Canada’s Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières Confers Partnership Award
On New York College of Podiatric Medicine

During a ceremony held on Monday, November 8, the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (UQTR) conferred its partnership award on the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. The award highlights the vital role played by NYCPM since 1995 in the conception, implementation and development of the undergraduate Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree offered by UQTR. Through a unique collaborative effort between the two institutions, the program - the only one of its kind in Canada and in the French-speaking world - was launched in the fall of 2004. Dr. Michael J. Trepal, NYCPM Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, accepted the award at the ceremony on behalf of the College.

In the words of Dr. Ghislain Bourque, Rector of the University: “The significant and constant commitment of the New York College of Podiatric Medicine over the past 15 years has been vital to both the implementation and smooth running of the undergraduate doctoral program in podiatric medicine offered by our institution. Without this exceptional collaboration, it would certainly not have gotten off the ground easily. NYCPM gave us invaluable advice with regard to program design as well as the physical layout of the University Podiatric Clinic. Moreover, NYCPM teaching practices inspired ours immensely, and are appreciated by our students. NYCPM faculty often come to UQTR as visiting professors. Thus, UQTR-trained podiatrists obtain reputable training based on the teaching and research carried out at the NYCPM. Today, UQTR recognizes the vital importance of NYCPM’s contribution to the development and strengthening of our podiatric medicine program. This award is both a token of appreciation for the NYCPM’s exemplary
The New York College of Podiatric Medicine has announced the establishment of an Academic Department of Orthopedic Science at the College. The department is the result of the support and effort of Rock Positano, DPM, MSc, MPH, one of NYCPM’s Board members.

The department will be charged with as-needed didactic instruction for students and in CME programs in contemporary aspects of orthopedic surgery. The department will be an extension of the College’s relationship with the NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System. Along those lines, it will be staffed with orthopedic surgeons who maintain their practice at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

On a Friday in mid-October, NYCPM held its fifth annual Residency Fair, at which representatives from thirty-nine hospitals, from nine states, talked with students about their hospitals’ externships and residency programs. Virtually all second- and third-year students attended, as did many first- and fourth-year students. The Residency Fair was organized by Oendrila Kamal and Bijan Andrade, both of the Class of 2012. A special workshop on writing CV’s and cover letters was conducted by Jeffrey Horowitz, DPM, Class of 2000. Lunch was provided during the five-hour Fair through the generosity of Alterna LLC and the NYCPM Alumni Association. According to students as well as the hospitals’ representatives, the Residency Fair was an extremely successful and informative event.

Stanley R. Kalish, DPM, a renowned Atlanta, GA-based podiatric surgeon and distinguished NYCPM alumnus who has lectured and taught widely, recently gave a well-received student lecture and resident surgical workshop on ankle fusions using tibial nails. The lecture, entitled “Complex Ankle/Hindfoot Arthrodesis Utilizing the Phoenix nail”, was supported by an educational grant from Biomet, Inc., a company that designs, manufactures, and markets products used primarily by musculoskeletal medical specialists in both surgical and non-surgical therapy. Dr. Kalish first presented a didactic lecture to third- and fourth-year students, and then conducted an intensive workshop that utilized fresh cadavers in the College’s recently-renovated, state-of-the-art Anatomy Lab and Skills Center.

In mid-October of 2010, Lt. Col. Steven Goldman, DPM, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at NYCPM, and an Air Force Reserve Surgical Squadron Commander at Andrews Air Force Base, in Camp Springs, Maryland, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Dr. Goldman received the medal for his efforts in supervising the 779th Medical Group and for his care of Air Force members, both active duty and retirees, as well as their dependents, coupling outstanding outcomes with cost savings for the Air Force.

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Stanley R. Kalish, DPM, Lectures and Conducts Cadaver Surgery Workshop for NYCPM Residents

NYCPM Holds Fifth Annual Residency Fair

Dr. Goldman Receives Meritorious Service Medal
The New York College of Podiatric Medicine recently held the second year of a Post-Graduate Mini-Fellowship program for surgical training of the New York Metro Hospitals' Podiatry Residents. Vilex, Inc., a well-known manufacturer of Foot & Ankle implants and surgical products, is sponsoring the entire multi-year program through an education grant.

This year’s part of the multi-year program consisted of three weekends of didactic and hands-on instruction, including increasingly complex surgical instruction utilizing fresh cadavers in NYCPM's state-of-the-art Anatomy Lab. There are separate programs for Junior and Senior Residents – Basic, for first-year residents, and Advanced, for second-year residents. Each track enrolls about 25 residents, selected by the residency directors of the participating hospitals. A few positions in the advanced track are made available to practicing surgeons.

