Chair's Message

Happy 2015, everyone, and welcome to our second annual electronic newsletter.

DPT Program Accredited for 10 Years

Since our last PT News in January 2014, we have reached several notable benchmarks. Most notably, in December, we were notified by the Commission on Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) that the Doctor of Physical Therapy program has been accredited for another 10 years through 2024! This decision capped several months of work that went into producing our Self-Study Report. The submission of the report in April was followed in June by a team of CAPTE site visitors who spent three days with us. Their task was to verify the report’s facts and talk with various stakeholders in the DPT program, including faculty, students, graduates, clinical instructors, and employers. Many, many thanks for the support of everyone who contributed both directly and indirectly to this truly group effort.

Transitional DPT Ends

At the beginning of the fall 2014 semester, most of our final cohort of Transitional DPT (tDPT) students concluded their remaining coursework. Since the inception of the online tDPT program in 2000, more than 900 physical therapists have earned their transitional DPT degree at the MGH Institute, helping physical therapy move towards the APTA’s vision of being a doctoring profession. We are proud of our program and its impact on advancing the practice of our physical therapist colleagues who are now DPT graduates of the Institute.

Faculty News

We were joined by two new faculty in July of this year: Professor and Associate Chair Diane Jette, PT, DSc, FAPTA, and Assistant Professor Edgar Torres, PT, DSc, MDT. We are thrilled to have both these experienced faculty members on board. And we also bid a very fond farewell to Assistant Professor DJ Mattson, PT, DPT, EdD, SCS, at the end of the summer as he embarked on a well-deserved retirement after eight years on the faculty.

In addition to working diligently on a major revision to our DPT program for implementation in summer 2016 and our accreditation activities, faculty this past year continued to be productive scholars. PT faculty were authors or co-authors on 13 publications in professional journals and 27 presentations at professional meetings in 2014.

Hope to See You at CSM!

Daughter of DPT Graduate to Run Boston Marathon in His Honor

Bachelor of Science in Nursing student Jennifer Leonardo is running the 2015 Boston Marathon in honor of her father, 2009 transitional DPT graduate James Leonardo, who sadly passed away months after graduating. She is one of four members of Team IHP who run this year and add to the over $66,000 raised for the Institute during the past four years to support students.

Alumni Reception at CSM

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the Department of Physical Therapy will host a reception for alumni and friends from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at the JW Marriott Hotel on Thursday, February 5, 2015, during the APTA Combined Sections Meeting. RSVP by January 26.

Focus on Research at 2014 Gala

Catherine Schmidt ’07, PT, DPT, (left) was among several students in the Institute’s PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences program who presented posters on their research at the 2014 Gala. Over 300 guests raised more than $367,000 for student scholarships at the November event, the
For those of you planning to attend Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) in Indianapolis in February, look for faculty at their posters or at their platform presentations, or preconference courses.

The Institute’s alumni reception will be on Thursday, February 5, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. at the JW Marriott (Room 207). If you are able to join us, please RSVP. If you are at CSM but are not able to attend the alumni reception, please swing by and visit us at the IHP Booth #2523 in the Exhibit Hall.

I hope to either see you at CSM, or hear from you from via contributing your Class Note to upcoming IHP publications. Best wishes for a personally and professionally productive 2015 to you all.

Best regards,

Pamela K. Levangie, DPT, DSc, FAPTA
Chair and Professor
Department of Physical Therapy

90 Students Participate in PT Club's Dodgeball Tournament

The PT Club hosted its 8th annual dodgeball tournament last spring to raise funds in support of the Foundation for Physical Therapy’s Miami-Marquette Challenge. More than 90 IHP students – including the first-ever team from Communication Sciences & Disorders – helped bring in over $3,750, thus receiving another Honorable Mention from the Foundation for Physical Therapy. Video.

Ionta Lecture Returns

theme of which was Elevating Research. Expanding Knowledge. Enhancing Impact.

Faculty Present Research, Receive Awards at 2014 APTA Events

PT faculty Mary Knab and Marianne Beninato flank 1998 alumna Susan Stitch during the 2014 CSM reception.

Close to 100 people attended an Institute alumni reception during the 2014 American Physical Therapy Association’s Combined Sections Meeting in Las Vegas last February. Ten faculty held educational seminars or presented posters during the conference, and SHRS Dean Leslie Portney, DPT, PhD, FAPTA, gave the Pauline Cerasoli Lecture.

In addition, seven members from the greater MGH Institute physical therapy community were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the profession at the APTA’s 2014 NEXT Conference & Exposition last June.

Alumni Corner

Career Services for Alumni

The Office of Career Services continues to post jobs and provide assistance to alumni and students. It contains numerous job search resources, including access to the Institute’s unique career portal and job board IHP CareerLink, as well as the Interview Simulation Tool.

