Cathy Yanchula, has Family Physicians involved with teaching first and second year med students clinical exam skills, interviewing skills and various didactic lectures. Third year clerks spend from 2 to 6 weeks in the offices of our community primary care providers, and are evaluating their experiences highly.

PGE for FM in Windsor has seen tremendous growth. We currently have 21 FM residents training full time in Windsor. We have 10 PGY1 residents and 11 PGY2 residents, 10 CaRMS spots each year (one transfer), and the program is two years. The reputation of our FM resident training program continues to shine, making it easier to recruit quality residents from all over the world. Our current group of 21 residents received their medical degrees from the following locations: 4 from University of Toronto, 3 from UWO, 2 from McMaster, 2 from UBC, 1 from U of Calgary, 1 from McGill, and 8 Canadians who studied abroad, 5 from Caribbean Med schools, 2 from Poland and 1 from India.

In addition to our 2 year program, Windsor offers two PGY3 programs, one in Hospitalist Medicine training, directed by Dr. Marg Chevalier and Dr. Osman Tarabain. The other, in Palliative Care is directed by Dr. Gord Giddings and Dr. Darren Cargill.

Thanks to all Specialty and FM preceptors, hospital and office staff and administration for helping FM training in Windsor become a resounding success. If you would like to be a part of this exciting learning/teaching experience please contact us!

Coming Events...

Faculty Development Workshops and new "Research-themed" presentations forthcoming in 2012:

January 13, 2012—Engaging Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars in International Research

January 24, 2012—CERI Knowledge Translation Rounds: What the Education Researchers were saying in 2011: Implications for Schulich

January 30, 2012—Workshop for Small Group Facilitators



Best Wishes For a Happy & Healthy New Year

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry—Windsor Program Staff, Faculty & Students