

Resident Program Committee

Quarterly Update



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News

- Noteworthy since the last RPC Quarterly Update, is the inspiring advocacy by our residents. Spearheaded by PGY3s, Jean-François Carmel and Dana Tran, a letter on behalf of the resident body was sent to Mr. Jacques Fremont, uOttawa President, about the campus exhibit by the Church of Scientology. Our residents urged Mr. Fremont to take action because disseminating anti-psychiatry, non-evidence-based opinions risked making it more difficult for students struggling with mental illness to seek professional help.
- Thank you to all residents and staff who contributed to CARMS. There were 434 applicants for 13 positions. An unprecedented 105 interviews were offered. New this year was that Montfort reviewed, interviewed and ranked the candidates for the three Montfort spots available.
- Congratulations to PGY-5 resident Barbara Deren who was nominated for The Ottawa Hospital Excellence Awards under the Resident Physician Educator Award category.

Updates for Residents

1. The Residency Program Committee welcomed Dr. Sephora Tang as Site Education Director at the TOH General. Thank you to Dr. Eric Mikhail who stepped into the role of Site Education Director at the Civic when Dr. Heidi King stepped down.
2. There is an exciting new elective in patient advocacy in the works with Senator Stan Kutcher. Please contact Dr. Talbot, if you are interested.
3. Regarding electives away from Ottawa: PGME has agreed that psychiatry residents may do to up to 6 months of electives elsewhere in the province of Ontario. Electives are limited to three months, if outside the province.
4. The Royal College has changed its rule for this exam sitting - if a resident does not pass the written exam, they will not be invited to do the oral exam. If a resident passes the written and fails the oral exam, they only have to do the oral exam the following year.
5. Don't miss the annual Cultural Psychiatry day is April 27, 2020.

Updates for Faculty Members

1. Is CMBE still an abstract notion? The video below is a good overview.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-aCiHCrpeM&feature=youtu.be>
2. A new platform called Elentra will be used for evaluating the incoming CBD PGY1 cohort.
3. Brief, time efficient Elentra training will be offered in June and this will be followed by readily available support from July to September 2020.

Important Dates for All

1. Mark your calendars: Venue change for the **June 11th** graduation - **Museum of Nature**. We have outgrown Lagos with a record breaking 15 residents graduating.