



## Obstetrics & Gynaecology UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

### 31<sup>st</sup> Annual OBGYN Research Day – May 9, 2014

The 31st Annual Obstetrics & Gynaecology Research Day (RD) took place on May 9, 2014, at the Northrop Frye Hall at Victoria College in the University of Toronto. We were delighted to see that almost all of the 300 conference registrants attended – a new feature of RD 2014 was the ability for clinical faculty to obtain 7.5 hours credit for maintenance of certification by RCPSC. We also replaced our hardcover abstract booklet with a mobile app and used an online abstract and registration system.

Our Research Day is organized by the Research Committee, and the committee Chair Dr. Ted Brown, Vice-Chair of Research Dr. Steve Lye, and our wonderful research coordinator Mrs. Helen Robson spearhead the process and ensure the annual success of this day.

In 2014, we had a record number of presentations – 14 orals and 75 posters – by the full range of trainees, showcasing both clinical research, translation and basic sciences. In addition, we introduced the “Collaboration Corner” where 4 current clinical research topics were outlined. Dean Whiteside attended the event in the afternoon, and was particularly impressed with the importance that we place on poster presentations and discussions.

The **Henderson Lecture** continued in its tradition of excellence, with one of the best lectures so far. Professor Aidan Halligan, MD, from University College London Hospitals in the UK, was both entertaining and inspiring, presenting his lecture, “Rediscovering lost values: Leadership in a challenging clinical environment” directly to the audience. Aidan spent the preceding day in a series of 3 interacting sessions on “safety in Obstetrics & Gynaecology”; we thank him for these contributions as our Department builds a new focus on QIPS issues through strategic planning.

## JW Knox Ritchie Research Awards

The 2014 JW Knox Ritchie Research Awards for best abstract/presentation by trainee category were awarded during the celebratory Wine-and-Cheese Reception at the end of the day. The following trainees are the winners, by trainee category:

- Clinical Fellow: **Heinrich Husslein** (Supervisor: Guylaine Lefèbvre) & **Rohan D’Souza** (Supervisor: John Kingdom)
- Post-Doctoral Fellow: **Lubna Nadeem** (Supervisor: Stephen Lye) & **Monique Rennie** (Supervisor: S Lee Adamson)
- Resident: **Paulina Cybulska** (Supervisor: Marcus Bernardini)
- Graduate Student: **Stephanie Baello** (Supervisor: Stephen Matthews)
- Student: **Matthew Librach** (Supervisor: Clifford Librach)

We congratulate the winners of the 2014 JW Knox Ritchie Research Awards!