Newsletter
Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

Resident Research Day 2012

On Friday, May 4th, the Division held its annual Residents’ Research Day at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre in London with Dr. Peter Lennox from the University of British Columbia as the Visiting Professor and keynote speaker. Dr. Lennox, who is on staff at Vancouver Hospital and Providence Health, has special interests in breast reconstruction and microsurgery, as well as cosmetic surgery. His lectures on “Collaboration in Breast Reconstruction” and “Non-autologous Breast Reconstruction and Radiotherapy” were both fascinating and informative.

Various topics were presented by the residents and Dr. Stephanie Power was the recipient of the Dr. R.M. McFarlane Resident Research Award for “Best Research Presentation” for her paper on Critical Analysis of Consecutive Unilateral Cleft Lip Repairs by Parents Versus Surgeons: Determining Ideal Sample Size.

Golf Tournament at Forest City
After the presentations, the residents, staff and some of the alumni headed to Forest City National Golf Course for a round of golf.

Day with the Visiting Professor
The day prior to Research Day, the residents enjoyed their time with Dr. Lennox discussing cases in the morning and spending an afternoon of wine tasting and food pairings at tru restaurant. Apparently, some were adventurous enough to sample kangaroo meat! The day was an enjoyable and memorable one to be sure.

Celebration Dinner
The celebration dinner was held at Sunningdale Golf & Country Club where the Waldo Stavraky Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Damir Matic by the residents.
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on events.

Western Residents Shine at the
Canadian Society of Plastic
Surgeons Meeting in Toronto

Plastic surgery residents from Western presented a number of papers at “Residents’ Corner” at the recent CSPS meeting. This is the centrepiece of the annual scientific meeting and acceptance for presentations is extremely competitive. Dr. Buki Ayeni (PGY1) presented Postoperative cognitive dysfunction after major reconstructive breast surgery (Co-authors C. Temple, N. Mychailyshyn, D. Ross, M. Brackstone, N. Imasogie). Dr. Tanya DeLyzer presented Characterizing the shape of the aging eyebrow (Co-authors A. Yazdani, K. Bray-Jenkyn). Dr. Aaron Grant (PGY4) presented novel work done in conjunction with Dr. Arjang Yazdani which suggests brain injury and concussion is common after facial trauma, Incidence of brain injury in facial fractures (Co-authors A. Yazdani, A. Rang er, B. Young). Dr. Haemi Lee (PGY5) presented her work on developing objectives for educating women contemplating breast reconstruction entitled, Creation of objectives for a validated test on breast reconstruction comprehension (Co-authors N. Guay, D. Ross). Finally, Dr. Stephanie Power (PGY4) presented her work on parents’ perceptions of cleft lip repair outcomes, Critical analysis of consecutive unilateral cleft lip repairs by parents versus surgeons: Determining ideal sample size (Co-author D. Matic). Congratulations to all the residents!

New Residents 2012-2013

The Division welcomes our two new residents, Dr. Kathryn Sawa from the University of Ottawa and Dr. Caitlin Symonette from Western University.

Breast Reconstruction Website

A new website containing the largest database of breast reconstruction surgeons in Canada has been recently created by Drs. Nicholas Guay and Haemi Lee. Dr. Guay is the founder and lead physician for Canadian Collaboration on Breast Reconstruction, an Assistant Professor from the Ottawa Hospital. Dr. Lee is a senior resident at Western and is the Lead Investigator for the Collaboration Team.

The site was nominated for the best new .ca website and is currently #2 in a Google search for “breast reconstruction.” The effort was aided by various physicians across Canada including London surgeons and cancer patients, which has resulted in a very comprehensive website: http://www.breastreconstructioncanada.ca

Faculty Achievements

Dr. Doug Ross, Chair of the Division of Plastic Surgery at Western, became President of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons at the CSPS annual meeting in Toronto in June. Dr. Ross follows two other former chairs at Western as CSPS President – Drs. Larry Hurst and Robert McFarlane. Dr. Ross completed his undergraduate education and medical school at the University of British Columbia followed by plastic surgery training at the University of Toronto. He began his practice in 1992 at the Hand & Upper Limb Centre at St. Joseph’s Health Care where he continues to work. Dr. Ross noted, “Western has always had a strong presence in the CSPS and that continues. Dr. Bing Siang Gan has recently completely revamped the CSPS website in his role as Director on the Board. Our residents have had a strong presence and a record of success in the Residents’ Corner at the annual scientific meeting.”

Olympics Trivia

Do you know who the flag carrier was for Canada the last time the Olympics was in London (1948)? The flag at the opening ceremonies was carried by Robert McFarlane, who later attended medical school and went on to be Chair of the Division of Plastic Surgery at Western from 1959 to 1994. Robert ran in the 400 metres race as well as the 4 x 400 metres relay (with his brother Don) race for Canada, the latter team placing 5th overall.