



## DIVISION OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

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1. Several PM&R Division Members contribute to success of Invictus Games

Many thanks are extended to Kim Coros, Steven Dilkas, Amanda Mayo, and Sivakumar Gulasingham (Guli) among others who participated in the Invictus Games recently. They provided medical support to wounded warriors and were highlighted in the media. I also heard that they may have glimpsed Royalty at the events.

Steve's piece in the Toronto Star was distributed to all Department of Medicine faculty on their regular newsletter which can be viewed at:

<http://www.deptmedicine.utoronto.ca/news/physical-activity-should-be-accessible-all-amputees>.



Amanda Mayo (pictured above) was also highlighted in a number of visible communications. Sunnybrook Hospital tweeted, "Proud to see members of the Sunnybrook team volunteering at the #InvictusGames! Dr. Amanda Mayo is volunteering with the cycling team".



Toronto Rehab team involved in athlete categorization for the Invictus Games (L to R) Jamie Young, Marissa Constand, Rebecca Wightman, Sivakumar Gulasingham, Scott Durono, Lara Feasby.

[http://www.uhn.ca/corporate/News/Pages/UHN\\_on\\_the\\_Go\\_September\\_2017.aspx](http://www.uhn.ca/corporate/News/Pages/UHN_on_the_Go_September_2017.aspx)



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Kim Coros and Sivakumar Gulasingham

2. Congratulations to Dinesh Kumbhare for receiving his PhD

We are pleased to hear that Dinesh Kumbhare has passed his final exams and is receiving his PhD degree from the Institute of Biomaterials & Biomedical Engineering at the University of Toronto. His thesis entitled, "Ultrasound Characterization of Upper Fibers of Trapezius Muscle in Health and Myofascial Neck Pain" used advanced image analysis techniques to better understand structural characteristics of muscles both in health individuals and those with myofascial pain. Dinesh can be reached at: [dinesh.kumbhare@uhn.ca](mailto:dinesh.kumbhare@uhn.ca).

3. Nora Cullen elected President of the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Brain Injury

We were delighted to hear that Nora Cullen has been elected to be President of the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Brain Injury which will be held in Toronto in March 2019. This election recognizes the outstanding clinical research and educational work that Nora has led on brain injury over the course of her career.

We were also very pleased to hear that Nora was successful in obtaining a new CIHR grant which is looking at optimizing care pathways for patients with hypoxic brain injury. The CIHR, as you all know, is a very competitive process and it is wonderful to hear of Nora's success. Nora Cullen can be reached at: [nora.cullen@westpark.org](mailto:nora.cullen@westpark.org).

4. Kim Coros joins full-time faculty

We were pleased to hear that Kim Coros, one of our former residents, is appointed as a full-time lecturer in our division effective October 1, 2017. As many of you know, Kim was a resident with us and started working at Bridgepoint immediately after her residency. Kim is joining our full-time faculty in recognition of the fact that the Bridgepoint campus of the Sinai Health System is now part of a fully affiliated hospital system. Congratulations are extended to Kim who can be reached at: [kim.coros@sinaihealthsystem.ca](mailto:kim.coros@sinaihealthsystem.ca).

5. Thank you to Andrea Furlan for leading our Fellowship Committee

Many thanks are extended to Andrea Furlan (fellowship director) for leading our Fellowship Committee. Andrea and the group have done a very nice job of reviewing candidates, connecting them with an appropriate mentor where possible, and moving their applications forward in the process when we have a good match for them. Thanks are also extended to the committee including Matthew Godleski, Angela Mailis-Gagnon, Colleen McGillivray, Larry Robinson, and Gaetan Tardif.

The committee would like to thank Tina Reid for an amazing contribution in compiling all applications from all applicants. We received 16 applications this year, and were able to match some excellent candidates to supervisors already.



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6. Former U of T Fellow is now President of the Colombian Association of PM&R

We were pleased to see Mario Alfonso Giraldo-Prieto in Colombia recently. Many of you will remember Mario as a Fellow at U of T. His career seems to have taken off on a rapid rise as he now President of the Colombian Association of PM&R. He has fond memories of his time at U of T and the fellowship experience has really helped him move his career forward.



Larry Robinson, Mario Alfonso-Giraldo-Prieto

7. Peter Broadhurst wins AANEM 2017 Best Abstract Runner Up Award

We are pleased to hear that the AANEM Program Committee selected Peter Broadhurst's manuscript titled, "Effect of Hip and Knee Position on Nerve Conduction in the Common Fibular Nerve" as the winner of the 2017 Best Abstract Runner Up Award. Congratulations are extended to Peter who may be reached at: [peter.broadhurst@medportal.ca](mailto:peter.broadhurst@medportal.ca) <https://www.aanem.org/getmedia/0ce6bc0b-15c3-4040-8d58-c2316a1eca45/2017-Aug-AANEM-News.pdf>



8. Don't forget to register for the U of T PM&R day on November 3

We are looking forward to our upcoming U of T PM&R day on November 3. This will be an engaging way to learn about rehabilitation in trauma. The full agenda can be access at our website at: <http://www.torontopmrconference.com/>

9. Save the Date, CAPM&R 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting May 29-June 3, 2018 in Whitehorse, Yukon

The CAPM&R 66<sup>TH</sup> Annual Meeting will be held in Whitehorse, Yukon from May 29–June 3, 2018.

Please see link below for further information.

<http://www.capmr.ca/annual-scientific-meeting/annual-scientific-meeting-2018>

10. Larry Robinson speaks to animals on a recent trip to Colombia for the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on EMG in Medellin Colombia.

Larry Robinson was pleased to find a friendly wild Iguana. Through a variety of complex head movements and barking sounds, he was able to make a close personal connection with one Iguana in particular. Although she wanted to come home to Canada with him, he ultimately convinced her that she would not do well in the snow and ice of Toronto winters.



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Please let me know if you have items or news to add to the Newsletter. Please also don't forget to check out our Facebook page.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Larry Robinson".

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