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It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Dr. Heather McDonald-Blumer as the new Departmental Division Director (DDD) of Rheumatology. She will take over from Dr. Claire Bombardier on July 1, 2016.

Dr. McDonald-Blumer is a University of Toronto alumna. For the past 12 years, she has been a member of the Division of Rheumatology at Mt. Sinai Hospital/University Health Network. Her clinical interests include osteoporosis and inflammatory joint diseases. Dr. McDonald-Blumer is an active member of the rheumatology community locally and nationally having served as the University of Toronto Program Director for Rheumatology, Chair of the Specialty Committee in Rheumatology, Chair of the Examination Board for Rheumatology for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Associate Director of the Osteoporosis Program at University Health Network, and as a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee and Chair of the Guidelines Committee for Osteoporosis Canada. Heather is widely recognized for her collaborative leadership style and for her interest and ability to support and mentor students, residents and faculty colleagues. She will bring these outstanding attributes to her new role as DDD Rheumatology.



Dr. Paul Davis was recently inducted as a *Master of Rheumatology* by the Pan American League of Associations for Rheumatology (PANLAR) at their 2016 annual meeting in Panama City. This award was an acknowledgement of 36 years of service to rheumatology on both a national and international level. Dr. Davis has provided clinical, educational, and research contributions to the division of rheumatology at the University of Alberta since 1975. At the national level he has been recognised with the *Distinguished Rheumatologist Award* from the CRA and an *Award of Merit* by The Arthritis Society of Canada. On the international scene, Dr. Davis has been the scientific program chair for PANLAR and the World Congress of Rheumatology of the International League of Associations for Rheumatology (ILAR). He was previously the treasurer for ILAR and, more recently, the Editor-in-Chief of the ILAR-sponsored journal, *Clinical Rheumatology*. Along with his Edmonton colleagues, he has been involved in training numerous international fellows and students and was, until recently, the external examiner for the University of Nairobi Medical School.

Dr. Davis admits that “the involvement with international colleagues has been one of the highlights of his career, and he is honoured to receive this peer-reviewed award for doing what he likes doing best.”

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The *CRAJ* would like to recognize the contributions of its readers to the medical field and their local communities.

To have any such awards, appointments, or accolades announced in an upcoming issue, please send recipient names, pertinent details, and a brief account of these honours to katio@sta.ca. Picture submissions are greatly encouraged.

WELCOME TO THE RHEUM & FAREWELL AS YOU LEAVE

Leaves are falling all around / It's time I was on my way / Thanks to you, I'm much obliged / For such a pleasant stay

For the past five years it has been my pleasure to serve the Canadian rheumatology community as Managing Editor of the *CRAJ*. I offer sincere thanks to all past and present members of the CRA; your continued contributions make the *CRAJ* possible. Most importantly, a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Philip Baer, under whose guidance this journal has thrived. Best wishes!

- Katia