Ugh. When did it get to be November? As quickly as the summer seemed to happen upon us, the same can be said for fall. Rain, rain and more rain in the Lower Mainland!!

Sue’s sabbatical is now official (see pg. 4) so things will be somewhat different for Ingrid and I next year - we’ll have a new co-conspirator to work with, however Sue will still have her fingers in a few pots (e.g. workshops), so we will continue to have contact with her. No ‘cold turkey Sue withdrawal’!

2015 will be bringing some changes in technology, for example our first EXCEL Modules should be complete and available online for all of our Clinical Educators to access, any time!

I am also looking at updating the format of this newsletter and/or the delivery method. I have made up a small survey which will only take a few minutes to complete. I would very much appreciate comments and suggestions, as this newsletter is meant for you - our Clinical Educators! Please take a look at pg. 3 for the survey link. Reply by December 15th and you might be the lucky winner of a lovely UBC PT Clin Ed Envirosax bag!

This is the last newsletter of 2014, so on behalf of the Clin Ed team, Happy Holidays. I hope that everyone has some time off to enjoy with family and friends. We all need a collective hug about now...

Carolyn

UBC 2014 Faculty of Medicine Awards

After learning of our award win in April, it was finally time to pick it up! On October 2nd, Ingrid and I attended the UBC Faculty of Medicine Awards Reception at the University Golf Club. We had a lovely time, spent amongst some of the brightest stars in Medicine! We were pleased that Lara Boyd, another winner from the department, was also there to “represent!” (Alison Greig, a fourth PT winner couldn’t make it.)

The Applegarth Staff Service Award was presented by Dean Gavin Stuart, and Ingrid and I were pleased the award’s namesake, Dr. Derek Applegarth, was also in attendance. We had a lovely chat with him and especially appreciated his heaping amounts of praise and respect for the job that staff do at the university! The award is well-suited to him to his enthusiasm.

Sadly Sue couldn’t be there, but she sent her envoy, Susan Harris, with some beautiful bouquets. Our engraved awards now sit on our respective mantles at home, and remind us of the great team we work in, both in Clin Ed and PT.

It’s that time of year again, for the V.I.P. Clinical Educator Recognition Program draw. This program is a lottery for physios who take our students on clinical placement.

Every time you supervise an MPT student on a placement you earn points. When you have attained sufficient points you can submit an application for a draw (at various levels) and have the chance to win $300, $500, or $1,000 (the top prize includes a 1-year PABC membership). Draws are twice a year in March and October.

Congratulations to the winners of our October 31, 2014 draw:

- Cobalt Level ($300) - No entries.
- Sapphire Level ($500) - Darren Hagel, Royal Jubilee Hospital
- Royal Level ($1,000 + 1-yr PABC membership) - Fiona Hughes, Victoria General Hospital

For more information on the V.I.P. Clinical Educator Recognition Program, or to apply, click here.

FYI our next draw deadline is March 1, 2015!!!
Warm greetings from Northern BC. It is difficult to acclimatize to the snow flurries when it doesn’t seem so long ago that all 20 of the 2013-2015 Northern & Rural Cohort were here in Prince George basking in the sunshine, playing Frisbee on the campus of UNBC in between classes.

In July we ran a full three weeks of academic distribution to the Plinth Lab at UNBC following their Level 1 placements as part of the objective of offering our students the opportunity to experience physiotherapy practice in northern and rural BC.

Our first NR Cohort (2012-2014) completed their final placements over the summer and will be graduating in November and beginning their careers. Some of the NRC graduates have already migrated to rural and northern areas, so while it is far too early to claim any successes, it appears as if the NRC is on track to fulfilling its mandate of increasing recruitment and retention. It is evident that the NRC program has opened up placement opportunities for students in northern, rural and remote communities that have had long standing vacancies and students are returning to fill those positions upon graduation. We will be evaluating the program thoroughly and tracking our students for years to come to measure the outcomes of the NRC.

We are thrilled that Angela Pace, PT Clinical Faculty, has offered to cross the Skeena from Kitimat to Prince Rupert and fill in as a locum Clinical Instructor at the Prince Rupert Interprofessional Student-led Model (PRISM) Clinic for the Level 2 placements.

Through the winter, five MPT2 students and two MOT students will be benefitting from Angela’s guidance as an experienced PT and Clinical Educator.

We are still looking for a permanent Instructor so spread the word!

