On October 24th, 2002, over 80 friends, faculty and family met at the Vogue Hotel to honour Drs. Jonathan L. Meakins and Jacqueline McClaran at a testimonial banquet as they are moving to Oxford, England with new appointments on November 20th. Jonathan has been appointed the Nuffield Professor of Surgery and Head of the Nuffield Department of Surgery at Oxford and he will be affiliated with Balliol College. Jacqueline McClaran will be Assistant Medical Director at the John Radcliffe Hospital's Trust and she will be employed at the University of Oxford with an educational role in the Dean's office and the Department of Primary Care (Family Medicine). They intend to be on-site at Oxford by December 1st.

Speakers at the dinner who bid farewell to them were Drs. E.D. Monaghan, Nicolas V. Christou, Lloyd D. MacLean, Dean Abraham Fuks, Gerald Fried, Mostafa Elhilali, and Ms. Celine Doray, R.N.

A presentation was made of a photograph of Dr. Meakins done by Montreal's Laszlo which will be posted in the 10th Floor Archibald Amphitheatre along with those of Drs. Edward Archibald and Lloyd D. MacLean.

Jonathan L. Meakins qualified MD at the University of Western Ontario in 1966, DSc (Cincinnati) in 1972 in Surgical Infection and Immunology with Drs. Wes Alexander and W.A. Altemeier, and obtained his FRCS(Canada) in 1973 and FACS in 1976. He completed his postgraduate training at the Royal Victoria Hospital and McGill University in 1974 and was appointed (please see Meakins, pg.4)
Dear Editor:
I am writing to you all after a long absence, but I have been reading The Square Knot diligently and enjoying it. I have also seen a number of the McGill staff during different College meetings throughout the years. When I saw the issues of Winter 2002 with Dr. Sarkis Meterissian and Dr. Judith Trudel mentioned and the Summer 2002 issue with the picture on page 9 of all the residents and friends present in 1985, I decided to write.

How are you, your family and all the staff and friends? Regards to all. My wife Lina and I have a family of four, 3 daughters (Meyce, Lara, Samar) and a son (Hamdi). We are living in Saudi Arabia and I am working in ARAMCO as a surgeon and as the Director of the Clinical Medicine Department. As you may remember, I did my residency in General Surgery from 1986 to 1991. Life and work here is very good and we are very excited that our eldest, Meyce, has joined McGill University School of Nutrition at the McDonald Campus this September.

I hope to continue to correspond and please send our regards to all

Ali Alaudin, M.D.
Saudi Arabia

Editor’s Note: When Ali was here, the Department of Surgery organized an Inter-Hospital Tennis Tournament. The RVH contingent included Ali who was then tennis champion of Saudi Arabia and Coleman Bonny, the tennis professional at the Montreal Indoor Tennis Club. Some of the hospitals thought this unfair. But the MCH won!

Dear Editor:
I would like to let you know that we recently published a book entitled Minimally Invasive Endocrine Surgery published by Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, and edited by myself and Dr. William B. Inabnet from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York. The book has 33 chapters in this field devoted to new techniques of thyroid, parathyroid, thymus, adrenal and pancreatic surgery. Sixty contributors from around the world have written this book, which is the first on this subject. This textbook includes over 200 color illustrations and 360 pages, and has been registered at the Library of Congress. We have donated a copy to the McGill Library for the benefits of your medical residents, students, and fellows. At the same time, I would like to thank you for the photographs of the Royal Victoria Hospital in 1985, which were published in the summer 2002 issue of The Square Knot. I have to tell you that I have never received a copy of the photograph when this was taken and if you can find in the archive a copy of the negative or any of the large color photographs, I would like to have one for my record. I hope everything is well at McGill.

I wish you much luck with the new hospital.

Michel Gagner, M.D.
Chief, Laparoscopic Surgery, The Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York

Dear Editor:
I read the Summer 2002 issue of The Square Knot with a lot of interest. I was very sad to learn that Drs. David Lin and Doug Ackman had passed away. During the time I was on the surgical house staff at the Royal Vic, 1961-64, David Lin was one of my teachers. He distinguished himself by bringing in cases from his community practice. He also allowed the residents to do a meaningful part of the surgery and gave excellent follow-up care. I really enjoyed his teaching and his friendship.

Doug Ackman, Herman Sullivan and I sailed dinghies. Doug at Royal St.
Lawrence in a Flying Dutchman; Herman in a Jollyboat, and 18’ sailboat designed by Uffa Fox, which had the reputation to be the fastest planing monohull at that time; and I, an International 14 at Pointe Claire. We occasionally raced each other’s boats and whenever there was a major regatta and we had the “time-off”, we would race on Lac St. Louis. Two years ago, I spent a week’s vacation in New Brunswick to see some old family friends, namely Dorothy McIntosh Waterston, the daughter of Dr. John F. McIntosh, an internist and research at the RVH and niece C.A. (Sandy) McIntosh who spends the summer at Westfield, N.B. near St. John, N.B. I tried to get in touch with Herm, whom I believe still enjoys sailing and my fellow RVH resident, Bob Dionne, who had retired from his orthopaedic practice.

I also have some news of 3 former Vic residents who some may still have some recollection of:

Jack Handelsman, was the 1st Accident Service Fellow, 1971-72. He came from Birmingham Accident Hospital. He helped Dr. Moseley organize the Accident Service. Later on, he returned to South Africa and practiced. However, as the political climate changed, he came to USA and was a Professor of Pediatric Orthopaedics at SUNY on Long Island. He is still a very active pediatric orthopaedic surgeon, published widely and frequently presents papers at sub-specialty meetings.

