

DCNS Neuro News

The Department of Clinical Neurosciences

June 2015

NASA announces additional award for Dr. Sutherland

The sky is apparently no limit for Dr. Garnette Sutherland's neuroArm project.



The MRI-compatible robotic surgical tool continues to attract awards for the DCNS neurosurgeon — most recently the NASA Exceptional Technology Achievement Medal.

The medal recognizes the translating of space technology into state-of-the-art health care technology. It was sponsored by the Johnson Space Center International Space Station (ISS) Research Integration Office in collaboration with the ISS Chief Scientist.

It will be presented by Dr. Ellen Ochoa, director of Houston's Johnson Space Center, in July.

Dr. Sutherland and neuroArm were inducted into the Space Technology Hall of Fame in May 2014 (*below*).



Dr. Sutherland at his induction into the Space Technology Hall of Fame in May 2014.

Dr. Ganesh appointed Junior Dean at Oxford

Dr. Aravind Ganesh, currently studying at the University of Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship, has been appointed Junior Dean at St. John's College.



He is responsible for the welfare and discipline of graduate and undergraduate students for a two-year term while he

completes his DPhil studies in Clinical Neurosciences at Oxford.

Before he left Calgary, neurology resident Dr. Ganesh was conducting research on how to prevent stroke and the complications of stroke as well as ongoing research into vascular dementia.



PDC Vice-Chair Dr. Joe Megyesi (left) and CNSF Vice-President Dr. Kesh Reddy (right) with Dr. Michael Yang, Dr. Albert Isaacs and Dr. Andrew Ryu.

Neurosurgery residents return from CNSF with poster awards

Three Calgary neurosurgery residents returned from last week's Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation with CNSS awards for best neurosurgery posters.

The annual conference was held June 9-12 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Dr. Michael Yang's poster was titled: "Impact of preoperative laboratory investigation and blood cross-match on clinical

management of pediatric neurosurgical patients."

Dr. Albert Isaacs: "Endoscopic Third Ventriculostomy (ETV) for treatment of adult hydrocephalus: long-term followup with 163 patients."

Dr. Andrew Ryu: "Natural history of the anterior visual pathway after surgical decompression in patients with pituitary tumors."

Congrats to graduating residents!

On behalf of the entire Department of Clinical Neurosciences, I would like to congratulate our graduating residents on their success in the recent Royal College exams.

We are incredibly proud of our residency programs and we wish all of these graduates great success for their future careers.

Pediatric Neurology

Dr. Ken Myers

Neurosurgery

Dr. Fady Girgis
Dr. Roberto Diaz

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Dr. Serge Mrkobrada
Dr. Leslie LaPlante

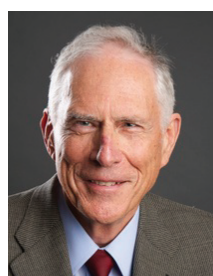
Neurology

Dr. Yanjun Duan
Dr. Janka Hegedus
Dr. Ronak Kapadia
Dr. Janel Nadeau

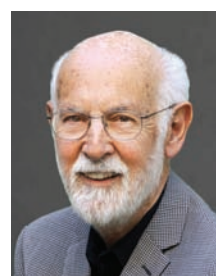
Rajiv Midha

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Three awarded Emeritus status



Dr. Becker



Dr. Brownell



Dr. Hulliger

The University of Calgary's Board of Governors, on the recommendation of President Elizabeth Canon, has awarded Professor Emeritus titles for three DCNS members.

Dr. Werner Becker, Dr. Keith Brownell, and Dr. Manuel Hulliger were recognized for their service to the university at the end of May.

GRAND ROUNDS

Neurology, Neurosurgery,
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation,
Translational Neuroscience

Call for 2016 Grand Rounds presenters

Planning has begun for next year's Grand Rounds in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences. If you have a suggestion for a speaker, or would like to present yourself, please forward details to [Quentin](#).

Once they're confirmed, upcoming speakers are listed on the DCNS site.