Director's Corner

During the past month we have learned via the official website in Ottawa that Glen Tibbits has been awarded a Canada Research Chair Tier II. The School recommended Glen for this award and congratulates him on this very deserved recognition of his academic status. Normally, when an internal candidate is recommended for a CRC, the unit receives an additional position to compensate for the lost teaching. Application has been made to the Dean for authorization for a search for a faculty member to fulfill this role.

Welcome to Duncan Milne who has been appointed to the continuing position of Senior Research Engineer in the Environmental Physiology Unit of the School of Kinesiology, effective November 3rd, 2003.

The Search Committee for the Lecturer position in the School of Kinesiology recommended to the School a shortlist of 4 candidates. Interviews have now been scheduled for the 27th and 28th of November and the 1st and 2nd of December. Hopefully, a recommendation for appointment can be made in December.

During the past month the School had a Retreat with the specific purpose of discussing a draft Self-Study Report on the School of Kinesiology, which will be sent to external reviewers who are scheduled to make a site visit to the campus for evaluation of our program in 2004. Information from this Retreat has been incorporated into a new draft of the Self-Study Report. This will be distributed and a final version will be presented to the Dean and the Associate Vice President Academic by the end of November.

JohnDickinson

Kinesiology Website

We are pleased to announce that the new School of Kinesiology website is now up and running. Many thanks to Van Truong, Kirsten Johnson and Shona McLean for their very fine work on designing the new website. Please take a moment to check it out and forward any comments to Van Truong at vtruong@sfu.ca Thanks also to Christine MacKenzie and Jen Litt for their work on the Grad section.

Faculty, Adjuncts & Grad Students

Zaleena Janmohamed, a former co-op student, Bin Zheng, and Christine MacKenzie presented a poster at the 34th Annual Conference of the Association of Canadian Ergonomists on October 15-18, London, Ontario. The paper, entitled “Aiming with the Hand: Touching the Target: The Role of Proprioceptive Information between the Hands” is published in the conference proceedings.

Bin Zheng and Christine MacKenzie attended SCAPPS 2003 on October 16–18, in Hamilton, Ontario, giving presentation a “Kinematics of transport and grasp components in remote prehension”.

The following presentation was also made at SCAPPS by Flavio Oliveira and David Goodman: “Conscious and effortless or effortless and automatic: which cognitive strategy is more beneficial to motor learning?”


Mihaela Zahariev and Christine MacKenzie presented a poster at ICMI-PUI conference. Their paper “Auditory, Graphical and Haptic Contact Cues for a Reach, Grasp, and Place Task in an Augmented Environment” is published in the conference proceedings.

Ted Milner reports that the following papers were presented at recent conferences:


Diane Finegood reports that the CIHR Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes has co-sponsored production of a half-hour TV special titled "Obesity: Seeking Solutions" which will air Saturday, November 22nd at 7:30 pm on Global National TV (check your local listings to confirm broadcast time). Diane talks about the complexity of Canada's obesity epidemic, the range of research she has helped initiate across the country, plus she also talks about her own personal triumph in successfully losing weight through increased physical activity. Other researchers and stakeholders are profiled throughout the program, helping to explain the multi-disciplinary approach required to address the obesity problem in an effective way.

Publications


Conference presentations:


Ted Milner and Mark Hinder were also invited to write an article for the Physiological Society: Hinder, M.R. and Milner, T.E. Investigating schemes for control of human movement. Physiology News (October, 2003)

The annual Haney to Harrison 100km Relay Race was held on Saturday, November 8th, 2003. Congratulations to the 8 members of the "SFU Kinesiology Research" team who finished in FIRST PLACE in the Corporate Women's Division. The team represented the School of Kinesiology and consisted of graduate and undergraduate students and alumni: Joanna Zander, Heather Jackson, Erica Moore, Ingrid Mffee, Jennifer Rattenbury, Robin Hopkins, Jennifer Litt and Nori Bradley finished the 100km course in a time of 9:01:29 and were 8 minutes ahead of the next best team in their division.

Upcoming Seminar

Dr. Jim Lyons
Department of Kinesiology
McMaster University
Hamilton, Ontario

Topic: “The influences of attentional orientation & stimulus modality on inhibition of Return when performing goal-directed reaching movements.”

Date: Tues Nov 18th, 2003
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Place: Kinesiology Seminar Room, K9624

Graduate “Meet & Greet” Photos

For those of you who attended the Kinesiology Grad party on October 3rd, please check the following website for some great photos taken by Bin Zheng: www.sfu.ca/bzhenga/kingradparty.htm

Co-op Education

The Kinesiology co-op has been busy placing students for the Spring 2004 semester.

Co-op Placements to date for Spring 2004: 27
International: 3 (2 in California, 1 in Australia)
National (Outside of BC): 2
Lower Mainland & BC: 22

We are continuing to post jobs and place students for Spring. Amazingly we have just now completed our placements for the Fall semester and are happy to report our placements for Fall 2003 are now at 39 which is a 30% increase over Fall 2002.

As everyone knows, co-op enhances a student's education in many ways. From learning how to write a good resume and cover letter, to giving a great interview. But the biggest reward of all is gaining the valuable work experience that students will have upon graduation.

The following is a quote from a student currently working in Calgary at a physiotherapy clinic. Clearly the student is gaining the employable knowledge she will need once she graduates from SFU.

Student Quote: "Working at CBI in NE Calgary for the past three weeks has been an amazing experience. My exposure to hands-on treatment has exceeded my expectations. I work closely with the Kinesiologists to make initial assessments, develop exercise programs, and test clients for progress. I also have had the opportunity to sit in with the physiotherapists and learn about diagnostic techniques, shoulder and hip mobilizations and nerve testing. I lead a stretch class every morning and starting next week I will also be doing one in the afternoon. I've developed a home training program for a lady who was discharged last week and wanted to continue her shoulder stabilization. I will be creating a core stabilization class that I will lead a few times per week and I have gone on two job site visits where we assess the physical demands of a job and set goals with clients for a return-to-work program. I have also done pre-employment screens on clients applying for jobs.

The freedom to do whatever I would like to in my day is great because I can choose the areas in which I am the most interested in learning. This freedom can also be difficult at times because you have to be motivated to search out work to do rather than having to-do list on your desk. Overall, this placement has been great!"

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

It has been a long standing tradition in Kinesiology for a number of us to meet together at the DUC for a lovely Christmas buffet lunch:

**Kinesiology Christmas Luncheon**

**Tuesday, December 9th**

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Diamond University Centre**

**Cost:** $21.00 (includes taxes and gratuity) payable to LAURIE KLAK in cash by Monday, December 1st, 2003

( Drinks are purchased individually)

We look forward to seeing you there!

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

You and your partner are invited to share the festivities at our

**Kinesiology Christmas Dinner**

**When:** Saturday, December 13th

**Where:** La Rustica Restaurant, 228-232 Sixth Street, New Westminster. This is two blocks up from Royal Avenue on the west side of Sixth Street.

**Time:** Happy Hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing. Dinner will be served at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The festivities will include door prizes to be handed out for individuals demonstrating the most Holiday spirit! Come prepared to sing and dance.

**Cost:** $32 per person which includes 15% gratuity and taxes. (Drinks are purchased individually.)

**Note:** The first 15 Kinesiology Graduate students may be eligible to receive a $5 subsidy from the Kinesiology Graduate Association. Additionally, both graduate and undergraduate students may also receive another $5 subsidy.

All payments are to be made in **cash only** to LAURIE KLAK in the Kinesiology General Office by Fri Dec 5th at 4:00 p.m.