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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



With Spring just around the corner, we have a lot to look forward to! Another positive note is that 100% of our 2009 graduates passed the clinical section of their exams...this is always great news! Preparation for accreditation by the ACCPAP (Accreditation Council for Canadian Physiotherapy Academic Programs) is well underway, with the on-site visits taking place May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are also looking forward to the Annual Ontario Physiotherapy Association Conference taking place March 26-28 at the Marriot Toronto Airport Hotel. Several PT faculty members will be receiving awards this year for their excellent contributions. We hope you can attend! As an added note of interest, this year there will be a focus on student research, with a special seminar dedicated to their presentations.

*Following are some departmental events coming soon:*

- **April 1<sup>st</sup>: Rehab Rounds** – Susan Jaglal, Associate Professor and Vice-Chair Research, Department of Physical Therapy, will present on 'The Role of Physical Therapy in the Management of Osteoporosis: Findings from the Regional Osteoporosis Coordinator Knowledge Exchange Trial (ROCKET)'.
- **April 28<sup>th</sup>: Second Annual Rehab Sector Clinical Education and Research Day.** The keynote speaker will be Dr. Samantha Nutt, Founder and CEO, War Child Canada. **Please see the 'Events' section below for event and registration information.**
- **June 29<sup>th</sup>: Special Rounds:** Hellen Myezwa, Lecturer from South Africa, will present on HIV and Disability
- **July 21<sup>st</sup>: Physical Therapy Student Poster Day**

Katherine Berg  
Chair, Department of Physical Therapy

## PT PROFILES

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*With the goal of creating a sense of community and to encourage further collaboration, we are continuing to outline some of the activities of the Department, including committees, units and key partnerships. In this issue of PT Link, we highlight the Evaluation and Awards Committee chaired by Cathy Evans. While Cathy is on administrative leave (until July 1<sup>st</sup>), Sharon Switzer-McIntyre is Acting Chair.*

### EVALUATION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Evaluations and Awards Committee (EAC) is a standing committee of the Department of Physical Therapy whose purpose is to continuously review student performance throughout the program and decide on the promotion or remediation of students upon completion of each unit.

Its membership includes:

- Cathy Evans – Chair
- Katherine Berg – Department Chair (ex-officio)
- Euson Yeung – Faculty Representation
- Ethne Nussbaum – Faculty Representation
- Sharon Switzer-McIntyre - Faculty Representation
- Dina Brooks – Faculty Representation
- Brenda Mori – Faculty & Clinical Representation
- Sheila Ritcey – Community Clinical Representation
- Daniela Pirraglia – Student Liaison Officer

The primary functions of this Committee include making recommendations on procedures relating to academic matters, developing a process for faculty to address student related academic issues, establishing remediation plans to address performance issues in collaboration with appropriate faculty and students, and establishing performance standards across the Physical Therapy program.

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

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### CAP READING DAY VOLUNTEERS

The PT Department will soon be looking for volunteers to help with **CAP Reading Day**. The Computer Administered Profile (CAP) is part of the admission process to the MScPT at U of T. Over 300 top applicants will be invited to write the CAP, a two hour exam which represents the non-academic portion of the Admission process. The CAP is designed to assess personal characteristics/attributes, life experiences, knowledge of the profession and critical thinking/problem solving skills. The scores of this CAP are combined with applicants' GPA to determine who will be offered admission to the program. The input of the clinician is very important to the department, and therefore we need help from the community to score these exams. Marking guidelines will be provided to all readers. The CAP evaluations are read here at the Department of Physical Therapy, 500 University Avenue, and this year we have set our Reading Day for **Thursday April 29, 2010**. Sessions will be available at 9AM, 1PM, 5PM and 7PM. Refreshments will be served at each session.

An email announcement will be sent to all volunteers who participated in with the 2009 CAP Reading Day by the end of March. If you are interesting in participating and you did not volunteer last year, please email Daniela Pirraglia, the coordinator of CAP Reading Day, at [ptstudent.services@utoronto.ca](mailto:ptstudent.services@utoronto.ca). We look forward to hearing from you!

## SHELLY GAUTIER TO CARRY PARALYMPIC TORCH

Shelly Gautier, a former PT student, received a letter from the Premier of BC advising her that she will be honored as a torch-bearer for the Paralympic Winter Games. She will carry the torch on March 5<sup>th</sup>, as a lead-in to the Games to be held March 12-21, 2010 in Vancouver and Whister, BC.

