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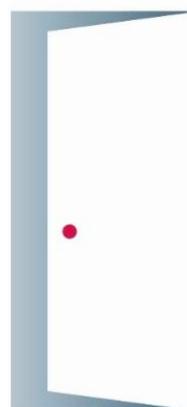
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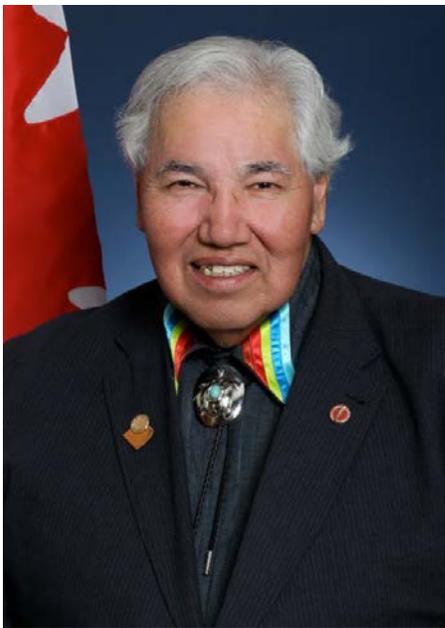
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Senator Murray Sinclair to speak at CCME 2017

AFMC is thrilled to announce that **Senator Murray Sinclair** will be this year's speaker for the prestigious **AMS-AFMC J. Wendell McLeod Memorial Lecture** in Winnipeg at [CCME 2017](#). Don't miss this opening plenary on **April 29, 2017 at 4:00pm**, which will set the stage for what AFMC hopes to be a rich and open discussion about indigenous health throughout the conference.



Senator Sinclair served the justice system in Manitoba for over 25 years. He was the first Aboriginal Judge appointed in Manitoba and Canada's second.

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The AFMC Student Portal is now a **National Centralized Application Service for Visiting Electives**. At CCME 2010 in Newfoundland and Labrador, students together with the AFMC undergraduate medical education committee advocated for a centralized application service for visiting electives. With the recent launch of the University of British Columbia, Université Laval, Université de Montréal and Université de Sherbrooke, their wish is now a reality. The Portal is the **one-stop shop** for undergraduate Canadian and international medical students who apply for visiting electives at the 17 Canadian medical schools.

AFMC thanks all past and current stakeholders for

He served as Co-Chair of the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry in Manitoba and as Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). As head of the TRC, he participated in hundreds of hearings across Canada, culminating in the issuance of the TRC's report in 2015. He also oversaw an active multi-million dollar fundraising program to support various TRC events and activities, and to allow survivors to travel to attend TRC events.

Senator Sinclair has been invited to speak throughout Canada, the United States and internationally, including the Cambridge Lectures for members of the Judiciary of various Commonwealth Courts in England.

He served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Manitoba. He was very active within his profession and his community and has won numerous awards, including the National Aboriginal Achievement Award, the Manitoba Bar Association's Equality Award (2001) and its Distinguished Service Award (2016) and has

their unwavering support of the AFMC Student Portal, from its inception to now. AFMC would like to especially thank the **Portal Steering Committee**, the **working group members**, and the **Electives Network** for devoting their time and expertise to this initiative.

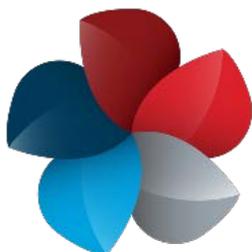
Before vs. after the AFMC Student Portal

Since its creation in 2014, the AFMC Student Portal has brought about many changes to the way students apply for visiting electives. The Portal now proudly features:

- A pan-Canadian online electives catalogue, searchable by keywords, institution, specialty and subspecialty
- One centralized online application system
- An online document management and storage system for students
- An automated submission with a 2 day average online verification time
- Data on visiting elective trends in Canada
- A common immunization form
- A secure online data exchange interface
- A bilingual help desk