Karel van de Putte followed Jack Handelsman and served for one year on the Accident Service. He was Flemish, came from Vienna, Austria where he had taken training with Bohler and when we rotated on that service, we were making skin-tight casts for acute fractures. Karel also distinguished himself by taking care of a spinal injured RVH house officer in such an exemplary way that I believe she recovered fully. After leaving Canada, he went to Los Angeles and was persuaded to return to his native Antwerp

(please see Letters, pg. 9)
GOOD NEWS FROM QUEBEC—
QUEBEC DROPS PENALTIES FOR URBAN MD’S

Ever since the 1980’s, the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs in Quebec has tried to recruit medical doctors to work in the outlying regions. With each successive yearly “décret,” various rules and regulations have been promulgated to achieve this end. In 1988, when the Internships were abolished, and when two streams were established for Postgraduate Training (Family Medicine or Specialty), the “décret” allocated sufficient numbers of Postgraduate Residency positions for the entire province. But we live in a very large province with 19 Health Regions. The focus was to provide incentives to work in peripheral regions. These latter were rather poorly defined even by the Regional Councils, and so, when it became known that most medical school graduates wished to work in the cities which held their universities (Montreal, Sherbrooke, Quebec City), the emphasis became on “non-university regions.”

The Deans’ offices together with the Quebec College of Physicians, CREPUQ (Conférence des Recteurs et des Principaux des universités du Quebec), and the Ministries of Health and Education worked very hard to achieve this goal, but not with much success. The various Specialty Associations of the Province would tell us that doctors seem to go to the countryside for short periods of time, but eventually they gravitate back towards the cities. So punitive clauses were put in, and, of course, the results were even worse. In 1990, one half the graduating class of McGill (82 out of 164) left the province upon graduating. Forty-one of these went to the other provinces in Canada, the other 41 left mostly for the United States.

The government then concentrated on graduates from foreign medical schools who were landed immigrants. An FMG could train here, either in Family Medicine or in a Specialty, and if they passed special qualifying exams, they would then go to practice for four years in a designated area. If they failed to comply, there would be fines of up to $50,000 per year and loss of their license.

Recently, the government passed Bill 114, a controversial law, which allows the government to force doctors to work in outlying Emergency Rooms.

The whole process has caused such a hue and cry by young doctors, the public and the press, that Health Minister François Legault has promised to eliminate these repressive rules. These include all those dating all the way back to “décrets” in the 1980’s which stipulated that General Practitioners in their first three years of practice were to be docked 30% of their revenue if they worked in an urban center like Montreal instead of in outlying areas.

At present, there is a shortage of about 1,000 physicians in Quebec. An estimated 5,000 foreign trained doctors have immigrated to Canada. Many of those do not meet the high standards that we expect for Canadian physicians and, according to Dr. Jean Rodrigue, President of the Quebec Federation of General Practitioners, “we cannot have two classes of doctors.” This whole policy is now being revised. Pierre Blanchard, head of the Medical Education Section of the Quebec College of Physicians maintains that “all candidates who meet the necessary requirements will get a permit.” André Boulerice, the Minister responsible for relations with immigrants announced that they will target France and England.

For years the “number crunchers” of the government have calculated that there are too many Family Physicians and too many Specialists in the university cities of Quebec and, of course, not enough in the wide area of the remainder of the province. But cutting the numbers of entries into medical schools, decreasing the number of postgraduate trainees and forcing both our graduates and foreign medical graduates to go to work in outlying areas are not the solution.

We are not out of the woods yet, however, as on November 7th, Minister Legault tabled Bill 142 which has two objectives: to ensure that Emergency Rooms stay open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and to ascertain that doctors are spread evenly across the Province. This legislation is to better control the numbers of GP’s and Specialists in each region and especially far flung ones. But talks are going well. There is even talk of giving GP’s a 17 percent pay hike for those who staff ER’s.

The good news is that the Ministry seems to be reviewing its old ways, and by a dialogue with those young doctors involved, such as the Quebec Association of Young Physicians, some better times seem ahead.
Assistant Professor of Surgery and Microbiology at McGill University in the same year. In 1984, he became Professor of Surgery and Microbiology and was Chairman of the Department of Surgery from 1988-1993. Since 1998, he has held the Edward W. Archibald Chair of Surgery at McGill. He is presently the Surgeon-in-Chief and Chair of Surgery, the McGill University Health Centre.

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He has had two sabbaticals: In 1980-1981 in Critical Care as a Professeur Associe at the Universite de Paris XII with Professors Lemaire and Rapin; and in 1987-1988 in Hepatobiliary Surgery in Paris with Professor Franco as a Fellow of La Fondation pour la recherche medicale.

The Nuffield Department of Surgery, Oxford
Founded in 1937
Benefactor: William Morris (Lord Nuffield)

1. Hugh Cairns, Neurosurgeon, Australia
2. Philip Allison, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Leeds
   (Heart valve homografts, pig xenografts and the “Allison” repair for H.H.)
3. Sir Peter Morris, Transplant Surgeon, Australia
   Retired in October 2001 to the post of President Royal College of Surgeons of England
4. Jonathan L. Meakins, Canada

He is a member of a large number of learned societies both regional and international and has played an executive role in many of them, including the Surgical Infection Society of which he was President in 1989. He also serves on the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons, and is President of the International Federation of Surgical Colleges, and was recently made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Dr. Meakins is co-editor of the Canadian Journal of Surgery and serves on the editorial board of 14 journals and is reviewer for 16 other prestigious journals, providing book reviews to 4 of these in addition. His own journal publication list numbers 200; he has contributed chapters and proceedings to 70 surgical texts and been author or co-author of 5 books.

It was Dr. Meakins who founded the McGill Surgery newsletter The Square Knot and who designed the men’s tie and ladies' scarf. For these and many other good memories, TSK wishes Joe and Jackie Godspeed.

