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The Division of Neurology successfully received a total of \$9,940,000 in peer reviewed grant funding for the year 2008. This past year, divisional members published more than 211 papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Among the highlights for the Division was the successful negotiation of an alternate payment plan for a Stroke service. This service, which commenced March 1, 2009, provides comprehensive urgent assessment and ongoing management as well as assessment of patients with transient ischemic attacks. Dr. Samuel Yip also joined the Stroke service in 2008.

2008 marked the official inauguration of the National Core for Neuroethics at UBC, led by Dr. Judy Illes. In addition, Dr. Raul de la Fuente-Fernandez was recruited back to UBC as the James A. Moore Chair in Parkinson's Research.

During 2008, work continued on the development of the Centre for Brain Health, in which Neurology is heavily engaged. At the end of this year, Dr. Howard Feldman took a leave from UBC in order to take on the role of Vice President and Therapeutic Area Head, Global Clinical Research, Neuroscience at Bristol-Myers Squibb. Dr. Jon Stoessl has agreed to serve as Acting Head.

The Division congratulates the following people for their achievements in 2008.

Appointments and Promotions

Dr. Raul de la Fuente-Fernandez

Appointed as Associate Professor and the James A. Moore Chair in Parkinson's Research with effect from July 1, 2008.

Dr. Gordon Robinson

Promoted to the rank of Clinical Professor from Clinical Associate Professor with effect from July 1, 2008.

Dr. Sian Spacey

Appointed to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor with effect from July 1, 2008.

Dr. Robin Hsiung

Appointed to the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor with effect from April 1, 2008.

Dr. Nicholas Bogod

Appointed as Clinical Instructor with effect from July 1, 2008.

Dr. Samuel Yip

Appointed as Clinical Instructor with effect from August 1, 2008.

Dr. Peter Boulton

Appointed as Associate Member in the Dept of Medicine, Division of Neurology with effect from November 1, 2008.

Dr. Lyle Daly

Appointed as Associate Member in the Dept of Medicine, Division of Neurology with effect from Jan 1, 2008.

Dr. John Diggle

Appointed as Associate Member in the Dept of Medicine, Division of Neurology with effect from May 5, 2008.

Dr. Ian Mackenzie

Appointed as Associate Member in the Dept of Medicine, Division of Neurology with effect from July 1, 2008.

Special Honours and Awards

Dr. Neil Cashman

Awarded the Department of Medicine Bringing Clinical Renown 2008 and was elected to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences 2008.

Dr. Raul de la Fuente-Fernandez

Received the National Parkinson's Research Award (Spain) 2008 from the Spanish Society of Neurology.

Dr. Howard Feldman

Honoured with a Fellowship of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and the Distinguished Achievement Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Senior Faculty Member from the Faculty of Medicine, UBC.

Dr. Peter Rieckmann

Elected as Honorary member of the All Russian Neurological Society, Moscow in November 2008. He was also elected as member of the Medical Advisory Board National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada and Executive Board member on BC Chapter of the MS Society of Canada.

Dr. Jon Stoessl

Elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology in 2008.

Dr. Helen Tremlett

Winner of the 2008 European Charcot Foundation's Young Investigators Award for Multiple Sclerosis Research. She won the first prize for the poster presented at the European Charcot Foundation Symposium 2008 in Sicily, Italy. She was awarded the World Congress on Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis travel bursary for young investigators from the LACTRIMS-ACTRIMS-ECTRIMS Scientific Committee to attend the annual conference in Montreal, Canada 2008. She was also awarded the Global Collaboration Fund to Facilitate Development of External

Collaborations from Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute to fund a two-month placement at the Sylvia-Lawry Centre for MS Research, Munich, Germany.

Dr. Michael Ronthal, Professor of Neurology in Harvard Medical School

Awarded the Whitaker Professorship to present at our Neurosciences Grand Rounds on April 9, 2008.

Publications by Fellows/Students/Residents

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