Congratulations to the Calgary Stroke Program for their profile in the New York Times Magazine. The March 5 edition of the magazine included a nine-page story about the world-class stroke care in Calgary, featuring the work of Dr. Ray Turner, Dr. Gerald Zamponi, and Dr. Sharon Woo.

Dr. Ray Turner, Dr. Gerald Zamponi, and Dr. Sharon Woo are joining the Department of Clinical Neurosciences. Welcome!

Dr. Ray Turner, PhD, and Dr. Gerald Zamponi, PhD, have two new members transferring to DCNS. The Section of Translational Neuroscience is pleased to welcome Dr. Branavan Manoranjan and Dr. Carlos Camara-Lemarroy as their new faculty members.

Dr. Branavan Manoranjan is currently undertaking a research fellowship in Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He was awarded the CIHR Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship. His research focuses on the development of new treatments for cancer. Dr. Carlos Camara-Lemarroy received the CIHR Discovery Grant and a DOD Multiple Sclerosis Research Development Award. His research interests include the development of new treatments for multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Michael Hill, Dr. Garnett Sutherland, Dr. Mark Hamilton, Dr. Lawrence Korngut, and Dr. Bijoy Menon were awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for their contributions to our nation. They are some of the best-known experts in their fields and have made significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge and research.

Congratulations to Dr. Carlos Camara-Lemarroy and Dr. David Martinez, who were awarded a CHRI catalyst grant as co-principal investigators for their project on stroke. The project aims to democratize stroke care in Canada. With partner Circle CVI, they are working to develop AI tools to interpret imaging for acute ischemic stroke and stroke care in Canada. Dr. Ganesh Ganesh is the project director and is supported by AstraZeneca Canada.

Congratulations to Dr. Davide Martino, Dr. Tamara Pringsheim, and Dr. Michael Hill, who were awarded the AFMC Scientist Award. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to our nation. Dr. Davide Martino was awarded the AFMC Scientist Award for his contributions to the field of neurology. Dr. Tamara Pringsheim was awarded the AFMC Scientist Award for her contributions to the field of psychology. Dr. Michael Hill was awarded the AFMC Scientist Award for his contributions to the field of neurology.

Dr. Jetté to takeover DCNS leadership May 1

Dr. Nathalie Jetté, who was appointed Department Head in January, will officially take over on May 1. She is currently a professor of Neurology and Population Health Science and Policy, and the Bluhorn Professor of International Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS), NY.

Admin updates

There were a number of administrative staff changes in the department last fall and this spring. Here's a quick update on new faces in DCNS:

Dr. Kristi Kerby is the new Manager-Administrative Services for the Department’s Clinical Neurosciences and Psychiatry.

Dr. Mandy Smith has accepted the position of Coordinator-AMHSP in the Departments of Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences. She starts her new role on March 13, 2023.

Dr. Jennifer Cameron, Dr. Donata Costi, Dr. Peter and Dr. David Bell, and Dr. Amna Qureshi have joined the department as Administrative Assistants. They will be supporting the Young Adult/Adolescent Clinic and program based at the Alberta Children’s Hospital.

Sharon Woo joined the team at SCI in the capacity of Admin IV.

Grants & Awards

PAMM’s Music Therapy Program was officially reviewed and will be expanding to all four acute hospital sites over the next two to three years. This is because of a matching grant to support the development of a music therapy program for patients with Alzheimer’s disease. The project was awarded a grant from the Alzheimer’s Society of Canada.

Congratulations to Dr. Aravind Ganesh and the Calgary Stroke Program on their $500,000 CIHR Focus Fund award for expanding StrokeSens – AI tools to interpret imaging for acute ischemic stroke care in Canada. The project aims to democratize stroke care in Canada.

Dr. Timar Pringsheim and Dr. David Martinez received a CHRI catalyst grant as co-principal investigators for Standards for Child and Youth Mental Health Services: Anxiety, Depression, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Tourette Syndrome Across Alberta. The project is supported by a grant from the Government of Canada.

Congratulations to faculty who were honoured with the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. Dr. Mark Hamilton, Dr. Lawrence Korngut, and Dr. Bijoy Menon were awarded the medal for their contributions to our nation.

Dr. Carlos Camara-Lemarroy was awarded two grants in the past few months. The first was a CIHR Discovery Grant along with an Exploration – Hypothesis Development Award. The second was a CIHR Catalyst Grant in the field of Stroke Research.

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