

Co-Chairs Corner

An update from Drs. Jia Hu (PGY4, Toronto) and Thomas Piggott (PGY2, McMaster), co-chairs of the Residents Council of Public Health Physicians of Canada.

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Public Health Matters! This newsletter will be a forum for public health residents across Canada to highlight interesting activities, share stories, and discuss happenings in the public health world. The public health community is an exciting one and we hope that through the newsletter we can get to know one another better!

The Resident's Council has been busy working on a number of activities. In September, more than a dozen council members helped draft an op-ed to the National Observer on the Syrian refugee crisis. We also sent a number of election questions to the federal party leaders prior to the election. Now that we have a new Prime Minister and Cabinet, we are planning on sending letters to select Ministers to highlight the importance of public health and the role our organization can play.

Our residents have also worked hard to create a video series on *What is PHPM*, featuring interviews from a range of practitioners from across the countries. We have also created an attractive PowerPoint slidedeck on What PHPM is and what careers are available that can be presented to medical students and others.

From a career planning perspective, the Council has been working on an environmental scan of job opportunities of PHPM graduates in conjunction with our colleagues at the American College of Preventive Medicine. We will also be having our inaugural webinar on the "Life After Residency" series November 25 with Dr. Joel Kettner. Finally, mark your calendars for the exciting resident career panel we are organizing for CPD Day (June 12, 2016) at CPHA 2016.

Finally, thank you all for signing up to be PHPC members. 2015 was seen an unprecedented rise in resident members with 40 new residents registered. Let's work together to leverage our vibrant community to make a difference in public health.

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