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Canada Graduate Scholarships

Congratulations to Neurosurgery Residents Drs. Michael Tso and Daniel Yavin!

Congratulations to new Vanier Graduate Scholars Drs. Michael Tso and Daniel Yavin. Michael and Daniel both started their neurosurgery residency training in Calgary in 2009. The Vanier Graduate Scholarship provides students and researchers from Canada and from around the world studying in Canada, the support they need to conduct world-class research while enhancing Canada's standing as a global centre of excellence in research, innovation and higher learning. Vanier Scholars demonstrate exceptional leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement. Scholarship recipients receive \$50,000 per year for up to three years of research.
-watch for an interview with Dr. Tso and Dr. Yavin in the upcoming DCNS annual report.

Welcome to New Physiatrist Dr. Gentson Leung



The Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) welcomed Dr. Gentson Leung in August this year. He completed his undergraduate studies at The University of British Columbia (UBC) in biochemistry and he then went onto medical school also at UBC. He completed his residency training in PM&R at The University of Calgary.

Dr. Leung says one of the main reasons he decided to join DCNS was because of the excellent training he received from the physiatry staff. "I valued the opportunity to work with them. A large part of my character as a physician has been shaped by those around me and the physiatrists in Calgary are a great group to work with." He says he also chose DCNS because "there is a unique opportunity to fill a clinical need, both in stroke rehabilitation and amputee rehabilitation."

In terms of his clinical work, Dr. Leung will be partnering with the physiatrists already established to help support and build up the existing rehabilitation programs. His main clinical role will be at the Vernon Fanning Centre managing stroke inpatients and outpatients. In the area of amputee rehabilitation, he will also be partnering with Dr. Ken Lam to provide clinical support and program development. Dr. Leung says he is also looking forward to being involved in the residency program for PM&R as well. In terms of his research, he will be partnering with other clinicians involved in stroke rehabilitation at the Vernon Fanning Centre including: Drs. Dukelow, McNeil, and Lam. Dr. Leung says he is inspired to work in the area of physiatry because he says, "it is ultimately about maximizing the function of our patients, helping them to be able to have the best quality of life and greatest independence possible given their specific health conditions."

The Division of Experimental Neurosciences Has a New Leader and a New Name

In July this year, the Division of Experimental Neurosciences experienced a change in leadership and name as Dr. Bin Hu, professor and division head of experimental neurosciences stepped down and professor, Dr. V. Wee Yong was named as the new head. Dr. V. Wee Yong has renamed the division formerly known as Experimental Neurosciences to Translational Neuroscience.

In explaining the name change Dr. Yong says, "The Division of Experimental Neurosciences has changed its name to the Division of Translational Neurosciences to reflect the fact that its primary members all have significant interest and projects translating basic science findings into eventual clinical applications. The new name also signifies our more forward looking and ambitious program and it invites other members of the department to foster collaborations with the basic science laboratories to expedite discoveries of the treatment of neurological conditions. We wish also to highlight the translational activities of members in other divisions of the Department of Clinical Neurosciences. Finally, we aspire to have clinical trainees take part in basic neuroscience projects, so that the bi-directional learning between clinical and scientific trainees can lead to a new generation of multi-disciplinary researchers.

-watch for an interview with Dr. Hu and Dr. Yong in the upcoming DCNS Annual Report

Recent Events

Hiking in Kananaskis

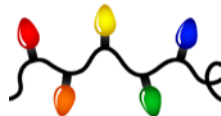
Despite the wet weather, the DCNS Welcome Back Hike in Kananaskis had a dozen hikers participating and 50 attendees for the lunch. Neurologist Dr. Robert Bell has retired and he was honoured at the hike with a DCNS Service Award.



Congratulations!

Neurology resident Dr. Christopher Hahn received a K.J.R. Wightman Award for Scholarship in Ethics from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPC). Dr. Hahn was selected to receive the award for his paper entitled, "Prescribing Drugs for Cognitive Enhancement."

Upcoming Events



Save the date for the The DCNS Holiday Season Celebration

When: Friday, December 6th, 2013 at 6pm

Where: The Danish Canadian Club

More details to follow shortly...

The 2013 4th Annual Epilepsy Symposium

When: Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013 7:30am to 4:30pm

Where: Theatre 3, Health Sciences Centre, Foothills Campus

Guest Speakers: Dr. Howard Goodkin, Dr. Cecil Hahn, Dr. Dan Lowenstein, Dr. Brian Young

Newsworthy Links

[AIHS Knowledge-To-Action Grant](#)

[Faculty of Medicine online calendar - October](#)

[Study: Protection is key wherever you cycle](#)

Grand Rounds Schedule for October

October 4th

Resident's Research Day

October 11th

The 12th Annual Mary Anne Lee Memorial Lecture – Speaker Dr. Dan Lowenstein.

October 18th

Dr. Morris Scantlebury

October 25th

Dr. Douglas Zochodne

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