



NEWSLETTER



Thank you Dr. Michael Noble - 40 years of dedication to Quality

Dr. Noble career began in 1978 as a medical microbiologist, but overtime issues associated with laboratory quality improvement became central to his work focus.

Dr. Noble is the founding Chair of the Clinical Microbiology Proficiency Testing (CMPT) program. In 1983 he took over the stewardship of the program and developed it into a cross-Canada program with international outreach.

In 2001, Dr. Noble developed the Program Office for Laboratory Quality Management (POLQM) and the UBC Certificate Course in Laboratory Quality Management to help laboratorians around the world in Quality Management and Quality Improvement. This certificate has seen more than 500 graduates since it started.

He has been the force behind the Laboratory Quality Management Conference held every two years in Vancouver BC.

Dr. Noble continues to be actively engaged in medical laboratory quality management through participation with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the World Health



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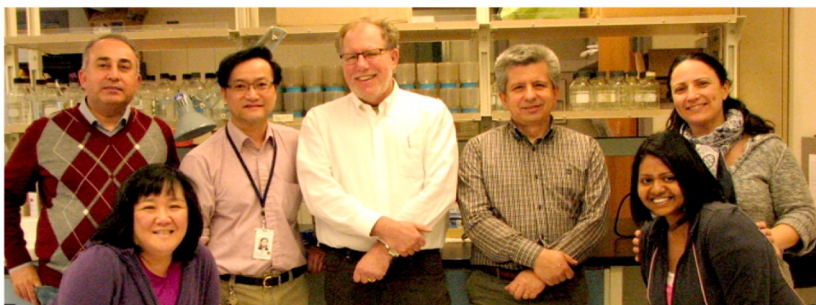
Organization (WHO) and the International Teaching and Education Center for Health (I-TECH). He has served as a consultant for the WHO – Quality Assessment programs for Southern Africa, the Department of Medical Science, Thailand: Water Quality Assessment and the Zimbabwe National Quality Assurance Program and continues to provide support and expert advice around the world.

Dr. Noble is the recipient of numerous awards, most recently receiving the David Hardwick Lifetime Achievement Award in the UBC Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine.

During the last 3-4 years, Dr. Noble worked really hard to secure a successor for his position and make sure both programs would continue with their success and serving laboratories and laboratorians achieve the high level of quality he always expected of this profession.

Having achieved this by securing the Donald B. Rix professorship in Laboratory Quality, Dr. Noble has enabled UBC to continue improving the quality of laboratory services across Canada and internationally.

We at CMPT, the staff, and expert committee volunteers, are very grateful for his leadership, mentoring, and expertise and specially for his contagious passion for laboratory





Welcome Dr. Lucy Perrone to CMPT

Dr. Lucy Perrone has started her appointment as the Donald B. Rix Professorship in Laboratory Quality and is now the Chair of CMPT and the Director of the Program Office for Laboratory Quality Management.

Dr. Perrone worked as an Associate Professor of Global Health and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Washington and, as the Director of Laboratory Systems Strengthening at I-TECH, (International Training and Education Center for Health). Dr. Perrone is a laboratory advisor specialized infectious disease diagnosis and surveillance, laboratory systems and capacity building, and improving human resources for health in resource-limited countries.

She is deeply passionate about improving the lives of others and believe that technology has transformative power when combined with health system strengthening efforts that put people first.

Dr. Perrone has previously worked with Dr. Noble in various international projects of Laboratory Strengthening and has been a guest speaker at various POLQM conferences.



UBC Certificate course in Laboratory Quality Management

Registration opens Sept. 1, 2022

Completely on-line 22-week course designed to provide knowledge, discussion, and expertise for those interested in Quality Management for Clinical and Research laboratories

<https://polqm.med.ubc.ca/>



Expert Committee changes

Thank you Quantine Wong

After almost 20 years, we say goodbye to Quantine Wong. Quantine has been part of our Enteric Parasitology expert committee since 2003. She has been an invaluable help to CMPT during these years, volunteering her expertise, her knowledge and her services. We are so thankful for her dedication and we wish her all the best on her retirement!!

Thank you Brandi Keller

Brandi has been part of our Clinical Bacteriology expert committee since 2014. We would like to thank her for her commitment to CMPT and the time she volunteered to share advice, expertise, and knowledge with us.

Welcome Catherine Hogan to the Enteric Parasitology expert committee

Dr. Catherine Hogan is a medical microbiologist, infectious diseases physician and epidemiologist with a passion for innovative diagnostic methods. She recently completed post-doctoral training at Stanford University, where she developed, optimized and improved diagnostic methods for infectious diseases. She is now initiating her career at the BC Centre for Disease Control, where she will take on the role of medical microbiologist while pursuing an independent research career with the objective to improve public health outcomes.



NEWS

New programs coming soon:

Cannabis

CMPT will be launching a pilot round for laboratories performing microbiology testing of cannabis. Samples include flowers, candy, and oil.

For more information please email CMPT.

Virology

CMPT is looking into expanding its programs offerings by creating a Virology program. We have already started the developing phase and have hired Dr. Selvarani Vimalanathan to lead the program.

CMPT changes its name

CMPT has changed its name from Clinical to Canadian Microbiology Proficiency Testing to better reflect the scope of our programs that extend beyond the clinical field into environmental and now cannabis industry.

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