



June 2017

To all members of the Department:

### Our 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Celebration

As you may have heard, we had a fantastic 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Celebration reunion last weekend, and it was terrific that so many of the original members of the Department, including our founding chair Nate Epstein, were able to join us and have such a good time.

We will be getting pictures (attached are a couple), up on our website very soon, as well as details about how we plan to follow-up the weekend, but 'd I really want to thank everyone involved with the planning and organising of the various events over the weekend. This includes the Planning Committee - Lawrence Martin, Ram Mishra, Sandra Witelson, Chuck Cunningham, Peter Bieling, Maria Benoit, Mike Chalupka, Terry Bennett and Ellen Lipman – and thanks to Peter and Ram for arranging and leading the facility tours, the students from Ram's lab who helped with on-site organisation all weekend, and all the Department's admin team who pitched in wherever needed.

In particular, I want to thank the organising team - **Bev DaSilva, Sid Stacey, Diana Dunnell and Joanne Milne** for everything they did in pulling all the arrangements together and making sure everything went so smoothly; **Pri Weerasekera** for taking, organising and displaying so many photos from our past and our present; and **Wendy Mattingly** for contacting so many former faculty and learners and also for maintaining our archives.

As part of the preparations for our celebration we decorated our academic area at W5th. with pictures, memorabilia and press cuttings, plus a six panel history of the Department, all of which help to tell our story. Come by our area on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. floor at W 5<sup>th</sup>. to have a look.

And at next **Wednesday's (June 14<sup>th</sup>) Department Meeting** I will be presenting the slideshow on the history of the Department over the last 50 years that was presented at the dinner on Saturday night.

### Our Annual Department Dinner

And as we wrap up one celebration, we now look forward to another, with our **Annual Department Dinner happening next Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>. from 18.00 at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club**. This gives us a chance to say farewell to our graduating residents and other learners, and present a series of awards for excellence in Education. This will also allow us to say goodbye as a Department to **Jeremy Goldberg**, who will be retiring at the end of June and thank you to **Debbie Nifakis** as she steps down from her role as Director of CBS. I hope you will be able to join us for what will be a very special evening.

### Congratulations to our graduating residents

We have just learnt that all 10 of our graduating residents who were taking the Royal College Exam last month have passed, so congratulations to **Terry Mihowich, Azadeh Zangeneh-Kazemi, Erin Hanley, Jennifer Ruzhynsky, Katherine McKay, Amy Colbourne, Nathalie Corriveau, Rosemary Chackery, Parkash Singh, and Robyn Fallen**.

Nick