Dr. Abe Lavi, President & CEO of Vilex, Inc., stated, “Surgical education is best when it is hands-on. We at Vilex are delighted to sponsor this multi-year program at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine.”

Surgical faculty for the recent sessions included NYCPM faculty members Michael J. Trepal, DPM, David Gitlin, DPM, Johanna Godoy, DPM, Thomas Vitale, DPM, as well as Ronald Soave, DPM, Chief of Podiatry and Program Director, Podiatry Residency Program, at New York Methodist Hospital.

A group of NYCPM students, Class of 2012, demonstrated their holiday spirit recently by collecting and donating toys to children at a nearby shelter for homeless families. The students ran a toy drive at the College co-hosted by the Student National Podiatric Medical Association (SNPMA) and the NYCPM Pediatrics Club during the first weeks of December, collecting more than 75 toys. Donations of new and gently-used toys were received from students, NYCPM and Foot Center of New York faculty, as well as administration and staff. On Thursday, December 23rd, the students and their boxes of toys were driven in a College van to the Old Broadway Family Residence, where a group of very happy children and their parents celebrated the holidays just a little bit early.

The students who were key to the Toy Drive were Alysaa Phyars, President of SNPMA, Caroline Mpande, VP of SNPMA, Janale Beckford, Secretary of SNPMA, Jennifer Maungu, Treasurer of SNPMA, and Sherie Neufville, President of the Pediatrics Club.

Faculty members Eunice V. Ramsey-Parker, DPM, MPH, Associate Professor of Podiatric Medicine, and Clinic Administrator, and Laurence J. Lowy, DPM, Professor of Pediatrics, and Dean for Student Services, as well as William H. Graham, VP, Information Technology & Operations, were also critical to the success of the Toy Drive.
Gala Centennial Celebration and Convocation

The New York College of Podiatric Medicine will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in the spring. To commemorate its Centennial, NYCPM will be hosting a gala Centennial Celebration and Convocation at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manhattan on May 18th. All proceeds from the event will benefit the College’s Student Scholarship Fund.

If you are interested in joining us for this momentous occasion, you can visit www.nycpm.edu/alumndonations.html to purchase tickets or call (212) 410-8419 if you have any questions. In addition, there is limited space available in our Centennial Journal for advertisements or messages of congratulations. If you would like to participate in the journal, please call (212) 410-8419.

New York College of Podiatric Medicine
Centennial Celebration

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, May 18th, 2011

The hundredth anniversary of the College’s founding is here, and we have established a Centennial Scholarship Fund to help support the students of tomorrow. Over the past three years, NYCPM has awarded over $1,500,000 in scholarship grants.

We need your support to meet our scholarship goals!

Please make a donation to the NYCPM Centennial Scholarship Fund today! Go to www.nycpm.edu/alumni.asp to donate now!

Research Group in NYCPM’s Division of Preclinical Sciences Publishes Paper in the Journal Clinical Anatomy

This month, a research group led by Anthony D’Antoni, D.C., Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Division of Preclinical Sciences at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, and Director of Anatomy at the College, published a paper entitled, “Anatomic Study of the Suboccipital Artery of Salmon with Surgical Significance” in the journal Clinical Anatomy.

The paper highlights the clinical relevance of the angiology of the V3 segment of the vertebral artery, and therefore, has great relevance to orthopaedic surgeons, neurosurgeons, and other clinicians who treat disorders of the cervical spine.

The study was a collaborative effort between several NYCPM faculty members, including Fortunato Battaglia, M.D., Ph.D. (a neuroscientist) and Anthony DiLandro, Ed.D. (an anatomist). The group also included Mr. Garrett Moore, a first-year podiatric student at NYCPM. According to Dr. D’Antoni, “This study was not only an interesting and clinically-relevant investigation, but also demonstrated how NYCPM students can get involved in research.”

The abstract can be obtained online at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ca.21037/abstract

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commitment and a wish for continued and fertile collaboration between our institutions in teaching and research.”

Louis L. Levine, President and CEO of NYCPM, said: “The New York College of Podiatric Medicine is very proud of our longstanding partnership with the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, and of our role in the creation and ongoing success of the pioneering program in podiatric medicine at the University. We are honored that the UQTR chose to ally itself with the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. We look forward to many more years of cooperation between our two institutions, and of working with the outstanding UQTR students and faculty in the program, as we continue to fulfill our goal of expanding access to the profession of podiatric medicine around the world.”

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