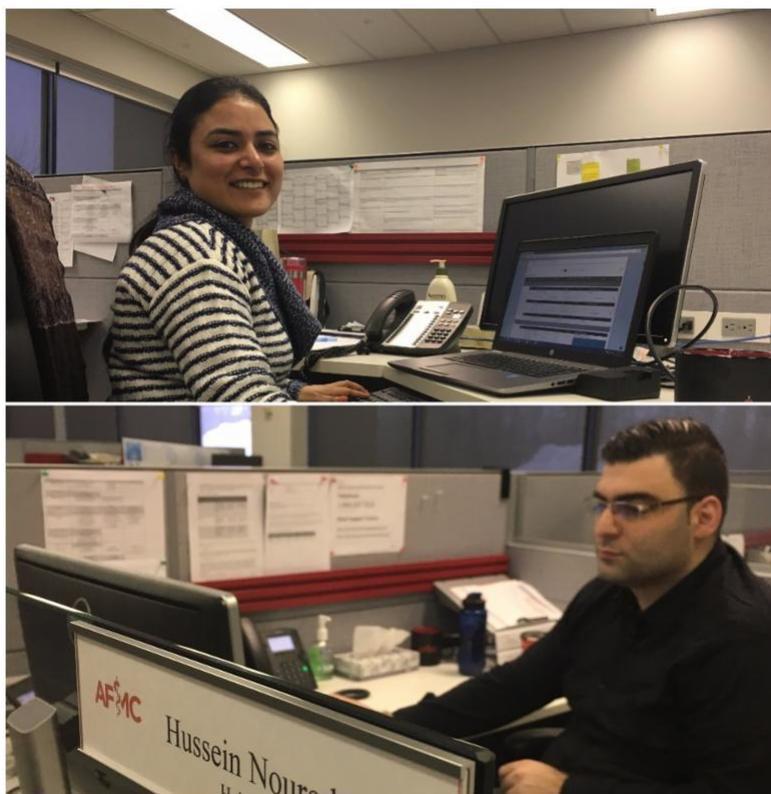
received Honorary Doctorates from 8 Canadian universities. Senator Sinclair was appointed to the Senate on April 2, 2016.

CCME Early bird registration ends February 28, 2017.
[REGISTER NOW](#)



AFMC Leadership Transition

Mr. Erik Bourdon, Director of Data and Information Services, will be leaving the organization in early March. Over the last 2 years, Erik Bourdon has established a best practice environment in Data and Information Services as he led the onboarding of the AFMC as a licensed user of the Medical Identification Number of Canada, supported AFMC being established as Payment Card Information compliant and provided oversight for the inaugural AFMC Graduation Questionnaire and Student Portal Reports. Erik led the modernization of the AFMC IT infrastructure and overall data management, including state



First AFMC Student Portal National Report Released!

The AFMC is proud to present the [first ever AFMC Student Portal Data on Visiting Electives, National Report for the academic year 2015 - 2016](#). This unique set of data offers a snapshot of visiting electives trends to help inform policies related to clerkship.

By popular demand, the AFMC Student Portal Data Analysis Working Group in consultation with members of the Portal's primary stakeholder groups - the Canadian Federation of Medical Students, the Fédération médicale étudiante du Québec, Elective Coordinators, and Undergraduate Deans - guided this

of the art encryption. For CAPER, he facilitated a better aligned governance and bilingual focus, and he optimized collaboration and efficiencies. His support for our faculty researchers and committee and network members has been greatly appreciated by all.