Dr. Meakins’ Farewell Dinner
Hotel Vogue—October 24, 2002

Jackie McClaren & Jonathan Meakins with photo by László

Lt. to Rt. Standing: M. Beaulne, M. Black, M. Bikus

Lt. to Rt. Standing: D. Evans, T. Razek

Lt. to Rt.: B. deVarennes, P. Goldberg, P. Ergina, O. Blaschuk, J. Gordon, P. Brodt

Lt. to Rt. Standing: D. Anderson, G. Ghitulescu

Lt. to Rt. Standing: A. Turnbull (New York), J.-E. Morin
Lt. to Rt. Sitting: Mr. Robert McClaran (Jackie's father), S. Cruess, P. Cumyn, R. Cruess, H. Zimmerman (Jackie's cousin)
Dr. Françoise Chagnon
Director of Professional Services for the MUHC

The Board of Directors appointed Dr. Françoise Chagnon to the position of Director of Professional Services for the MUHC at their meeting of June 14, 2002.

New Director of Professional Services for the MUHC

Dr. Chagnon sees the role of the DPS as focused on day-to-day operational and clinical issues. "The community has to know that we are here for them." She listed a number of challenges in her new job, including reducing waiting lists for care. "I want to put an emphasis on recruiting and retaining professional staff-doctors, pharmacists and the allied professions - and on providing opportunities for their personal and professional development. This is essential to providing accessible and state-of-the-art care for our patients." Dr. Chagnon said she will be looking at opportunities for re-organizing services on the existing sites for greater efficiencies. She said she will put a priority on transparency in corporate decision-making. "We must ensure that physicians and other health care professionals are driving health care policy at the MUHC."

Dr. Chagnon is a graduate of the McGill Faculty of Medicine and has a Master's degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Montreal. She continues to pursue studies in public administration and related legal studies as well as continuing medical education. She has been the Associate Director of Professional Services for the MUHC at the Montreal General Hospital site since 1999. She has broad experience in the practice of medicine and surgery at the MUHC and other institutions, including St. Mary's, LaSalle and Douglas Hospitals. Dr. Chagnon plans to continue to run a private practice in otorhinolaryngology and the care of the professional voice.

The Good Samaritan

...but a Samaritan who was making the journey came upon him, and when he saw him was moved to pity. He went up and bandaged his wounds, bathing them with oil and wine. Then he lifted him on to his own beast, brought him to an inn, and looked after him there. Next day he produced two silver pieces, and gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Look after him; and if you spend any more, I will repay you on my way back."

The New English Bible, 1972
Dr. Max Aebi has decided to step down at the end of this year as Professor and Chairman of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at McGill and Chief of the MUHC Adult Services. It is obviously with some sadness that he bids his "adieu" to his colleagues at McGill with whom he has worked for the past ten years, and returns to Bern where new challenges await him.

Max was born in Bern and graduated from the university there with a Federal Diploma as a physician in 1975. In 1987, he received a PD which is the equivalent of a Ph.D. in North America. During his surgical training from 1972 to 1984, he had a variety of experiences: Gynaecology and Obstetrics in Ethiopia, General Surgery, Pathology, Neurosurgery, Microsurgery, and of course Orthopaedic Surgery. He obtained his Fellowship of the Royal College of Canada in 1995.

Dr. Gregory Berry joined the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery and the Trauma Group at the MUHC (MGH site) in July 2002. Dr. Berry obtained his M.D.CM. (1991) at McGill and his orthopaedic training at the Université de Montréal. In addition, he did a Foot and Ankle Fellowship at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in London as well as a Trauma Fellowship at Sunnybrook in Toronto. He has worked two years as a practicing orthopaedic surgeon in a Trauma Centre at Hôtel Sacré-Cœur. He has a strong interest in clinical outcome research as well as an interest in experimental work. This fits well with our intention to build, together with Sunnybrook and Vancouver General Hospitals, a Trauma Registry.

He came to McGill in 1992 and has been Professor and Chairman of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery since then. In addition to the RVH and the MGH, he also has been Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon to the Montreal Children’s Hospital, the Jewish General Hospital, and the Shriners Hospital for Children of Canada.

His expertise has been in spinal surgery and in the year 2000 he gave the Straumann Honorary Lecture of the AO-Veterinary Group in Davos, Switzerland entitled New Advances in Spine Surgery. In 2001, he received the Maurice E. Müller Award in Orthopaedic Surgery in Lugano.

This year, he received the prestigious honour of being proposed to the Ministry of Education of Paris, France as an "Honorary Doctor of Medicine" of the Faculty of Medicine in Marseilles, France.

The Square Knot wishes him well in his new enterprise.

Dr. Max Aebi Returning to Switzerland

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Welcome Aboard

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New Chief ENT

Dr. Saul Frenkiel has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology, McGill University effective October 1, 2002. He replaces Dr. Melvin D. Schloss who has held this position for the past 13 years.

Thanks

Thank you to Dr. Jemi Olak for her generous contribution to McGill Surgery Alumni and Friends.
McGill Division of Surgical Research

The Division of Surgical Research has designed a new and improved information brochure detailing all you want to know about the Surgical Graduate Program and Research. The brochure introduces the distinguished history of Surgical Research at McGill, the mandate and vision of the Division and provides a brief account of the research orientation of the scientists in the Division. It also details the admission requirements to the graduate program and the application procedures. Copies are available for wide distribution. The Division has a need and greatly welcomes clinician scientists to serve as Student Advisory Committee members and to participate in class room teaching activities. Please contact Ms. Irene Sidorenko at 934-1934 extension 42837 for further information or to obtain copies of the brochure. Also check out our recently updated web site at: www.surgery-research@mcgill.ca

By Anie Philip, Ph.D.

Centre universitaire de santé McGill
McGill University Health Centre

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)

On October 17th at the Faculty Club of McGill, Dr. Lawrence Rosenberg and his colleagues Marc Prentki, Ph.D. and Dr. Richard Furlanetto along with patient David Vilanova gave a press conference to announce the launch of a highly innovative research centre. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Centre for Beta Cell Replacement at McGill University and the Université de Montréal focuses on making islet replacement successful as a viable cure for Juvenile (Type 1) Diabetes - a devastating disease that often strikes children leaving them insulin dependent for life. This new research centre was launched with a 2.7 million dollar grant.

