

# IHPME CONNECT 07.2016

SHINING A LIGHT ON THE NEW  
IHPME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## ALIGNING WITH ALUMNI

IHPME's alumni association, currently known as the Society of Graduates (SOG), will soon be integrated within the Institute. The integration is aimed at making the most of the knowledge, creative thinking, and commitment to public service that characterizes the people who make up IHPME.

Since its creation, the SOG operated independently from the Institute, and relied entirely on volunteers to manage its activities. IHPME Director [Adalsteinn \(Steini\) Brown](#) and SOG President Jodeme Goldhar have been working steadily over the past three years to align SOG goals with the strategic direction of the Institute. The next logical step in the process is to bring alumni activity within the Institute as an equal line of business.

"We've already been identifying priorities together, this change will further ensure the specific needs of alumni are better met, while also leveraging the significant contributions that alumni have to offer the Institute," says Brown. "Our alumni community includes some of the highest performing professionals in the health system. We need that expertise and experience to loop back into influencing the students who will eventually lead the continuing evolution of health care delivery. This is about making the Institute better at what it does, and as a result, increasing our contributions to making health systems better – in Canada and around the world."

Over the years, the SOG has been working more closely with the Institute on hallmark events such as [the annual Moonshot event](#). Awards programs and communication activities have already been closely aligned. The full integration of alumni



Alumni are an integral part of the IHPME community.  
Top: Annette Marcuzzi, Leslie Sorenson, Daniela Fastag Orzynski.  
Bottom left: Jodeme Goldhar. Bottom right: Stephanie Kovalchuk, Anne Wotjak.

activities as an equal line of business will ensure that even more alumni can become engaged in the life of the Institute. As part of the change in governance, the volunteer executive that currently directs SOG activities will become an alumni advisory group. Beginning in this autumn, the group will provide advice directly to the Director of the Institute.

"IHPME is known to have one of the highest performing alumni groups within the University of Toronto. To continue this progress, and to address the growing complexity of health care system challenges, we need to integrate our work more closely with the Institute. We can do more together than we could do alone," says Goldhar.

With increasing demand for continuing education, the alumni advisory group will help to ensure educational offerings are aligned with the changing needs of alumni.

"Continual learning is essential for today's health care sector professionals, but there are different stages in the alumni experience and that means there are very different continuing education needs at 5 years out versus 15 years out," says Goldhar. "The contributions that the Institute needs from alumni are also changing."

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The new governance structure will make it easier for alumni to be involved in the Institute, as mentors, guest lecturers and preceptors.

“IHPME’s alumni community covers the full range of health sector professionals, from ministry decision makers, to leaders in hospitals to private enterprises and public institutions, and they are working in positions around the world,” says Brown. “Today, students really value the opportunities to interact with alumni. They want education that is also informed by experiences in health sector settings, and I know that many alumni want to remain involved with the Institute and connect with the next generation of talent.”

The integration of the SOG into the Institute will be completed by the end of the year, just as current president Jodeme Goldhar finishes her term. Incoming president Lee Fairclough will pioneer the alumni role in the new state of affairs.

“IHPME has always made a broad impact by drawing from a wide community of talented people – including students, faculty, administration, alumni and friends of the Institute. We are taking steps to ensure that this powerful collective can work more effectively together to position our Institute as truly one of the best of its kind in the world,” says Goldhar.

## MARCHILDON ON PHARMACARE

Last month, IHPME Professor and Ontario Research Chair in Health Policy and System Design [Greg Marchildon](#) joined Hon. Roy Romanow in Ottawa to speak before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health: National Pharmacare Program. Marchildon briefly discussed two approaches to Pharmacare. Firstly, Marchildon spoke on the idea a traditional program that would be financed partly by the federal government, under a few national criteria, and administered by provincial and territorial governments. Marchildon also discussed a second option that would involve a national Pharmacare program that is financed and administered entirely by the Government of Canada.

Following these remarks, Marchildon answered questions from the committee and was asked to prepare a formal submission of the two approaches on Pharmacare architecture and governance.

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DLSPH Bulletin

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

[Peggy Leatt Knowledge and Impact Award Dinner](#)  
September 8th

[Preceptors' Night](#) - September 28th

[IHPME Annual Moonshot Event](#) - October 20th

[IHPME Holiday Party](#) - December 8th

## LOOKING BACK AT CAHSPR 2016

Several IHPME students, researchers and faculty members presented impressive work and received prestigious honours earlier this year, at the 2016 CAHSPR conference.

IHPME Professor and Ontario Research Chair in Health Policy and System Design [Greg Marchildon](#) delivered this year's [Emmett Hall Memorial Lectureship](#) – one of Canada's most prestigious lectureships. Each year, the Hall Laureate is selected on the basis of outstanding contributions to the health ideas articulated by Justice Hall – equity, fairness, justice and efficiency. See the slides from Marchildon's lecture – [Situating Politics in Health Systems, Services and Policy Research](#).

