

WELCOMING ADDRESSES**Congratulatory Remarks from Dr. Alan Neville**

I am delighted to contribute a welcoming commentary to this, the premier issue of the new *McMaster University Medical Journal*, which is the inspiration of its editor-in-chief, Orli Goldberg, Class of 2004. I well remember the day Orli came to my office to “run the idea by me” of developing a new academic medical journal for McMaster – operated

by the medical student body and publishing peer-reviewed quality articles. Orli had already assembled a team of collaborators and had thought through some of the logistical issues of financing the project and anticipating potential obstacles such as sustainability.

I was very impressed with the concept and planning that Orli proposed and I gave her the enthusiastic support of the MD Programme, which was mirrored in the endorsements of the Associate Dean (Academic), Dr. Susan Denburg and the Dean, Dr. John Kelton. Orli has gathered additional official support from McMaster University, allowing the journal to proudly carry the university logo. The student editorial board has worked hard under the leadership of executive editor, Jennifer Shapiro, who has been instrumental in editing all the articles.

There are other medical schools in Canada with established medical journals, but McMaster’s journal promises a unique blend of articles covering medical scientific as well as educational research issues. Success will depend on continuing support from the MD Programme and Faculty of Health Sciences Administration for the editorial work of the student team as well as a generous contribution of original articles and peer review activities from the faculty and student body.

The professional approach to the launching of this journal, developed by the student editorial team, augurs well for the future success of this exciting initiative. I would encourage all of our students and teaching faculty to embrace the concept of a “medical journal” belonging to McMaster. Read it – and contribute to it!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Neville". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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