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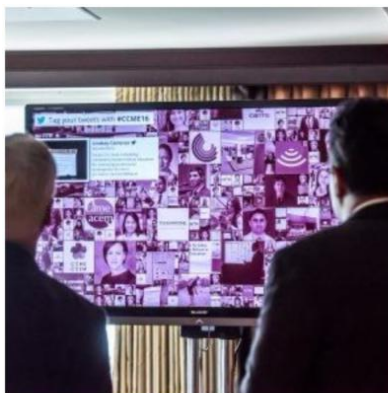
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New AFMC Board Members this Fall

The AFMC is looking forward to welcoming two new members to their Board of Directors this fall: [Dr. Paul O'Byrne](#), Dean and Vice-President of the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University as of July 1, 2016, and [Dr. Margaret Steele](#), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the Memorial University of Newfoundland as of August 15, 2016. The AFMC thanks Outgoing Dean at McMaster University

Meeting with the Minister of Health

On June 30, 2016 the AFMC executive met with Hon. Jane Philpott, Minister of Health, to advocate for the reinstatement of the MD/PhD program, as well as discuss the admission of indigenous students in Canadian medical schools. The Minister supported our recommendation that we be consulted regularly on matters related to health research and suggested that it will be important for us to be consulted by the Science

Faculty of Health Sciences, Dr. John Kelton, and Outgoing Dean at Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty of Medicine, Dr. James Rourke for their contribution over the years. The Board of Directors will be convening for their fall meeting on October 24 and 25, 2016 at the AFMC Offices in Ottawa.

AFMC Leadership Team Transition

Dr. Andrée Boucher, our Vice President, Education, has accepted a new leadership role at the University of Montreal and thus will be stepping down from her position as of July 31. In her 18 months of service she has continued extensive work on the FMEC PG and CPD projects. She has improved our relationship with key medical education partners and provided outstanding liaison to our AFMC Committees and Groups. She has co-led the development of the AFMC Entrustable Professional Activities and has Co-Chaired the National Advisory Committee for CanMEDS. As well, in 2016 she led an outstanding CCME in her home town of Montreal with the very successful addition of the "Unconference" and the best attended plenaries in the history of the conference. We wish Dr. Boucher all the best in her future endeavours and the AFMC is forever indebted for her exceptional support.

The AFMC is thus again seeking candidates for the position of VP Education. [Please see the attached position announcement.](#)

New Science Review Panel

The Federal Government announced on June 13, 2016 that a Science Review Panel is to perform a sweeping review of the entire spectrum of University-based scientific research. [See article from the Globe and Mail, June 13, 2016.](#) The Panel is chaired by Dr. David Naylor, who was a plenary speaker at the CCME in Montreal this past April. There will be significant opportunities for consultations and to provide input to the Panel via the review's website www.sciencereview.ca.

One Inuit Student for Each Faculty of Medicine

Review Panel.



From left to right: Dr. Jack Jhamandas, VP, Research, Dr. Geneviève Moineau, President & CEO, Hon. Jane Philpott, Minister of Health, Dr. Michael Strong, Chair of the Board and Dr. Hélène Boisjoly, Past Chair of the Board

Advocating for MD/PhD Program

Training clinician scientists, who not only possess the skills and competence to deliver health care to Canadians but are also fluent in health research, is a major goal of the AFMC. The MD-PhD program serves as an important portal for training future physicians to innovate in the competitive global field of health research. This program provides guaranteed financial support to 120 students in Canada training to be both doctors and scientists. For a relatively small investment, Canada receives world-class health researchers who will be on the cutting edge of innovation and patient care. Unfortunately, the decision by the CIHR to cut federal funding for the MD/PhD program beginning in April 2016 will have significant adverse effects on MD-PhD programs across the country and the ability of such programs to recruit the brightest medical minds to the health research enterprise. The Clinician Investigator Trainee Association of Canada, an organization comprised of volunteer clinical investigator trainees, has put together a [stunning visual infographic](#), which captures the impact and consequences of the cuts to the MD-PhD program at a grassroots level. The AFMC has