## OTHER NEWS

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### JAN ROBINSON PRESENTS ON BILL 179



Jan Robinson, Registrar and CEO of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA), presented at a special Rounds held January 28<sup>th</sup> to talk about Bill 179. This Bill, the Regulated Health Professions Statute Law Amendment Act, was passed by government in December 2009. Of particular interest to the physiotherapy profession is the significant change to the Physiotherapy Act, recognizing the profession's ability to diagnose within its scope of practice and grant several new authorities. Information on these new authorities can be found at the following CPA link: <http://www.collegept.org/AnnouncementRetrieve.aspx?ID=37105> This Act won't be law until proclamation, which is expected in fall of 2010. This will be followed by province-wide education sessions on scope of practice model and standards. A communication strategy to inform the public and other health professions will then be rolled out.

Jan's presentation was highly anticipated, and well attended, including the highest number of webcast participants and groups to date. Updates regarding this issue will be posted on the CPA website at: <http://www.collegept.org/AnnouncementRetrieve.aspx?ID=36930>

## COURSES/PRESENTATIONS/EVENTS

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### REHAB SECTOR CLINICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH DAY April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010

You are invited to the second annual Clinical Education and Research Day. Following is the agenda for the day, as well as registration information:

#### Clinical Education: Expanding Possibilities

##### **8:30 – 10:00am: Rehab Sciences Building, 500 University**

- Learning Styles – Does learning style influence your teaching style? **(Room 140)**
- Clinical mentorship made easy **(Room 132)**
- Students – ya gotta love'em (or not): What the research says about why we take students **(Room 235)**

##### **10:30 – 12:00pm: Rehab Sciences Building, 500 University**

- Models of supervision – What works for you? **(Room 140)**
- Facilitating interprofessional education in the practice setting: Making it Work **(Room 132)**
- Promoting yourself and your educational endeavours in your institution **(Room 235)**

Research Showcase

**Location: MacLeod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle**

**1:00 – 3:00pm: Plenary Session**

- Research Showcase
- Introduction and Welcome Remarks
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Samantha Nutt, Founder & CEO, War Child Canada

**3:00 – 4:30pm: Wine and Cheese**

- Poster Session (Stone Lobby)

**Registration for Clinical Education Workshop and Research Showcase:**

**<http://app1.rehab.utoronto.ca/rssresearchday/>**

**Abstract Due Date: March 22, 2010**

**Registration Deadline: April 21, 2010**

**For more Information:** Contact Simone Olivero at [rehab.sector@utoronto.ca](mailto:rehab.sector@utoronto.ca)

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REHAB ROUNDS – DATES FOR 2009/2010: (12pm – 1pm)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Susan Jaglal	Rm 140	The Role of Physical Therapy in the Management of Osteoporosis: Findings from the Regional Osteoporosis Coordinator Knowledge Exchange Trial (ROCKET)
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly O'Brien	Rm 140	Assessing the sensibility of a new HIV-disability questionnaire for adults living with HIV
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pia Kontos	Rm 140	Brain injury rehab
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Hellen Myezwa	Rm 132	HIV and Disability

For more information about Rounds, contact [pt.chair@utoronto.ca](mailto:pt.chair@utoronto.ca)

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CENTRE FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SPRING WORKSHOPS

To view the current list of spring workshops being presented by the Centre for Faculty Development, please view their website at:

<http://www.cfd.med.utoronto.ca/programs/upcoming-workshops.html>

For more information, contact Jackie McCaffrey, Project Coordinator at:

[mccaffreyj@smh.toronto.on.ca](mailto:mccaffreyj@smh.toronto.on.ca) (416) 864-6060 x6546

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4<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY CONFERENCE – *Call for Abstracts*

**Deadline for poster/workshop abstract submissions: March 15, 2010**

The Toronto Rehabilitation Institute is pleased to announce the 4<sup>th</sup> National Spinal Cord Injury Conference to be held on October 28-30 at the Fallsview Casino Resort, Niagara Falls.

***Share your knowledge with leaders in Spinal Cord Injury!*** You are invited to share new ideas and technologies, innovative programs and research findings by submitting abstracts for workshop and poster presentations. Students are encouraged to participate. All abstracts must fall within one of the following themes: Patient Care, Education and Research.

Presentation Formats:

- Workshops will be offered in two one-hour presentations
- Poster presentations are the visual display of a project and will be shown throughout the conference.

