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The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Sarita Verma to the position of VP Education as of January 2017.



Dr. Sarita Verma is a Professor Emerita in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, and until January 2016, was Associate Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions and Special Advisor to the Dean of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Formerly the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (2008-2015) and Associate Vice-Provost, Health Professions Education (2010-2015), she is a family physician who originally trained as a lawyer at the University of Ottawa (1981) and later completed her medical degree at McMaster University (1991). She has been a Diplomat in Canada's Foreign Service and worked

A New and Improved Governance Structure

Last spring, in order to provide better support and help meet the evolving needs of its members; the AFMC Board approved an improved governance structure. To this end, two new Board Standing Committees were created, one on Education and one on Research. These will seek support from the AFMC Committees on UGME, PGME, CPD, Student Affairs, Research, and Graduate Studies as appropriate. Under our new structure, the remaining AFMC committees and AFMC Groups will transition into Networks.

Network members will have an easier time to connect, collaborate with and learn from colleagues who share the same passion for a specific area of focus in academic medicine, as well as have more flexibility in the way they operate. They will maintain a quick and easy access to AFMC leadership when an opportunity or issue of national importance and relevance arises, and continue to collaborate and build their [Network on the Canadian Health Education Commons 2.0 \(CHEC 2.0\)](#) with the support of AFMC staff.

Submission to Innovation Agenda

The AFMC continues to engage with our federal government at the level of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Science. Among our most recent submissions is the one made to the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development. View AFMC's responses to the following questions on [Canada's Innovation Agenda](#):

[How can Canada become the best country in attracting and developing talent?](#)
[How do we make best use of our science and research strengths?](#)

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with UNHCR in Sudan and Ethiopia for several years. Dr. Verma is the 2006 recipient of the Donald Richards Wilson Award in medical education from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; the 2009 co-recipient of the May Cohen Gender Equity Award from the Association of Faculties of Medicine in Canada; and the 2016 recipient of the Charles Mickle Fellowship from the University of Toronto for excellence in medical education. From 2009-2011, she was one of the lead consultants for the Future of Medical Education in Canada Postgraduate project. For six years she held the position of Governor at the University of Toronto, has been a board member of several teaching hospitals, the Michener Institute, Associated Medical Services and the Chair of the Canadian Residency Matching Service. From 2011 to 2015, she was the Co-lead for the Canadian Interprofessional Health Leadership Collaborative at the Institute of Medicine's Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professions Education and is a key member of the Association of Academic Health Centers International Steering Committee.

In her new role Dr Verma will continue her work in social accountability and interprofessional education, and have the opportunity to contribute to the implementation of the Future of Medical Education in Canada recommendations along the continuum. She will support AFMC Committees and Networks and lead the Canadian Conference in Medical Education secretariat.

Please join us in welcoming Dr Verma to the AFMC.

New common immunization form for the AFMC Student Portal

As part of the consultation process on immunization and testing requirements for visiting electives in Canada, AFMC held a national teleconference with immunization experts at the 17 faculties of medicine on September 23, 2016. The goal of the meeting was to validate a draft common immunization form and supporting documents including Guidelines and FAQs. The documents were well received by immunization experts who showed commitment to adopt the common immunization form for visiting electives. Students have also expressed their gratitude for the immense progress towards having common immunization requirements for visiting students in Canada.

Highlights from AFMC's Franco Doc Project

The faculty of medicine at the University of Saskatchewan has been very busy working with Francophone and Francophile learners, along with Francophone communities. The faculty has conducted many learning activities, ranging from networking opportunities to activities on medical terminology and on the basics of conducting a medical exam in French. Additionally, as part of the course "Medicine & Society", students learn about the health care system and key stakeholders, as well as their role in health care. Thanks to the Franco Doc Project, the Saskatchewan Réseau santé en français is now part of those organizations involved in this course, allowing students to learn more about the challenges facing Francophone and French-speaking patients in a Francophone minority setting.

Announcements

Digital Health Week November 14-20, 2016: [Find out more](#)

World Summit on SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY in Tunisia, April 8-12, 2017: [Save the date](#)

World Health Summit in Montreal, QC, May 8-9, 2017: [Save the date](#)

7th International Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Vancouver, BC, March 1-4, 2017: [Save the date](#)

National Health Leadership Conference (NHLC) in Vancouver, BC, June 12-13, 2017: [Save the date](#)

Update on CCME

Reminder: the event request form submission deadline is Monday, November 28, 2016 (11:59 PM ET)
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Seen here are Geneviève Moineau, president and CEO of AFMC with Sonia Sidhu, MP for Brampton South (Ontario) and Member of the federal government's Standing Committee on Health

The CHWC Lynda Buske Student Awards

Congratulations to the 2016 recipients of the CHWC Lynda Buske Student Awards, Lualhati Marcelino, Graduate Researcher, International Migration Research Centre, winner for Best Student Poster, and Susan Haydt, Research Facilitator, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University, winner for Best Student Presentation.

The Canadian Health Workforce Planning Committee created the Lynda Buske Student Awards in 2014 to recognize the exemplary work of Lynda Buske. Lynda is truly legendary in the field of the collection and analysis of physician workforce data and information in Canada. She began her distinguished career at Health Canada where she pioneered some of the analytical methods that are still in use today by the Canadian Institute for Health Information. She joined the CMA in 1992 to direct the physician workforce survey operation, and has since collaborated on the design and execution of numerous surveys of the professional activities of physicians in Canada. In the late 1990s she developed a stock and flow physician supply projection model that has had numerous applications, and which remains the only national projection model in the public domain to this day. She has shared her expertise generously and tirelessly - and it is our fervent hope that she will continue to do so. It is said that nobody is indispensable - but there are some who are irreplaceable - and that would be Lynda.

Advocating for Health Research

The AFMC leadership is continuing its meetings with government officials to advocate for the MD/PhD Program and share our recently published position paper on health research, [A Re-Envisioning of Health Research in Canada](#)