AFMC President and CEO, Dr. Geneviève Moineau recently responded to Minister Philpott's comment on the need for training more Inuit physicians. [See article from the Medical Post, June 6, 2016.](#)

Canadian Medical Forum

The AFMC is proud to be the new secretariat for the Canadian Medical Forum (CMF), previously housed at our partner organization, the Canadian Medical Association. The CMF brings together the leadership of the major medical education organizations, regulatory colleges, professional associations and learner groups twice per year (usually in June and November) to discuss and collaborate on key issues facing the medical profession, the educational environment and health care in Canada. The CMF met recently on June 9, 2016 at AFMC Headquarters in Ottawa to discuss a variety of issues and opportunities. Most notably, the membership discussed the evolving role of the medical profession, advancing rural family medicine, advocacy for clinician scientist training, and opioid prescribing habits. We look forward to continuing to support the Forum into the future.

Physician Resource Planning Advisory Committee (PRPAC)

AFMC hosted a meeting of the Physician Resource Planning Advisory Committee (PRPAC) on June 10, 2016. PRPAC members received an update on the status of the physician supply based projection model being developed by the Conference Board of Canada and provided some feedback. The committee discussed the initial plan for the development of a process map identifying the current state of career counselling, matching and selection processes. The next step will be to determine the desired state for the process in order to identify and analyze gaps. The PRPAC strongly supported the Resident Doctors of Canada recommendation to examine the processes that currently define the range of entry disciplines to residency as part of its overall review of the matching process.

In an effort to better support medical graduates on a path to a meaningful career that contributes to the

steadfastly maintained its support for the MD-PhD program and advocated for reinstatement of funding for this program to the Federal Government.

PGME Collaborative Governance Council

Arising out of FMEC PG Recommendation #9, a collaborative governance structure has been created for postgraduate medical education in Canada, bringing together many senior leaders from across the major medical education organizations and its stakeholders. AFMC is serving as the secretariat for the newly enacted PGME Collaborative Governance Council. At their recent May 30, 2016 meeting, the Council appointed an inaugural chair, Dr. Louise Nasmith, for the next three years. The Council's mandate is to help resolve long-standing and often complex and contentious issues in PGME, working within a consensus-based model to develop recommendations for ratification by stakeholder organizations. Two of the first main issues being discussed at this table are the learning requirements and privacy of learner information in medical education, and generalism and the need for generalists in the Canadian health care system. The Council is scheduled to meet again in early October 2016.

PGME COLLABORATIVE
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Latest CAPER Census Released

CAPER has released its 2015-16 census of all postgraduate medical trainees. Data tables include details related to specialty, legal status, gender, place of MD degree, and other such information. The publication also includes the practice locations of the 2013 and 2010 cohorts two and five years after they completed their training. A "Quick Facts" section shows graphic representations of selected longitudinal trends. The full report can be found at:

health needs of Canadians, the PRPAC wishes to identify options that could lead to reducing the number of unmatched graduates of Canadian medical schools after the second iteration, and support those who remain unmatched.

http://caper.ca/~assets/documents/pdf_2015_16_CAPER_Census.pdf

(Historical tables available at <http://caper.ca/en/post-graduate-medical-education/data-tables/>)

Announcements

- The NBME is now accepting nominations for the 2017 John P. Hubbard Award. This award recognizes individuals who have made a significant and sustained contribution to the assessment of professional competency and educational program development at any level along the continuum of medical education and delivery of healthcare. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nbme.org/about/hubbard/index.html>
- Join us at the International Conference on Physician Health! Register [here](#)
- The Violence Evidence Guidance Action (VEGA) Project is a national three-year strategy to develop foundational guidance and curriculum to assist health and social service professionals and learners on how best to respond to children and adults exposed to family violence. The AFMC is one of 22 national organizations representing your interests and needs in this important area. VEGA is funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. For more information, please visit the project website and follow the VEGA updates under "Project Activities".