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Dr. Ray Chiu must be congratulated for the exceptional mentorship that he has provided to the cardiac residents during their research year. The productivity is a reflection of both the mentor and students.

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Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal

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by his wife, Magdalena who had a law degree, to practice. I had the pleasure of meeting him several years later at orthopaedic meetings, went to his home and participated in several surgical operations with him and his daughter who was training in Orthopaedics in Belgium. Unfortunately, Karel died of a sudden heart problem about 10 years ago.

Most interns at the Vic in those days were unmarried and when we rotated to the Women’s Pavilion, we were assigned roommates. Sergio Betancourt, graduate of Cornell, was mine. After his service as a Green Beret, I last saw him in 1967 when he was in General Surgery residency at UCSF. He married an Italian national, worked in Europe and subsequently came back to practice in Pittsburgh, PA. I happened to have been there for the NCAA championships last March. My wife, Francine and I had a delightful evening with the Betancourts catching up and I showed him The Square Knot.

I really look forward to future issues. We did go as interns on ambulances to keep our classmates from the MGH and JGH honest and from “dumping” cases on us. Maybe when names come up again, I could write you some further recollections. With personal best wishes.

John Hsu, M.D.
Downey, California

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The Second Annual General Surgery Welcome Dinner was held on Thursday, Sept 5th at L'Orchidée de Chine. An introduction of the staff, chiefs and R1's was conducted by the Program Director, Dr. S. Meterissian, who revealed intriguing information on the new recruits. The R1's and the Chief residents received McGill Key chains. Thanks to all who participated in making this evening a pleasant one.

*Pictures courtesy of Rita Piccioni*
Volunteers in our Hospitals, be it at the level of the Boards and those of the Foundation and Research Institutes, or those taking care of the daily needs in the wards, in the coffee shops and all through our institutions, are a vital part of providing health care.

Volunteering in Hospitals

Hospitals have become even more complex than universities to administer. And it is no wonder for they operate in a society that has no consensus of what our health system should be. Since the advent of the Canada Health Act in 1984, we have adopted, as part of being Canadian, the principles of universal coverage, comprehensive services, portability and importantly, equal access.

Despite political battles and doctors' strikes, the principles have continued to this day to be part of what defines us as Canadians. It defines us because we have said we will ensure that we will support every Canadian everywhere in the country for all his or her medical expenses.

But the 1990's, with huge financial pressures on the Provinces, we have seen cuts to funding and health care, closures of hospital beds and hospitals, restrictions on billings and caps on doctors' earnings, cuts to services to the extent that people have been sent to the States for certain treatments.

At the same time, demands for home-care, public-care and pharmacare, which were not seriously considered at the beginning of the 80's, are now part of the health-care package.

And so the debate about the two-tier systems rages.

While our health-care system has been subjected to a barrage of public criticism, and the rhetoric makes it sound as if we are in crisis, we know that the care given is mostly excellent, and it is the resources that we give our caregivers that are lacking. We spend far less per person than our neighbours to the South. They on the other hand use a large part of each health-care dollar on insurance premiums, brokers, lawyers, consultants, marketing people, etc.

There are many choices to be made, but I suspect that most Canadians would not give up the universality of our system, although politicians and polls in Quebec indicate a private component is being considered by many. We are waiting with suspense for the ways in which Romanow will suggest the private sector, without setting up a parallel system, can be complimentary to the public system.

We know costs are rising faster than government revenues, and 40% of government expenditures are in health. So the time of the Claire Report in Quebec, Sullivan in Ontario, Kirby in Ottawa is over. When Roy Romanow's report comes out, we must act.

And who must be in the forefront of this debate, along with patients, health-care givers and the public, but the volunteers who are active on the boards of our hospitals and their foundations.

And so, we are starting to see training programs being developed to assist the board members, not only in the governance of complex institutions, but in the whole issue of health-care delivery itself.

VOLUNTEER IN THE TRENCHES

But there is another role, and a vitally important role for volunteers in our hospitals.

Across this country, volunteers help welcome patients and their families, read and listen, and help create a family atmosphere. They offer practical assistance during meals, help with letters, run errands, and give non-medical information and direction. They bring newspapers, books and films to patients.

Wherever there is an Oncology Department, invaluable support is given in the delivery of palliative care to both patients and families who are very much in need of a friend.

They work as well in Neonatal Intensive Care, Risk Pregnancy, Dialysis, Transplant, ER's and Geriatrics.

In some hospitals, there are special programs of music therapy, pets brought in to lonely animal lovers, and there are often friendly visiting programs organized by the volunteer bureaus. Hospitality corners and coffee shops, blood donor clinics, sales at Christmas time, this is all the work of the volunteers.

I have had the opportunity in the last three years of visiting hospitals from St. John's, New Brunswick to British Columbia and down the Eastern Seaboard and into the mid-United States. I am struck on each visit with the difference and variety of equipment. Some very modern and progressive, some regretfully horribly outdated. But I am even more impressed with the work of the volunteers and the support of the community in most places.
We stand second to none in our hospitals in Quebec, in the community support for the work that is done. And no matter how expert and qualified the specialists, how dedicated the nurses, how efficient the administrators, without the community, a hospital cannot be first rate.

**FUNDRAISING**

There is always a desperate need for people who are prepared to sell the cause and the needs of the hospital in the private sector.

Each hospital has had a foundation since the early '70s, and they have been very successful in the support they have been able to provide to the hospitals.

You should not be scared of fund-raising. It does take hootspa, but it is very challenging and exciting when you get a positive response.

Ever since the founding of our hospitals the need for a positive group of people willing to build, support, and go to the aid of the patients is always there.