Alumni Awards Nominations Wanted

We invite you to nominate your IHP peers for the Bette Ann Harris ’83 Distinguished Alumni Award and the Emerging Leader Alumni Award, which will be presented during the 2015 Commencement ceremonies in May. Deadline to submit an Alumni Award Nomination is March 27.

Move Your Career Forward in Orthopaedics

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The Marjorie K. Ionta Symposium was held last September, following an absence of several years. The day-long event, co-sponsored with Mass General Hospital’s Department of Physical Therapy, focused on the topic, "Innovations in Rehabilitation of Lower Extremity Amputees from Blast Injuries."

**PT Awards at 2014 Commencement**

The following awards were presented during the PT Awards and Hooding Ceremony earlier in the day.

**Students:**
- Daniel Mark Kelleher: Marjorie K. Ionta Award for Clinical Excellence – Professional
- Saloni N. Raje: Marjorie K. Ionta Award for Clinical Excellence – Post-Professional
- Jeffrey Paul Faulring: Adams Fellow Award – Professional
- Noam Y. Segal: Adams Fellow Award – Post-Professional
- Saloni N. Raje and Sayali S. Shrotri: Mary Mankin Prize for Outstanding Directed Research

**Faculty:**
- Karen Weber, PT, MS: Outstanding Clinical Educator Award

**Arslanian Named Scully Lecturer**

PT faculty member Linda Arslanian, who received her transitional DPT in 2003 and is head of the Brigham and Women’s Hospital Rehabilitation Services, was named the 2014 Scully lecturer and visiting scholar by the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

Physical therapists who enroll in the Institute’s one-year Clinical Residency in Orthopaedics participate in 140 hours of lab-based seminars (also available to non-orthopaedic residents as continuing education), 360 hours of resident-directed learning (including but not necessarily limited to mentored research activities, lab instructor teaching responsibilities at the Institute, home study, and community outreach), 850 hours of orthopaedic clinical practice, and 150 hours of one-on-one mentored patient care.

Residents have access to selected resources in clinical affiliates including Massachusetts General Hospital and the Spaulding Rehabilitation Network. Residents are part-time (50%) employees of the partner facility at which they are placed, and are also paid for lab instructor activities.

March 15 is the application deadline to start in fall 2015. For further information, contact Residency Program Coordinator [Dr. Stephanie Greenspan](mailto:drstephanie@gmail.com).

**Earn Your PhD at the Institute**

The PhD in Rehabilitation Sciences is designed for clinically certified/licensed health care professionals in Physical Therapy as well as several other health disciplines who wish to acquire the advanced knowledge and skills to conduct clinical research with an emphasis on assessing clinical outcomes in rehabilitation. Doctoral Fellowships to cover most of the program costs are available for up to six qualified candidates. Email [mlnicholas@mghihp.edu](mailto:mlnicholas@mghihp.edu) or visit [www.mghihp.edu/phd](http://www.mghihp.edu/phd) for more information.

**Library Resources Available to Alumni**

MGH Institute alumni now have access to journals, databases, and other research resources at the Institute’s new [Alumni Library Resources](#) section. This robust section is sure to meet many of your research needs. Contact IHP Librarian Jessica Bell with questions or for assistance.

**Class Notes Wanted**

Tied the knot? Moved? Started a new job? Received an award? Welcomed a new addition? We are always eager to know what’s going on in the lives of our alums. Please submit a class note and a high-resolution photo to let us know what is happening in your world, and your news will be included in our next publication.

**Wanted: Lab Instructors, Teaching Assistants, and Clinical Instructors**

The MGH Institute is seeking physical therapists to assist in clinical skills laboratories, to serve as facilitators for small group discussions, or to supervise students in the Institute's pro-bono PT Center for Clinical Education and Health Promotion.

Most (but not all) activities require weekly time commitments of two to six hours per week during a 13-
grant to investigate ways to develop or improve footwear to treat and prevent knee osteoarthritis.

A Great College to Work For

The MGH Institute was the only school in Metro Boston to make the Honor Roll in The Chronicle of Higher Education's Great Colleges to Work For. This is the fifth consecutive year that the Institute has been named a Great College, and the first year on the Honor Roll.

week semester. While needs vary by semester, we are looking for practitioners with experience in a variety of content areas including Neuro, Cardiopulmonary, and Musculoskeletal, among others. Contact Program Manager Christopher De La Cerda for more information.

Join the Institute's Online Community

We invite you to become part of our expanding online alumni community by joining IHP’s LinkedIn, Facebook, and other social media, and following us on Twitter, to keep up with your MGH Institute classmates and what's happening on campus.