Dear Colleagues,

Dr. David Macdonald, Lisa Baker-Spiller and I would like to notify everyone that the 2018 Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences Departmental Research Day will be held on **Tuesday April 17, 2018**.

This day was chosen to avoid conflicts around March Break (March 12-16), Clinical Methods teaching (March 20-April 6) and some of the larger spring Neurology (AAN – April 21-27) and Neurosurgery (AANS – April 28-May 2) meetings. We did not want to have the event before March or into May. Also, there were certain dates that the venue was not available, including April 10. Therefore this left us with the date of **Tuesday April 17, 2018**. The venue will be the same as in 2017 which is the Ivey Spencer Conference Centre on Windermere Road. The feedback that we received was highly positive about this venue and the layout is good in order to balance the platform presentations with the poster presentations. Lisa has done her usual excellent job of negotiating with the venue.

As we have indicated in previous years, this event, though called the CNS Departmental Research Day, should in fact be considered both a research and educational event since it provides the opportunity for individuals to inform their departmental colleagues about the work that is going within the department. Many of us learn about neurological diseases that we may really only understand superficially. We learn about techniques that we may be able to adapt to our own work. So, whether our job description emphasizes research or teaching we should all make an effort to participate in this event. Though we realize that not all of you may be able to attend on this particular day, the date was chosen to maximize overall attendance both for the researchers and educators in our department.

I would also like to remind people about the Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation (CNSF) Congress meeting that will take place from **Sunday June 24 to Wednesday June 27, 2018** in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This is our national neurosciences meeting and I hope that everyone in the CNS Department will make an effort to participate. Many of our departmental colleagues are helping to plan the event for 2018 and a new society (Canadian Society for Neuro-Radiology) has joined the Federation and will be there at the Congress. The call for abstracts will be going out in the near future.

Reminders for both events will be sent out periodically!

All the best,

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