For more information about this conference, please contact Toronto Rehab's Conference Services at 416-597.3422 ext. 3693 or [conferences@utorontorehab.on.ca](mailto:conferences@utorontorehab.on.ca)

Abstracts must be submitted online. Please go to:  
<https://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=1971&tid=0>

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2010 LECTURE DAY: MUSCULOSKELETAL ASSESSMENT: WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

Presented by the Philippine Working Group, International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation, University of Toronto

**Keynote Lecturer:** David Magee, PT, PhD  
Author of the book "Orthopaedic Physical Assessment"

**Date:** Saturday, May 15, 2010: 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Location:** OISE Auditorium (University of Toronto)  
252 Bloor Street West, Toronto

**Early Registration:** \$60.00 for professionals; \$40.00 for students

**Registration after March 31<sup>st</sup>:** \$70.00 for professionals; \$50.00 for students

**For More Information:** [lectureday@yahoo.ca](mailto:lectureday@yahoo.ca)

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ALUMNI SPRING REUNION

The UofT Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Alumni Spring Reunion will be held on the morning of Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a general meeting, including breakfast, as well as tours of the Rehabilitation Sciences Building.

The Honoured Years will be the graduating years which end in "5" or "0"; however, we also hope that graduates of all years will attend.

In addition, the UofT Alumni Association will sponsor a BBQ at Hart House at noon.

For information about these events email the  
[ptotalumni.facmed@utoronto.ca](mailto:ptotalumni.facmed@utoronto.ca) or <http://springreunion.utoronto.ca/>

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> CANADIAN STROKE CONGRESS LECTURE DAY: MUSCULOSKELETAL ASSESSMENT: WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

Researchers in stroke rehabilitation have put together an exciting one-day rehab workshop to be held June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Canadian Stroke Congress. There will be keynote and guest speakers from across Canada (Janice Eng, Mark Bayley, Jill Cameron, Sharon Wood-Dauphinee, William McIlroy and Gail Eskes) and best practice workshops.

**Keynote Address:** "From Muscles to the Mind: Multi-System Benefits of Exercise in Stroke" Janet Eng, PhD, PT/OT, Vancouver

**Date:** June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**Location:** Quebec City

**For more information:** [www.strokecongress.ca](http://www.strokecongress.ca)

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## EHPIC (EDUCATING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN INTERPROFESSIONAL CARE) INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FACULTY DEVELOPMENT 2010

Advancing the Future of Healthcare Through Learning  
A certificate course for Health Professionals  
Sponsored by the Centre for Interprofessional Education, University of Toronto

**June 14-18, 2010**

The University of Toronto Conference Centre  
Toronto, Ontario

For more information:  
[Brochure <http://files.cepdtoronto.ca/support\\_files/7944/IPE\\_2010\\_19Jan10\\_5PR\\_.pdf>](http://files.cepdtoronto.ca/support_files/7944/IPE_2010_19Jan10_5PR_.pdf)  
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CANADIAN WORKING GROUP ON HIV AND REHABILITATION  
**Breaking Barriers, Advancing Access**

**June 22-23, 2010**

The Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR) will host its Forum and Annual General Meeting in Toronto.

With a keynote address by Dr. Michel Landry of the Department of Physical Therapy, this will be a unique opportunity to come together and combine the valuable experiences and expertise of a wide range of partners. By collectively examining barriers, identifying best practices and developing innovative solutions and critical next steps, we can improve access to rehabilitation and enhance the daily lives of people living with HIV and other episodic disabilities.

For more information, and to register, visit the website at:  
<http://www.hivandrehab.ca/EN/AGM2010/index.php>

## CAREERS

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TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP POSTING (MAY – SEPTEMBER 2010)

**TITLE AND NUMBER OF COURSE: PHT 1005Y – Unit 5 (Two positions available)**

**Neurological Physical Therapy Practice**

**SUPERVISING PROFESSOR: Kim Moody/Angie Andreoli**

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN COURSE: 84 students**

**HOURS OF WORK: 120.0 hours**

3.0 hours - Training

43.0 hours – Clinical Skills Labs

40.0 hours – Practical Skills Exams

34.0 hours – Marking/grading tests

**DATE OF APPOINTMENT: May 1 – September 30, 2010**

**SALARY:** The current rate of pay for a UG, SGSI, SGSII/PDF, and CPO is \$29.98, \$37.63, \$37.63/37.63, and \$24.79 per hour, in accordance with the CUPE Local 3092 collective agreement. Effective as of September 1, 2010, the rate of pay for a UG, SGSI, SGSII/PDF, and CPO will be \$34.94, \$39.92, \$39.92/39.92, and \$26.30 per hour.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:** Graduated from an accredited PT program and be licensed to practice in Ontario as physical therapist and with experience in the area of Neurology/ Neuroscience.

**SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE:**

Labs will vary from day to day, week to week, & will fall normally between 9:00 - 5:00 Monday to Friday.

**DEADLINE: Wednesday March 31, 2010**

**Application Process: Contact Ningsha Zhong for application form.  
Please submit Curriculum Vitae and Application Form to:**



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