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The faculty of the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine are currently discussing the future course of the division. How can we ensure that we contribute to efforts of improving occupational and environmental conditions in Detroit , Michigan as well as on larger scale. We are involving numerous external stakeholders in these discussions.

We have targeted 3 areas of special interests to our future endeavors:

1. Health and productivity
2. Stress medicine
3. Improved return-to-work processes

We will tell you more about these areas as we are progressing with our discussions.

One important area that we are targeting specifically is the escalating health care costs in the USA. Large number of people are also un- or underinsured. Better use of limited health care resources as well as improved preventive efforts, would be a significant contribution to the efforts of improving health in general.

We have carried out substantial research work in the areas of health and productivity with regard to assessing and evaluating various intervention programs. Together with a range of other stakeholders, we are currently exploring the feasibility of establishing a program focusing on health, safety and productivity. We aim at combining research, education, practice and implementation. We are interested both in the manufacturing and service industries, including health care operations.

Below, you will find some more specific information about what has been going on in our division since the fall of 2004. As you can see, there has been a lot of interesting and important achievements.

Please let us know if there is any way we can be of service to you or if you have any specific comments and questions.

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Division director

April 2005

Dr. Hikmet Jamil is the first author on an article entitled “Medical Complaints among Iraqi American Refugees with Mental Disorders” ,accepted for publication in: J. Immigrant Health.

April 2005

Dr. Hikmet Jamil was co-authors on the article: "Profiles of Trace Elements in Toenails of Arab Americans in the Detroit Area, Michigan . The manuscript was accepted for publication in: Biological Trace Element Research.

March 2005

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) site visit for accreditation of the OEM Residency Program occurred on March 29, 2005 .. The site visitor's report along with the residency's Program Information Form will be evaluated by the ACGME Preventive Medicine Residency Review Committee when it meets in October 2005. The official results of the ACGME review will be released in November 2005.

February 2005

The division celebrated the completion of another successful OEM Rotation Course. The OEM Rotation Course is a month-long rotation in Occupational and Environmental Medicine offered on a quarterly basis to residents and medical students in the Detroit metropolitan area. During the November 2004 course, nine residents from five Family Practice Residency Programs (Bon Secours, Providence, St. John, North Oakland & Wayne State University) and one students from Wayne State University /Medical School and one from Wayne State University / Toxicology Fellowship Program.

February 2005

The Residency Advisory Committee (RAC) met to discuss the course of the residency program. The meeting was attended by Drs. John Anderson, Patrick Beecher, David Bassett , Ray Demers, Richard Gallagher, James Skupski Walter Talamonti and Thomas Weekley. Dr. Robert Rhodes chaired the meeting. Also attending the meeting were Drs. Maryjean Schenk, Bengt Arnetz and resident representative, Mada Jamil.

February 2005

Dr. Hikmet Jamil traveled to Amman Jordan to lecture in the training seminar entitled "Environmental Health & Science Medical Program". This training was held February 11-19, 2005 as a review course for Iraqi Public Health physicians from different academic medical institutes, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Environment. The course was sponsored by the Iraq Environmental Health Program / Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center / New York . (SBU/USAID HEAD).

January 2005

The division faculty sent their congratulations to the following graduates who passed the American Board of Preventive Medicine Examination in November 2004: Lisa Beers, M.D., M.S.; Ifeyinwa Ilechukwu MD. M.S. and Nadeem Siddiqui, M.D., MPH.

January 2005

Faculty Development Meetings were held on January for the residency preceptors. The topics discussed during these meetings were:

- The final version of Guiding Plan for 165 ACOEM Learning Competencies
- Teaching methods for the ACOEM competencies
- Resident evaluations by the preceptors

January 2005

Dr. Bengt Arnetz joined the Division of OEM as Division Director. He has also been appointed as Professor of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, School of Medicine , Wayne State University . Professor Arnetz holds MD and PhD degrees from the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm , Sweden . He did his Occupational Medicine residency at Harvard also received his Masters in Public Health and Masters of Sciences in Epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Arnetz is a professor in social medicine at Uppsala University , and the founder and director of Center for Environmental Illness and Stress (CEOS) at the Academic Hospital in Uppsala . Dr. Arnetz has published more than 150 peer reviewed articles in international scientific journals. He is board certified in occupational and environmental medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine. He is also board certified in Sweden . He is currently editing an international textbook on Stress, to be published by Wiley in 2006.