

Dear Friends,

As was announced on December 10th, the CFMS is very excited to welcome Western University as the host of AGM 2020. The dedicated team at Western will be hosting our meeting in London, Ontario and we hope to have many of you join us as the CFMS will be heading into its 43rd year!

We will also be appointing a new Quebec Regional Director by December 19th which will be announced via our website and social media.

In the last couple of weeks I have had the opportunity to visit Moncton to meet our medical students at Centre de Formation Médicale du Nouveau-Brunswick (Moncton campus of Sherbrooke University). Our conversations centered around career planning, residency matching and unique challenges and opportunities that come with being a satellite campus.

I also visited the Dalhousie Medical Students' Society and had an opportunity to interact with students at their Halifax campus in-person and Saint John campus over video conference. Our conversations centered around the AFMC electives portal and how to further promote family medicine in the undergraduate medical education curriculum

I saw firsthand the spirit of the very engaged students at both schools and we talked about how to further engage medical students with the CFMS. As the national medical student advocacy body that represents over 8300 medical students at 15 member campuses our work is highly relevant to all students. Our advocacy at national meetings affects all of you. We advocate to many organizations on all issues related to medical education, we represent you at all major national decision-making bodies pertinent to medical education and we provide countless services and discounts to help improve your medical school experience. Member engagement continues to be one of my top priorities and I appreciate the insights by school visits have provided as we look at ways to continuing improving this.

As we quickly approach the end of 2019, I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays. I hope all of you have a wonderful time with your family and friends. The CFMS looks forward to continuing to support, represent and connect with all of our 8300 members in 2020! It will be an exciting year for us! I look forward to continuing to visit member schools and accomplishing our ambitious goals as an organization.

My blog and the communique will return on January 6th in the new year. 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 Dalhousie Medical Students



With students at our Moncton campus member.