**CONCLUSION**

Major change is again underway, but people’s needs do not change. There will always be a need for funds to support the services. There will always be a need for volunteers of good humour, compassion, who are capable of helping to provide care. There will always be a need for hands reaching out to involve the community, and hands from the community offering that immediate support. There will always be a need for people to form the core of the volunteers in our hospitals.

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**Mount Royal Tennis Club**

Last summer, Lise and Ed Monaghan and Ariane and Peter McLean were happy to be the dinner guests of Eleanor and Lloyd MacLean at the Mount Royal Tennis Club.
KUDOS!!

Dr. Vincent Arlet from the Division of Orthopedic Surgery was very busy last year. At the 75th AO Course: Interactive Spine Course in Davos, Switzerland on December 9-14, 2001, he lectured on Decompression: Causes; and Posterior Surgery. In Philadelphia in January 2002 at the Spine Course for Residents and Fellows, his lecture was entitled Principles of Bone and Soft Tissue Injuries. Also in January 2002, in Berne, Switzerland at the Live Surgery Symposium, he spoke on New Concepts of Anterior Spinal Surgery. On March 16, 2002, at the Symposium on Degenerative Lumbar Spine in Denver, USA, he lectured on Sacroiliac Fixation [Spine Education & Research Institute (SERI), 9005 Grant #100, Thornton, Colorado 80229]. In San Diego at the Comprehensive and Interactive Spine Course: AOASIF on April 17-21, he gave 3 talks entitled Degenerative Spondylolisthesis: Is Decompression Without a Fusion an Option; Adult Scoliosis: Techniques for Surgical correction; and Isthmic Spondylolisthesis. Operative Approaches and Outcomes. Dr. Arlet was a Guest Speaker at the 3rd Jornada de Ortopedia e Traumatologia do Hospital das clinicas da Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade Federal de Goias on May 1-4 in Goiania, Brazil. He spoke on Congenital Scoliosis; Surgical Treatment of High Grade Spondylolisthesis; Decompression after Surgery in Idiopathic Scoliosis; Biomechanics of Bone and Soft Tissue Injuries in Thoracolumbar Trauma; and Surgical Treatment of Sheuermann Thoracic Kyphosis. Dr. Arlet also had two workshops on Lumbarcoracal Fixation and Treatment of Spinal Deformity. At the AOASIF Spine Deformity Symposium in Boston on June 1-2, he gave lectures on Typical Right Thoracic Curve; Avoidance of Overcorrection or Imbalance King Moe Type II B Curve; and Avoidance of Overcorrection or Imbalance Thoracoscopy. In June 2002 in Berne, Switzerland at the Maurice Muller Institute at a symposium on Advanced Techniques in Spinal Fixation sponsored by the Spine Institute, he spoke on Technique as Minimal Front Back Fusion of the Lumbar Spine. Again in Davos, Switzerland on September 8-11 at the Triennial AO Alumni Association, Dr. Arlet was a Guest Speaker and the titles of his talks were Scoliosis and Kyphosis. On September 13 in Seattle at a one day course organized by the Scoliosis Research Society on Fundamentals of Spinal Deformity, he spoke on Complications of Adult Scoliosis. Finally, at the Hibb's Society on September 21 in Seattle, he spoke on New Anterior Claw Fixation for Scoliosis Surgery.

Dr. Jeffrey Barkun of the MUHC Division of General Surgery once again is in the limelight having reaped the following awards. First of all, he has received an Honorary Fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons of Glasgow this November. This fall, he was a Visiting Professor in Surgery at Dalhousie University. Dr. Barkun has won the OCTAS (Quebec) [OC-TAS - L'as des octets], and CIPA [Canadian Industry Productivity Award] prizes for an electronic research project in Transplantation, and he has received $250,000 from VRA [Valoration Recherche Quebec]. For the year 2004, he has been awarded the James IV Travelling Fellowship from the Association of Surgeons.

Dr. Paul Belliveau of Queen's has just returned from Taiwan where he attended a meeting of the International College of Surgeons as President of the Canadian Section. He was also appointed Secretary of the North American Federation of the I.C.S. Amongst his many duties there, Paul is also doing a Master's Degree.

Dr. Peter Chan of the Department of Urology was awarded the First Prize of Best Video Presentation at the Centennial American Urological Association Meeting in May 2002 for his most recent work entitled Ultra-Precise Multi-Layer Microsurgical Vasovasostomy: Tricks of the Trade. Dr. Chan was the first Canadian to receive this award. In addition, for the 3rd consecutive year in June 2002 at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Urological Association, he was awarded the Best Basic Science Research Prize. This honor was given in recognition of his work entitled Microsurgical Vasae epididymostomy: Prospective Randomized Study of Different Intussusception Techniques in Rats. At the same meeting, Dr. Chan was also named the Canadian Urological Association Research Scholar for his proposed study on Modification of the Epithelial Cells of the Vas Deferens Post-vasae epididymostomy and its Effects on Spermatozoon Maturation. This study will take place at the MUHC Urology Research Institute at the Royal Victoria Hospital in conjunction with Dr. Louis Hermo of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at McGill University.

Dr. Ray Chiu has been appointed as the Chairman of the Work Force on International Relationship of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons; and an Associate Editor of Interactive Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery, an Internet based publication of the European Society for Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery. He was an Invited Speaker at the Canadian Stem Cell Network on January 17th, 2002; at Tech-Con 2002 for the Society of Thoracic Surgeons in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on January 26th; at the University of Vermont on February 26th; at the "Engineering Tissue Growth Conference" as a Featured Speaker in Pittsburgh, March 19th. He was the Keynote Lecturer at the Asian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery on Jeju Island, Korea on April 19th; and the Japanese Circulatory Society in...
Saporo, Japan on April 25th and 26th. He served as a Visiting Professor at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston on February 6th; at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea on April 22nd; and at Kyoto University in Japan on April 29th. On May 15th, he was the Annual Visiting Professor of the Department of Surgery at the University of Ottawa; a speaker at the Henry Ford Medical Center Symposium in Detroit on June 20th; and a Visiting Professor at the Ottawa Heart Institute on September 19th. He was also invited to deliver the annual Bigelow Lectureship during the Canadian Cardiovascular Society meeting in Montreal on October 29th.

