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## Message from the President



Dear members;

If you're anything like me, you are still thinking about the terrific COMSEP meeting we had in Ottawa. Despite the cool Canadian weather, our hosts made us feel warm and welcome, and the meeting heated up quickly - culminating in some serious dancing at the beautiful Museum of Civilization. I had the good fortune of peeking in on many sessions and I was amazed at the depth of faculty development, scholarship, and collegiality this year. There were so many highlights of the meeting, many of which are mentioned in the task force reports which follow. Our keynote Miller-Sarkin lecturer, Dr. Carol Berkowitz, was certainly a highlight. Congratulations also go to our award winners which include Dr. Bob Dudas for the (Teaching and Education award), Dr. Sherilyn Smith (Research and Scholarship award) and Ms. Donnita Pelser (Clerkship Administration award), and Dr. Janet Fischel (COMSEP Achievement award).

As you can see from the meeting stats below, we had a great turnout and a well-designed educational program. Thanks go to all of you who organized, presented and attended. We are already preparing the theme and program for New Orleans 2015. New Orleans is a great city and 2015 will be our first meeting with COMSEP functioning as an

independent organization! We will of course still have dancing and I'm pretty sure the weather will not allow for snowball fights (although those were pretty fun)!

Please keep the collaboration going via the listserv and rest assured that, as an organization, we will continue to look for opportunities to interact with other organizations and promote COMSEP members' excellence in teaching, curriculum design, faculty development, scholarship and student advising.

There are so many exciting things developing as you will see in the pages ahead. We are forming our cross task force collaboration on entrustable professional activities (EPA's) for medical students and all of our task forces continue to work on individual projects. And, while it may seem soon, be on the lookout for the upcoming calls for survey question submissions and COMSEP grant proposals. Following that, we will open the call for workshops proposal and abstract submissions in the early fall. See the calendar grid below for dates. Please be well and have a restful early spring and summer. As always, it's an honor to serve as COMSEP president.

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Calendar Item	Deadline / Dates	Additional info / website
COMSEP Survey	May 7, 2014	Send workshop topics you want to investigate to Colin Sox <a href="mailto:colin.sox@bmc.org">colin.sox@bmc.org</a>
COMSEP Grants	September 2014	<a href="#">COMSEP Grants Webpage</a>
Call for 2015 Workshops and Abstracts	Fall 2014	2015 meeting theme: "Coming back stronger; finding opportunities in change"
Annual Meeting 2015	March 11-14, 2015	InterContinental New Orleans New Orleans, LA

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Quick Stats on the 2014 Meeting:

285 people registered, 207 programs represented

5 pre-conference workshops and 27 conference workshops

54 posters presented

5 oral abstracts

Congratulations to COMSEP Award Winners!

Research and Scholarship Award - Sherilyn Smith, MD  
Award for Excellence in Clerkship Administration-Donnita Pelsler  
Teaching and Education Award-Robert Dudas, MD  
Achievement Award- Janet Fischel, PhD

# COMSEP Task Force Updates

## Curriculum Task Force (CTF)

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We had a productive meeting, focused on developing a pre-clerkship curriculum, point of care illness scripts and the COMSEP Clinical Cases (C3). We were also very excited to have several members work on the first cross-task force project on developing an approach to Entrustable Professional Activities for the clerkship. We selected two new co-leaders: Michele Long and April Buchanan to join Jenny Soep over the next few years.

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## Evaluation Task Force (ETF)

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The Evaluation Task Force worked on some exciting ideas for workshops for next year's meeting in New Orleans. We are also looking forward to collaborating with the other task forces on the EPA 4 project.

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## Faculty Development Task Force (FDTF)

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The Faculty Development Task Force had a very productive meeting in Ottawa. Thank you to all those in attendance. There are several opportunities for members to get engaged in projects over the coming year:

- "Pilot" of a new mentoring program for junior COMSEP members
- Workshop 'call' and selection process: updating and clarifying specifics, including ways to link workshop 'rookies' with 'coaches'
- Create a "trailer" to publicize our academy award worthy faculty development modules
- Creating a welcoming manual for new COMSEP members

And much, much more!!! We are seeking nominations for a junior member to help out on the workshop selection committee for the 2015 meeting as well as a future task force leader.

## Workshop Coaches and Mentors

We are looking for members who are interested in being a coach for other members in creating a workshop (coach), or having a more experienced presenter help them with a workshop (rookie). This could be in the form of actually co-presenting, or simply reviewing submissions. We will form a database with this information to post/and or send out with the workshop call for submissions. We are also interested in knowing if there are particular topics that members would like to see covered in workshops at future meetings.

Please email Amy Creel ([acree1@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:acree1@lsuhsc.edu)) with your responses and contact information.

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The Research and Scholarship Task Force meetings went well this year. Our members will be involved in several projects over the next year, including an examination of our poster review process to ensure that the process is effective and that poster presenters get helpful feedback. We will also be participating in the pilot project work group with other task forces regarding the EPAs. Our members are already working on workshops next year to help our members develop their skills in educational scholarship. We are already looking forward to New Orleans!

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## [Learning Technology Task Force \(LTF\)](#)

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The Learning Technology Task Force had an exciting meeting with demonstrations of cutting edge educational technologies. We transitioned task force leadership from Mark Hormann to Glen Medellin. Bob Dudas continues as Task Force co-leader and Soumya Adhikari serves as COMSEP Webmaster. The task force discussed working on the following projects: 1) Working with other task forces on EPA-4; 2) Piloting webinars discussing technology applications in clerkships; 3) Assisting with creation of a "Welcome to COMSEP" package; 4) Developing learning technology reviews for the Pediatric Educator; and 5) Contributing to the COMSEP Journal Club.

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## New Section in the Educator, COMSEP newsletter: "Great Ideas"

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GREAT IDEAS!**

In an effort to continue to share our collective knowledge and practices on medical student education beyond our annual COMSEP meeting, please submit your Great Ideas! to showcase great resources that you have either developed or have found from other resources and implemented in your program with impactful results. This would be an opportunity to not only share knowledge, but add to your CV as a non-peer reviewed publication. We would plan to showcase one submission per edition.

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