*(Previous IHPME faculty members who served as Hall Laureates include Anthony Culyer, Raisa Deber, Andrea Laupacis and Michael Rachlis.)*



*The IDEAS team accepting the Ted Freedman Award.*

Additionally, the [Improving & Driving Excellence Across Sectors \(IDEAS\)](#) team – which is delivered through a collaborative partnership with IHPME, Health Quality Ontario, the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences and six Ontario medical schools – took home the [Ted Freedman Award for Innovation in Education](#), in recognition of the team's ongoing work in quality improvement and leadership training. The award, which is presented by Longwoods Publishing and CAHSPR, recognizes individuals or groups who inspire, advocate and enable education in healthcare.

[Read the team's award winning submission.](#)

Congratulations to all IHPME CAHSPR 2016 presenters and award winners!

# MAKING THE CASE FOR SUPERVISED INJECTION SERVICES

Five years after IHPME Professor [Ahmed Bayoumi](#) and Dalla Lana School of Public Health Associate Professor Carol Strike said that Toronto would benefit from opening at least three supervised drug injection sites, their research is now influencing public health leaders and policy-makers to make safe-injection services available in the city.

In an invited commentary published in *The Lancet* on May 7, 2016, Bayoumi and Strike explain what's changed and why they've finally had success influencing policy in Toronto.

[Read the Dalla Lana School of Public Health news story.](#)

# AWARDS & HONOURS

Congratulations to the several IHPME students, faculty and alumni who were recently honoured with very prestigious awards.

Notably:



*Sandra Cella accepted the Robert Wood Johnson Award, last month.*

**Sandra Cella** was recently presented with the **Robert Wood Johnson Award**, which recognizes Master's of Health Administration students who have made promising contributions to health services management. [Read more about the award.](#)

**Rohan D'Souza** won the **Women's Health Research Foundation** award at CIHR's National Health Research Poster Competition in Winnipeg.

IHPME Professor [Robert Schwartz](#) was named one of **University College's 2016 Alumni of Influence**. This award recognizes University College alumni who have left an indelible mark on their fields and beyond.

At the gala event for the national eHealth Conference, last month, MHI instructor [Gillian Strudwick](#) was presented with the **Dr. Kathryn J. Hannah Nursing Informatics Scholarship**. Additionally, [Lauren Bell](#) – a graduate of IHPME's MHI program – was named the **Emerging Leader in Health Informatics**. [Read more in Canadian Healthcare Technology.](#)

# PUBLICATIONS

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[Timilshina N](#), [Breunis H](#), [Tomlinson G](#), [Brandwein J](#), [Alibhai SM](#).

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[Millar AC](#), [Lau ANC](#), [Tomlinson G](#), [Kraguljac A](#), [Simel DL](#), [Detsky AS](#), [Lipscombe LL](#)

*CMAJ*

[Predicting low testosterone in aging men: a systematic review](#)

[Tanuseputro P](#), [Budhwani S](#), [Bai YQ](#), [Wodchis WP](#)

*Palliat Med*

[Palliative care delivery across health sectors: A population-level observational study.](#)

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# SUPPORT IHPME

The Institute of Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, as part of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, is the first Canadian public health school to launch its own fundraising campaign. With the support of our generous donors, our Boundless Campaign will enable IHPME to continue shaping the training and research in health systems, management and policy.

For more information on how you can get involved, give annually, create a named fund, or consider the School in your estate planning, please contact **Ryan Lindsay, Senior Development Officer** at [ryan.lindsay@utoronto.ca](mailto:ryan.lindsay@utoronto.ca) or visit [IHPME Donate](#) or [Support/Campaign](#). Thank you for your support!

# LIFELINE SYRIA CHALLENGE

IHPME — along with others from across the Dalla Lana School of Public Health (DLSPH) — have formed a team and are taking steps to make a tremendous difference for one Syrian family.

As Syrian refugees come to Canada to build new lives, they need immediate, essential services and long-term support to ensure their successful settlement and integration into Canadian society. This is where the Dalla Lana community can help.

IHPME faculty, staff, students and alumni — along with others from DLSPH — have come together to form Team DLSPH. This team hopes to sponsor a Syrian refugee family through the University of Toronto's involvement, with other Toronto-based Universities, in the Ryerson University Lifeline Syria Challenge (RULSC).

Team DLSPH is looking for volunteers to contribute their time and for donations to meet their financial target of \$50,000 to support one family during their first year in Canada. You can learn more about Team DLSPH, volunteer your time or donate by going to their website [www.dlsphlifelinesyria.ca/](http://www.dlsphlifelinesyria.ca/)

A tax receipt will be provided by RULSC for all donations made through the website and all the funds will be spent supporting Syrian refugees.

# EVENTS

## Social Network Analysis Workshop

July 25–26, 2016  
HS208

This workshop is particularly useful for researchers who are interested in learning about theories and methods of analyzing social interactions, including (but not limited to) inter-individual and inter-organizational communication and partnership, social influence, and social support networks.

\$ | *Registration required.*

Details available:

<http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/social-network-analysis-workshop-2/>

## Save the Date: IHPME Annual Moonshot Event

October 20, 2016 | 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate the impact our students and alumni have on transforming health care, today and for the next generation, at a fun evening of food, cocktails, awards and appreciation.

\$ | *Registration required.*

Details available:

<http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/ihpme-annual-moonshot-event/>

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