This past month was busy with alumni activities. On April 19, we hosted a brainstorming session with a diverse group of alumni to determine the direction of a Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry Alumni Advisory Council. I am thrilled to see our alumni so enthusiastic about opening an ongoing dialogue with our Faculty. We are working to launch this group soon. In the meantime, we want to hear from you and hope you will answer our “Tell us More” question.

I enjoyed the opportunity to connect with alumni in Victoria, where Greg Korbutt, ’88 PhD, spoke about the Alberta Cell Therapy Manufacturing facility; and in Winnipeg, I hosted my annual Dean’s Reception at the Canadian Conference on Medical Education.

This month, we travel to Ottawa and Toronto with Lorne Tyrrell, ’68 MD, on May 24 and 25. In Edmonton, we will host the inaugural Festival of Health on June 3. More information can be found on our FoMD Alumni Events page.

I hope you enjoy this issue. Read about one of the giants of our Faculty’s history, Brian Sproule, ’51 MD. His devotion to Canadian health led to the creation of the province’s first pulmonary division at the U of A. Learn more about our growing partnership with Aga Khan University Hospital in Kenya as we help to train cardiologists in that region.
Brian Sproule: Medical pioneer, innovator and caregiver
Brian Sproule, ‘51 MD, left a legacy of commitment to Canadian health care and was known for his dedication to patient care with compassion. Read story

Research News

Building a new tradition of cardiology care in Kenya
UAAlberta partnership with Aga Khan University Hospital in Kenya brings expertise to the training of young cardiologists to improve care in East African nation. More

Funding supports early detection of autism
UAAlberta researcher leads study to improve early detection of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and establish effective interventions. Read story

In case you missed it
Missed a story? Check our alumni pages
We are constantly renewing and updating the alumni pages of our FoMD website for you to stay informed. Find recently published stories, recognitions, ongoing updates of regional events, alumni weekend and more. Go to alumni homepage

Upcoming Events

FoMD’s first annual Festival of Health
Don’t miss the Faculty's first annual Festival of Health. The event is free and open to the general public, featuring engaging quick talks and hands-on activities to learn more about health issues and how our work reaches communities. Saturday, June 3, 1 p.m. ECHA 2–490. More information

Upcoming Regional Alumni Events

May 24 & 25, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Ontario Alumni Receptions

FoMD alum and award–winning researcher Lorne Tyrrell, '68 MD, will speak on viral hepatitis, a hidden Canadian health care time bomb.

Ottawa: Canadian Museum of History – 100 Laurier St, Gatineau, QC K1A 0M8

Toronto: The Richmond –104 477 Richmond Street West, M5V 3E7
Info and registration

Upcoming FoMD Events

May 18 & 19 – Friesen International Prize in Health Research: Dr. Janet Rossant. More

May 18, 6 p.m. – Dentistry Centennial Lecture Series: How to keep your teeth forever
Allard Family Lecture Theatre (Katz Building, U of A). More info


See all events here.

Say hello to the new MSA’s Executive Committee
We welcome the new Medical Students' Association committee: Adam Mullan, Anish Arora, Victoria Elliot, Brittany Lissinna, Victor Do, Samuel Bradbrook and Jillian Schneider. Thanks to the outgoing members for their great work!
Tell us more!

What alumni events do you prefer? We want to hear how you would get the most out of our events and activities. Let us know your preferences in this very quick survey. Take survey here

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