The Egyptian Urological Association introduced the “Elhilali Lecture” at their annual meeting in Luxor, Egypt in October 2002. This lecture in Dr. Mostafa Elhilali’s honour, will be held annually at the EUA meeting. The EUA has only one other named lecture. The speaker this year was Dr. Vito Pansadoro, Chief of Urology, University of Rome. The EUA also named Dr. Elhilali as an Honorary President, a lifetime appointment.

Drs. Hélène Flageole and Jean-Martin Laberge of the Montreal Children's Hospital organized the meeting of the International Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society (IFMSS) held on September 1st to the 4th at the Manoir Richelieu in La Malbaie. With more than 160 participants from around the world, the meeting was a great success.

Dr. Gerald M. Fried was named the first Steinberg-Bernstein Chair of Minimally Invasive Surgery at the MUHC. He was nominated as President-elect of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons in September 2002 in Ottawa. Dr. Fried was also nominated to the Board of Governors of SAGES (Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons). He was an invited speaker at the 8th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery held in New York in March 2002 and spoke on Training and Determination of Outcomes and Competency. Also, in March, he was an invited speaker at the World Congress of Gastroenterology in Bangkok, Thailand and his topic was Enabling Technology for Hemostasis and Tissue Division. Dr. Fried was invited to chair a symposium of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada on “Training and Evaluation of Laparoscopic Skills.”

Drs. Gerald M. Fried, Liane Feldman and Dennis R. Klassen have set up a web site on “Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy” which describes their approach and the current indicators and techniques for imaging and exploring the common bile duct. There is emphasis on intra-operative ultrasonography. Subscribers may view the full text at www.acssurgery.com.

Dr. Claude Gagnon, Director of the Urology Research Laboratories, at the last CIHR grant competition (March 2002), was awarded a second CIHR 5 year grant. The former grant has been in operation since successfully received in 1978. Both grants were renewed without interruption.


Dr. Frank Guttmann, pediatric surgeon emeritus, has been writing books. His first three years in retirement were devoted to writing a book on Senator Téléphone-Damien Bouchard (Tée-Dée) “The Devil from St. Hyacinthe”. The Wilfrid Laurier University Press is considering to publish it. In October, 50 years after receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree (Honours in Physiology), he was at convocation to receive his M.A. in History from McGill University. His thesis-paper was on Honoré Beaugrand. If ever Frank writes a book about him, it will be entitled “Honoré Beaugrand – Not Just a Metro Station.”

Dr. Karen Johnston obtained the Career Investigator Award from the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research for her project on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury. All her colleagues at the Montreal Neurological Institute congratulated her and wished her continued success.

We congratulate Dr. Saundra Kay who was successful in obtaining the Royal College Certification for Pediatric General Surgery.

Dr. Jean-Martin Laberge accepted the honour of writing an article on What’s New in Pediatric Surgery for the Journal of the American College of Surgeons. The article appeared in the August 2002 issue. This also concludes his 2nd term (6 years total) as a member of the Advisory Council for Pediatric Surgery of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Peter Metrakos was invited to speak at Hematology/Oncology Rounds – CancerCare Manitoba in Winnipeg on April 16th, 2002 on Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma. On May 25th at the Annual Coordinator Meeting of Quebec Transplant, his topic was Living Donors: What’s New 2002. At the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre, on May 28th at Oncol-
ogy Rounds, he spoke on *Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma* and on May 29th at Surgical Grand Rounds, his talk was on *Management of Colorectal Liver Metastases*. Dr. Metakos was the Chairperson of the Premier Forum Québécois sur le Donneur-vivant en Greffe Rénale on June 1st and 2nd. He was also the co-author of a paper published in the American Journal of Pathology in June 2002 entitled *Proprotein Convertases in Tumour Progression and Malignancy: Novel Targets in Cancer Therapy*.

Dr. David Mulder and Dr. Phil Gold received the Award of Merit of the Montreal General Hospital of the MUHC by the Members of the Board of the MGH Corporation at a reception on November 12th, 2002 in the Livingston Hall Lounge of the hospital. This Award of Merit was originally created specially for the Hospital's 150th Anniversary in 1971, and is in recognition of extraordinary service, over many years, to the Montreal General Hospital.

Dr. Richard J. Novick, Professor and Chair of the Division of Cardiac Surgery at the University of Western Ontario, gave a lecture at the Journée Scientifique 2002 du Département de Chirurgie de Université de Montréal entitled *The Canadian Surgical Technologies and Advanced Robotics (CSTAR) Unit: Formation of an Interdisciplinary Research Team in Surgical Robotics*.

Dr. João Luiz Pippi Salle in association with Dr. Göran Läckgren organized an international course on Hypospadias held in Stockholm, Sweden in September 2002. The course consisted of lectures as well as observation of live surgeries, receiving excellent evaluation. Dr. Pippi Salle was a Visiting Professor in November 2002 at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. He lectured on the *Treatment of Urinary Incontinence* for the Minnesota Urological Society.

For the third year, Dr. Ken Shaw has been Program Committee Chairman for the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Pediatric Surgeons (CAPS) which was held this year in Vancouver from September 19th to the 22nd. The meeting was a great success with 52 scientific presentations from 11 different countries. It has been quoted as being one of the best meetings in CAPS history.

In November, Dr. Henry R. Shibata was honoured by the Government of Japan in receiving the "Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette." This is a special medal presented by the Japanese Consul General (Montreal) Shiguchi for meritorious service to the Japanese community in Montreal. He has been long-time President of the Japanese Academy Club of Montreal which helps the young students and researchers from Japan to continue their studies here. A reception was held at the Consul General's residence to fete this occasion.

