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## CFMS President's Blog

Dear Students,

It's a bit hard for me to believe I am writing the first blog of November already! I hope everyone had a fun (and safe) Halloween. I have been on a pediatrics elective these past two weeks and I probably got the most Canada in my life from peds clinic and ward last Thursday!!

Our board has been in operation for 6 weeks now and I am happy to report we had an excellent Fall board meeting in Ottawa from October 25-27<sup>th</sup>. Fall board meeting is an opportunity for us to come together and set portfolio and organizational priorities for the year. We review our 2017-2022 strategic plan to ensure we are following the overall roadmap to improving our operations and capacity and discuss a number of top of mind issues including our approach to unmatched medical graduates and how to continue tackling learner mistreatment. We had a productive meeting and a dedicated post-meeting communication is in the works. Stay tuned to find out more about us launching an Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity in medicine task force and a working group to review Indigenous representation within the CFMS among a number of other action items. Strategically all of our portfolios launched our 2020-2022 portfolio strategic plan process. Look out for opportunities to engage and provide feedback in the coming months. We will be presenting these plans at SGM 2020 in Vancouver! I continue to be very inspired and gratified to lead a diverse, engaged and strategic board and I am hopeful that the direction we set during our FBM will set the course for a historically effective year on all fronts.

This past weekend I had the opportunity to represent the CFMS at Family medicine forum in Vancouver which was an excellent networking opportunity to connect with our external partners. I shared the stage with new CFPC President Dr. Shirley Schipper who also comes from the U of A. I look forward to continue working with her this coming year! I also had the opportunity to meet with the CFPC Section of Medical Students. Surprisingly our engagement with the CFPC SOMS has been somewhat minimal in the last years. I look forward to ensuring our groups support each other and work on common advocacy goals.

As always if you ever have questions, ideas, concerns or just want to chat you can always reach out to me at [president@cfms.org](mailto:president@cfms.org)

Sincerely,

Victor Do  
CFMS President, 2019-2020



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With Dr. Shirley Schipper, CFPC President at Family Medicine Forum