DIRECTOR’S CORNER

Last week the Board of Directors of the BC Chiropractic Association visited the School of Kinesiology and had a tour of the laboratories. After the tour, they held their Annual General Meeting in Applied Sciences. An item on their agenda was a draft of a Memorandum of Understanding that I wrote in which we agree to examine the feasibility of establishing a School of Chiropractic Medicine on this campus. The Association appears very interested in this possibility. My rationale for drawing up this Memorandum is that I would like it signed by a senior administrator before we commit ourselves to the effort necessary for a project of this kind. I have had discussions with the Dean and he is in favour in principle and is prepared to take the memorandum when approved by both the School and the BC Chiropractic Association to a Dean’s and VP’s meeting.

John Dickinson

Faculty, Adjuncts & Graduate Students

CHARLES KRIEGER, who will be starting with the School of Kinesiology in July, was recently in Hawaii where he trained in hyperbaric medicine.

The School of Kinesiology sponsored this course in order for Dr. Krieger to provide medical assistance in our environmental physiology unit.

DAN WEEKS presented a seminar in the Psychology Department at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, during the past month.

Congratulations to DIANE FINEGOOD. She has just received news that her MRC Grant for “Regulation of beta cell mass dynamics,” has been funded by the Medical Research Council for a further 5 year period. Diane was recently in the Antipodes. She visited the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney, Australia and presented a seminar to their diabetes research group. She also gave a seminar to the developmental biology and cancer research group at Auckland University in New Zealand. Diane is also part of an ad hoc steering committee which is attempting to form a Vancouver diabetes group. There will be an organizational meeting for anyone who is interested on March 12th at 3:00 p.m. at Children’s Hospital. Anyone interested should contact Diane for further information.

PARVEEN BAWA was recently in Calgary where she made a presentation to the Faculty of Kinesiology.

A recent publication by MICHAEL GAETZ and HAL WEINBERG has appeared in Cognitive Brain Research entitled “Neural network classifications and correlation analysis of EEG and MEG activity accompanying spontaneous reversals of the necker cube.”

ANDY HOFFER sends his greetings from Sweden where he is on a Visiting Scientist appointment at the Karolinska Institute, Dept. of Neuroscience, until June 28, 1998. He reports that his planned research project is starting to take shape, plus he’s scheduled to give several seminars in 3 or 4 countries while he is there.

I have only recently learned that the Faculty in Residences program at SFU has had the benefit of talks by three Kinesiologists during 97-3. These were: ALLAN DAIVISON, TONY LEYLAND and RICHARD WARD. This program is structured to provide residents and faculty with an out-of-classroom opportunity to interact and opportunity for students to learn about new topics outside the formal classroom.
It is with regret that I announce that SHERRY LLOYD will be leaving the School of Kinesiology. She has accepted a permanent position as the Secretary to the Chair in the Department of Political Science. I’d like to say thank you for her service to the School and particularly the graduate students. We’ll miss her friendly, helpful presence in the office and wish her well in the new position.

The Geraldine & Tong Louie Human Performance Centre presents Rehabilitation Management: To Work or Not To Work, a conference for health practitioners on March 15 & 16, to explore collaborative, multidisciplinary approaches to rehabilitation management. Included in this process will be Physicians, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Kinesiologists, Psychologists, Ergonomists, Chiropractors, Exercise Specialists, Occupational Health & Safety Officers, Policy makers, Insurers, and other related professional groups.

Conference activities will include keynote speakers, workshops with experts in the field, a special presentation by the Not Ready for Work Time players, and ample opportunity to share ideas with other rehabilitation management professionals.

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