Updates

We are excited to welcome Shannon Norum as the new Administrative Assistant for the NRC at UNBC. She begins this position in November so we will be sure to include a profile of her in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, if you are a NRC site, you may be receiving emails from Shannon care of the physio@unbc.ca email address.

Welcome Shannon. We are excited to have you on board!

• It transfers energy and gives the person hugged an emotional lift.
• You need four hugs a day for survival, eight for maintenance, and twelve for growth.
• Scientists say that hugging is a form of communication because it can say things you don’t have the words for.
• The nicest thing about a hug is that you usually can’t give one without getting one.

Hugging is good medicine.

Photo: lifehack.org
ORIENTATION GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

I, Madame Editor, am currently looking at ways of updating our “Globe” newsletter in terms of how it is produced and delivered to all of you. There is an option of keeping things status quo, which means this colourful, multi-page PDF that is sent via email. Another more “stepping into the 21st century” option is an online version that is smart-phone-, tablet- and laptop-friendly. That “friendliness” however might sap the fun out of what I think is a rather “outside the box” newsletter format. ;)

The idea behind an updated online newsletter is that it is columnar, and therefore “stacks” and adjusts easily to whatever size screen you are looking at. There are also going to be mouse clicks, as only snippets of content can fit on a front page, so a click leads to the actual story, or “post” online.

There might be other options for a more visually appealing online newsletter - I’m looking into that.

Here is a chance to let us know what you think of the online newsletter and how you would like to access it. Please take a moment to complete a very short online survey to all of our friends in Clinical Education.

Within the survey I will show you two examples of the online newsletter types I’ve mentioned above. It will just take 1-2 minutes of your time.

Oh, and if you fill out the survey by December 15th you can enter to win a coveted UBC Clin Ed Envirosox bag!!

CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE SURVEY
Sue Murphy on sabbatical next year

Sue will be taking a sabbatical year in 2015! She will, however, still be around; for example to facilitate any Clinical Educator workshops throughout the year, and to lead the Clin Ed Symposium in January. She will also be doing what is sure to be quite a few inservices about the new ACP evaluation form, due to be implemented at the Level 1 placement start in April of 2015.

During her year Sue will be doing some professional development, as well as working on projects such as revitalizing how professionalism is taught in the MPT curriculum and refreshing the content of the Clin Ed Workshops.

The lovely Anne Rankin will be stepping in to take on the day-to-day business of the Clinical Education portfolio in Sue’s absence.

New face in Prince George

As Robin mentioned in the NRC news, Shannon Norum will be joining the Northern and Rural Cohort team in Prince George, stepping into the role previously held by Amy. Shannon’s full-time position will be split between NRC duties and the role previously held by Amy. Shannon’s full-time position will be split between NRC duties and the NMP (Northern Medical Program). Her contact details are below. She starts at the beginning of November. Welcome Shannon!

APP eval update

The ACP form is coming soon! As of April 2015, all UBC and most other Canadian students will be using the new ACP (“Assessment of Competence in Physical Therapy”) evaluation form, developed at the University of Toronto for their mid-term and final student evaluations. This form will replace both the currently used CPI and APP evaluation tools, and have the option of being completed electronically. We will be hosting inservices and workshops on the new form around the province prior to the “go live” date and encourage all preceptors to attend a session. And, of course, we will always be happy to answer any questions on the form as you start to use it.

EXCEL Modules update

Our first three EXCEL (Excellence in Clinical Education and Learning) Modules are coming along - in fact we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We hope to debut at least one at our UBC PT Clinical Education Symposium, being held at the end of January!

Clin Ed Workshops galore!

This year Sue and Robin will have travelled to a total of 11 locations around the province to facilitate our Clinical Educators Workshop. Over 28th.

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Did you know you might be eligible to become a UBC Clinical Faculty member?

Look here, or contact Carissa Dyck for more information!

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What's New?

Tidbits of information worth knowing!

112 physical therapists, both private and public practice, have attended!! We are happy when future Clinical Educators can take time from their busy schedules to learn with us.

We look forward to new locations and workshops in 2015. If your city/town/site/clinic is interested in playing host for a workshop, please do get in touch. As long as we can get a minimum number (usually six people) we are open to all sorts of workshop possibilities, e.g., full-day, condensed evening, weekend full-day, as well as site-specific if you can get enough people together!

We appreciate hearing from sites, as we don’t always know who needs training and when!

2015 Clin Ed Symposium reminder

A reminder to those of you who have received an invitation that replies are requested by November 28th, so we can confirm details and continue with planning. Thanks!

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

— Benjamin Franklin