The AFMC is now seeking a new Director, Data and Information Services - [please see and share the job posting on the AFMC website.](#)

In response to U.S. executive order on travel restrictions

The AFMC supports its sister organizations in their commitment to international collaboration and the exchange of ideas in health research and medical education as it impacts patients and health care:

<http://www.univcan.ca/media-room/media-releases/statement-response-u-s-executive-order/>

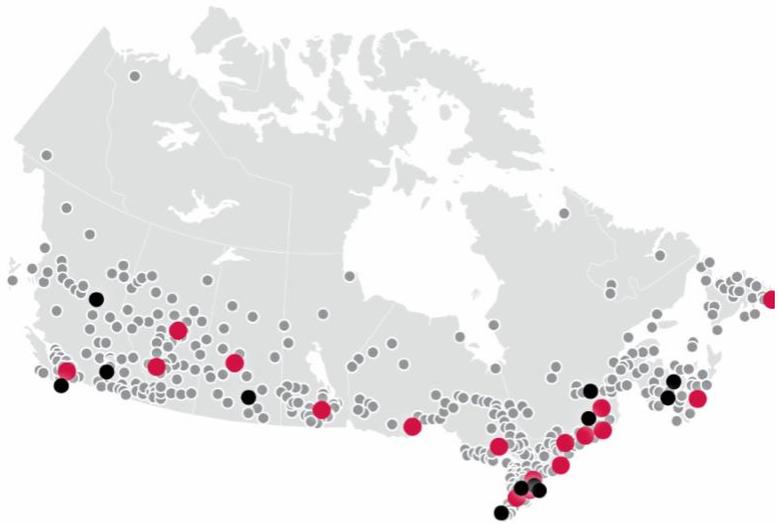
<https://news.aamc.org/press-releases/article/executive-order-immigration-013017/>

Announcements

- [The AFMC 2016 Annual Report is now available on the AFMC website: see what we have been up to](#)

data collection initiative.

The national data will be presented to stakeholders during the AFMC Student Portal Data on Visiting Electives Workshop at CCME 2017. Stakeholders interested in reviewing policy priorities and generating a dialogue on visiting electives may contact Fatou Thioune, Portal Project Assistant at fthioune@afmc.ca to attend the workshop.



Implementation of the common immunization form

Thanks to the tremendous leadership of Dr Don McKay, Memorial University and Dr William Libich, University of Manitoba, the AFMC Student Portal Immunization and Testing Form was implemented across Canada in January. While the transition is still underway at the 17 medical schools, the vision to have only ONE immunization form for all visiting electives applications is fast becoming the reality for students. Here is what some users and administrators have to say about it:

"The CFMS thanks the AFMC Immunization Working

[- The Report on Trends in transfers within Canadian postgraduate training is now available on the CAPER website](#)

-Interested in a [CHEC](#) tutorial at CCME? Contact Brenda Duplessis at bduplessis@afmc.ca 613-730-1196

[-Competency-Based Training Workshop at University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine - register here](#)

[-The Cancer Research Society Scholarships for the Next Generation of Scientists 2017 Competition is open - submit your application](#)

[-CMA Workforce Survey - participate now](#)

Group for their tireless work on the new form. A single common form is a huge step forward for Canadian medical education. We hope that medical schools will allow some leniency towards previously completed forms during the transition period."

- **Tavis Apramian, Vice President Education, Canadian Federation of Medical Students**

"The common immunization form on the Student Portal is a win/win for medical students and schools. Through various Student Portal projects, including the immunization form, AFMC schools work together for the common good yet maintain their unique identities and needs. Our student health nurse is ecstatic! She had most forms completed by the second day it went online."

- **Dr. Donald McKay, Associate Dean, UGME, Memorial University & Chair of the AFMC Immunization Working Group**

"The new AFMC Student Portal Immunization Form was made possible due to a strong spirit of collaboration between the 17 Canadian medical schools. The new form will benefit the health and safety of the students and the clients they serve, and will reduce the workload and improve efficiencies around visiting elective applications. A special thanks is owed to the Canadian immunization and tuberculosis experts and medical student representatives for their contributions to this valuable endeavor."

- **Dr. William Libich, Director of Immunization, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences Immunization Program, University of Manitoba**

"The students LOVE the new form and all wish that it had been done a long time ago!!!!!! Filling it out for me went well. I could fill out approximately 5-6 an hour and completed approximately 160 of them. Thanks again for all of the work you did on this.....both the students and I think it is terrific!!!!"

- **Michelle Krbavac RN, BN, Immunization Program Coordinator, University of Calgary**

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