**Achievements Residents and Fellows**

**Congratulations to Dr. Hila Al-Sabti** (R-IV Cardiac Surgery) and his wife Kamila on the birth of their son Ali born on October 31st, 2002 at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Sister to Reem. At the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress in Edmonton in October, Hila had a poster entitled *Evolving Experience with a Centrifugal Pump for Cardiogenic Shock*.

Dr. Ioana Bratu and Dr. Pramod Puligandla each presented at the International Fetal Medicine and Surgery Society (IFMSS) meeting held in La Malbaie. Ioana presented *Pulmonary Structural Maturation and Remodeling after Reversible Fetal Ovine Tracheal Occlusion in Diaphragmatic Hernia*, co-authors H. Flageole, J.-M. Laberge, M.F. Chen, B. Piedboeuf, and Pramod presented *Percutaneous Hemangioembolization of a Thoracic Mass in Utero*, co-authors S. Kay, L. Morin, L. Jutras, C. Bernard, D. Shum-Tim, H. Flageole, which was also presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Pediatric Surgeons held in Vancouver. Pramod also presented a second abstract in Vancouver entitled *Gastrointestinal Duplications*, co-authors L. Nguyen, D. St. Vil, A. Benoussan, J.-M. Laberge.

Dr. Jimmy Koumanis was awarded the 2002 Resident Trainee Award for his presentation at the American Society for Bariatric Surgery in Las Vegas in June 2002.

Dr. Derek MacDonald presented two papers at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress in Edmonton in October. The first was a basic research paper entitled *Xenogenic Bone Marrow Stromal Cell Implantation into Acutely Ischemic Myocardium Attenuates Deterioration in Cardiac Function*, and the second a clinic paper entitled *Tricuspid Valve Function and Outcome After Trans-atrial VSD Closure Without Tricuspid Valve Detachment*. At the American Heart Association meeting in November, he participated in the "Best Scientific Sessions 2002" satellite broadcast on a presentation entitled *Xenogenic Bone Marrow Stromal Cell Implantation into Acutely Ischemic Myocardium Attenuates Deterioration in Cardiac Function*.

Dr. George Tzimas had a paper published in Liver Transplantation in April 2002 entitled *Aberrant Right Hepatic Artery: A Mockery*. He also presented a poster at the XIX International Congress of the Transplantation Society in Miami in August.
In the past 6 months, the McGill Minimally Invasive Surgery Program has been active and productive locally, nationally and internationally. One of the highlights of the year's activities was the annual MIS Visiting Professorship. This visit was sponsored by the MUHC's Sally Jackson Fund and our Centre of Excellence Program Grant from Tyco Healthcare. Our Visiting Professor this year was Dr. Lee Swanstrom from Portland, Oregon. Dr. Swanstrom visited McGill on September 11-12, 2002. He was originally scheduled to visit exactly one year earlier, but due to the tragedy of September 11, 2001, his visit was cancelled and rescheduled one year later. Dr. Swanstrom is a world authority on minimally invasive surgery and it was a great honour for us to have him visit. He lectured on Minimally Invasive Therapies for Metastatic Disease to the Liver on Wednesday, September 11th, and spoke on Minimally Invasive Approaches to Esophageal Surgery at Surgical Grand Rounds on September 12th. On the Wednesday afternoon, the McGill MIS Group gave a series of presentations on surgical techniques, outcomes and education research. Attendance by surgeons, students, and residents was excellent. We all look forward to next year's visitor.

Minimally Invasive Surgery Program

Through a generous donation by Mr. John Alper, we were able through the Hermes/Aesop voice controlled robot to control the laparoscope during surgery. This donation is in honour of Dr. D.D. Morehouse from the Department of Urology and will greatly facilitate the laparoscopic radical prostatectomy programme, spearheaded by Drs. M. Anidjar and S. Tanguay (see right).

The McGill University Health Centre has strongly supported the activities of the MIS Program. Current plans are underway for the construction of three new operating rooms at the MGH site, specifically to enhance the resources for MIS surgery. The flagship of this project is a dedicated MIS suite with videoconferencing capabilities, digital image archiving, telestration, and central control of all devices in the O.R. by either touch pad or voice control.

Dr. Nicolas Christou has been the surgeon performing bariatric surgery at McGill and has recently started a program of laparoscopic roux-en-Y gastric bypass for morbid obesity. These patients will be monitored in a prospective database as part of the commitment to data collection and quality assurance within the MIS Program.

Dr. Gabriela Ghitulescu organized a course for general surgery residents in MIS. This was a combination of a series of didactic sessions and videos, followed by two days of hands-on teaching, using physical and virtual reality simulators and procedural based training. The feedback was excellent and we look forward to follow-up sessions on a regular basis.

Donna Stanbridge is the Nurse-Coordinator of the MUHC MIS program. She has been invaluable at training nurses across sites of the MUHC and has worked closely in collaboration with the nurses at the Jewish General Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital. She has put on a series of courses on instrumentation, patient safety, and instrumentation/trouble shooting. At an international level, Donna was Director of the Allied Health Professionals Course at the 8th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery held in New York in March 2002. Drs. Gabi Ghitulescu, Liane Feldman, Dennis Klassen (our laparoscopic fellow), Shannon Fraser (general surgery resident) and Gerald Fried all presented their work at the World Congress.

Donna has also been appointed as Educational Chair of Advanced Technology and Minimally Invasive Surgery of The Association of Operating Room Nurses. This is a very prestigious appointment, especially for a Canadian nurse.

Dr. Dennis Klassen completed a one-year fellowship in MIS at McGill on July 1, 2002. He came to McGill from
the University of Manitoba via Guelph and has been a tremendous asset. Dr. Lorenzo Ferri, a Boston native and graduate of the McGill General Surgery Program, has succeeded Dennis. Lorenzo was last year's recipient of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons/Merck prize as the best resident teacher, and we anticipate that he will greatly add to the educational mission of our group.

