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CFMS President's Letter

Dear Students,

It's been another very busy couple of weeks. We continue to move forward with a number of new initiatives post our Fall Board Meeting! One of the goals I have this year is to be more connected to our amazing committees, roundtables, working groups and task forces. Starting this month and continuing throughout the rest of my term I will be making efforts to attend at least one meeting of all of our roundtables, committees, working groups and task forces. I think it is critical that as President I have a good understanding of the work happening at all levels of the organization and I want you all to be able to ask me questions and feel your work is meaningful to the CFMS as a whole.

I had the opportunity to visit with UBC MedSoc at the Vancouver campus. Special thanks to Reem Aziz the local CFMS rep, for all of your efforts in helping organize my visit. We had an engaging conversation and I took much away that will help the CFMS as we continue to evaluate our organization and ensure we do our best in representing, supporting and connecting all of you. I can honestly say these visits have been my favourite part of being President so far and I really look forward to more visits in the coming months.

I attended the national Physician Resource Planning Advisory Committee (PRPAC) meeting in Ottawa. PRPAC brings together important stakeholders in government and medical education including learners. At a national level the group is tasked with advising on policies and interventions which can help yield an optimal supply of physicians to meet healthcare needs in Canada. On behalf of the CFMS I continued to raise concerns with the still very high number of unmatched medical graduates and the need to provide a stable, long term solution to this issue. Further I advocated that learners need to have better physician workforce planning information in order to help us make the best career decisions we can. While it is not easy to do we should have better data predicting the mix and distribution of different types of physicians we will need in different regions in the coming years. There were many productive discussions and I look forward to continuing to connect with the national stakeholders on the many topics of discussion. I am proud of the work of the CFMS on health human resources (HHR). In particular we will be launching a task force our HHR task force in the coming months and our student members in Atlantic Canada have been hard at work creating a comprehensive document that distills physician workforce information by specialty for the Atlantic provinces. This should be published by early in the new year.

Lastly I would like to send a note of encouragement to all final year medical students who are working on residency applications. I know all of us have been working very hard on the countless parts of the application and have been visiting the Carms website probably dozens of times a day. The application deadline this year is November 20th at 12:00 EST. Remember to have everything submitted by then! You are all excellent students and the program directors and selection committees will be thoroughly impressed with your applications. I look forward to meeting more of you on the interview tour.



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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

Sincerely,

Victor Do
CFMS President, 2019-2020



With UBC MedSoc during stop #3 of President's Tour!