

University of Washington Rehabilitation Medicine Newsletter
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1. Residency Director Endowment grows with pledge from Drs. Mohammad and Tabassum Saeed.

We were very pleased to receive a pledge of support for \$10,000 toward the Residency Director Endowment from Drs. Mohammad and Tabby Saeed. Dr. Mohammad Saeed is currently a Clinical Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Washington and both are members of Electrodiagnosis and Rehabilitation Associates of Tacoma. Both are also graduates of our residency program, Dr. Mohammad Saeed finished in 1977 and Dr. Tabby Saeed in 1978. Many thanks are extended to Drs. Saeed for this very generous pledge.

2. Dr. Joseph Czerniecki assumes Director of Rehabilitation Care Services for the VA Puget Sound Health Care System.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Joseph Czerniecki has been appointed Director of Rehabilitation Care Services for the VA Puget Sound Health Care System (VAPSHCS). Dr. Czerniecki has served as Acting Director since May 2004, when Dr. Rodriguez went on leave of absence (he is expected back in summer 2006). He has also served as Director of the Motion Analysis Laboratory at the VA since 1988 and Associate Director of the VA Research Center of Excellence in Limb Loss Prevention and Prosthetic Engineering. Dr. Czerniecki can be reached at <jczern@u.washington.edu>.

3. Welcome to new Psychology residents and fellows.

We are pleased to welcome six new trainees in Rehabilitation Psychology. These include four residents that started on July 1, 2005 and two post-doctoral fellows. These include:

Dr. Christina Graham - postdoctoral fellow who started August 1 at HMC
Dr. Erik Jackson - postdoctoral fellow starting Sept. 12 at UWMC

Rehabilitation Psychology residents this year (July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006):
Annette Colangelo
Fernanda Martinez
Ivan Molton
Brenda Stoelb

Join me in welcoming these new residents and post-doctoral fellows.

4. Very sweet resident graduation held this year.

At the graduation ceremony of our recent resident class in June, Dr. Larry Robinson was surprised that each of the graduating residents brought a shopping bag with them as they entered the Faculty Club. He was even more surprised when each one brought the shopping bag up to receive a diploma. It turned out that each shopping bag contained a huge Costco jar of animal cookies. These were apparently to pay back the cookies that had been eaten by the residents during their four years. At the end of the evening, Dr. Robinson had ten huge jars of cookies, which barely fit into his car (see photo). The evening was based on a Las Vegas theme. There were three cakes for dessert: a joker which had Janna Friedly's picture, a queen of hearts which had Dr. Terry Massagli's picture as the queen's face, and a king of hearts which had Dr. Larry Robinson's picture. While Dr. Robinson was busy with the ceremony, Dr. Stolov reached over and happily ate the piece of cake with Dr. Robinson's head on it.

The graduating residents also made a wonderful movie on CD ROM making fun of many of the faculty. This is undergoing final production editing and will soon be available for sale (proceeds to support the residency program).

5. Dr. Larry Robinson narrowly escapes from vacation in France.

Dr. Larry Robinson and his family went to France for vacation this summer. There were many narrow escapes which almost prevented him from returning home. These fortunately (or unfortunately) were well documented in photos which are in the attached PowerPoint presentation. Those of you who would like to hire Dr. Robinson as a professional model may contact his agent Kathleen Pinney at <pinneyk@u.washington.edu>.

For those of you who wish to view prior newsletters, these can be found on our web page at:
<http://depts.washington.edu/rehab/news.html>.

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