Dr. Liane Feldman from General Surgery, and Dr. Maurice Ani Harper from Urology have developed an outstanding program in laparoscopic live donor nephrectomy for kidney transplantation. This training program has greatly increased the donor pool and has decreased the pain, convalescence and complications of donors.

Dr. Franco Carli, Professor and Chair of Anesthesia, has worked closely with the MIS group to set up protocols for perioperative management of patients undergoing MIS and measuring outcomes. This valuable collaboration will expand this

Later that evening, a reception dinner was held in his honor. It was a pleasure to have Dr. Francois Lacour-Gayet as our Visiting Professor for Congenital Cardiac Surgery at McGill University.
ANNUAL VISITING PROFESSOR FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY PROGRAM
September 11-12, 2002

This year's Visiting Professor was Dr. Lee L. Swanstrom, who is currently Clinical Professor of Surgery, Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Oregon and Medical Director and Program Director of the Minimally Invasive Surgery Program at Legacy Health System in Portland.

On Wednesday at the MGH, Dr. Swanstrom was the Guest Lecturer. The topic of his talk was Laparoscopic Treatment of Non-Resectable Liver Metastases, followed by video and scientific presentations. On Thursday, at Surgical Grand Rounds, he spoke on The Impact of Minimally Invasive Techniques on Esophageal Surgery. This was followed by live surgery with video-conferencing to the Osler Amphitheatre in which a laparoscopic repair of a para-esophageal hernia with Nissen fundoplication was performed.

As one of the great opinion leaders and innovators in MIS, it was an honour to welcome Dr. Swanstrom to McGill as the 3rd Annual Visiting Professor in Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Visiting Professor

Dr. Lee Swanstrom

ANNUAL COLLIP VISITING PROFESSOR IN INNOVATION IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
November 7 - 8, 2002

The McGill Division of Surgical Research was honoured to welcome Dr. Alberto Hayek, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of California, San Diego as the first Collip Professor in Innovation in Biomedical Research. His talk at Surgical Grand Rounds was on Neogenesis and Replication of Human Beta Cells. It was a pleasure to have Dr. Hayek who is one of the pioneers in the field of islet cell neogenesis.
Clinical Congress—
American College of Surgeons
Annual Meeting
San Francisco, California, October 6-10, 2002

Alumni and current McGill surgeons participated in the excellent program presented at the Annual Congress.

Dr. John M. Bohnen of Toronto was the moderator in a general session entitled "Managing the Spectrum of Surgical Pain".

Dr. Karen M. Johnston was the moderator of a seminar in Neurosurgery entitled "Athletic Concussion: Current Standards of Care". She presented a paper at the same session entitled Research Methods Applied in a Concussion Protocol: A Case Example.

At the Surgical Forum at a seminar in Cardiothoracic Surgery, an excellent address was given on The Role of Hypoxia in Mesenchymal Stem Cells-Related Angiogenesis by Abdulaziz Al-Khaldi, Hilal Al-Sabti, Sandra Turcotte, M.Sc., Borhane Annabi, Ph.D., Richard Belliveau, Ph.D., Jacques Gali-ppeau and Kevin Lapalpelle.

At the Surgical Forum in Neurological Surgery, Dr. Karen M. Johnston gave a talk on Imaging Concussions: A Role for Functional MRI.

At the Surgical Forum in Critical Care during a panel on the "Immune Response to Shock/Resuscitation," two papers were presented by McGill surgeons. The first was entitled Hypertonic Saline Infusion in Humans Alters the Inflammatory Response of Activated Neutrophils by Kosar A. Khwaja, David Evans, Jose Pascual, Changiz Gholipour, Betty Giannias, B.Sc., Tarek Razek and Nicholas Christou, Ph.D. The other paper entitled HTS Attenuates In Vivo Vascular Leakage and Leukocyte Adherence, Diminishing Lung Neutrophil Accumulation One Day after Hemorrhagic Shock Followed by Infection was presented by Jose L. Pascual, Lorenzo Ferri, Kosar Khwaja, Betty Giannias, B.Sc., David Evans, Rene Michel and Nicolas Christou, Ph.D.

At the Surgical Forum on Surgical Oncology, Robert H.I. Antbacka, Morag Park, Ph.D., and Sarkis Meterissian presented an excellent paper entitled Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase is Highly Activated in p66SHC Expressing Breast Cancer Cells.

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Obituaries

**THE DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY**, Head and Neck Surgery at McGill University expresses their deep sorrow on the recent passing of Dr. Melvin (Mendy) Mendelsohn.

**POOLE, DR. NORMAN LESLIE** passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on July 12th in Calgary, Alberta. Born in 1927, and formerly of Bryson, Baie Comeau and Shawville, Quebec, Norman retired in Calgary. He is survived by his beloved wife Ann Campbell Poole, father of Peter (Susan), Jane, Judi (Phil), Doug (Chantall) and Alex (Hildur).
Ambassador's Club

At a glittering gala held on June 17, 600 guests at the Palais des Congres honoured thirteen new individuals who were inducted into the Montreal Ambassadors' Club for 2002. In this photo, one can note Dr. Jonathan Meakins (back row), Dr. Jacques Corcos (middle row), and Dr. Francis Glorieux (front row).

Upcoming Events

Mount Sinai Minimally Invasive Surgery Educational Programs, New York

1. Laparoscopic Ventral Hernia Repair
   Dec. 6, 2002
3. Laparoscopic Inguinal Hernia Repair
   Feb. 7, 2003
4. Laparoscopic Surgery of the Foregut
   Feb. 27-28, 2003
5. Minimally Invasive Endocrine Surgery—April 3-4, 2003

Hand Assisted Laparoscopy,
Houston, Texas—Dec. 15-16, 2002

19th Annual Breast Surgery Symposium by SESPRS,
Atlanta, Georgia—Jan. 16-19, 2003

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