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Announcements

Welcome Back to Peter Zandstra

We are thrilled to welcome back Peter Zandstra to the role of Director of the School of Biomedical Engineering. There has been an enormous amount of growth in SBME with Peter's leadership since its inception five years ago, and

we are looking forward to further success and growth in education and research over the next five years.

A Message from Peter Zandstra, Director of the School of Biomedical Engineering

I'm excited about the next five years and the opportunity to work with stakeholders inside and outside SBME to secure resources and build an environment where students, postdocs, faculty and staff will continue to succeed and have an impact on health and healthcare. We have big milestones to reach as a community, including preparations to renew our accreditation, moving into our new building, developing and launching a new strategic plan and continuing to grow our faculty base and I look forward to doing that together.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the SBME leadership team, especially Peter Cripton for the amazing stewardship during my leave.

Ten interdisciplinary teams awarded funding to transform health through innovation

Congratulations to Ryan Falck, Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Applied Science and Faculty of Medicine and his team for receiving \$25,000 from the HIFI Awards for a Patient-Oriented and case-mix approach to understand drivers of health resource utilization among older adults at high risk of falls.

This study will identify case-mixes of patients who have different cost trajectories (i.e., high, declining, increasing, etc.) to ascertain modifiable clinical factors that predict these trajectories. The interdisciplinary cross-campus research team will integrate patient experiences from its falls prevention patient partners to develop patient recommendations for targeting the modifiable factors.

The team includes:

- Jennifer Davis (Faddegon), Assistant Professor, Faculty of Management, UBC Okanagan
- Craig Mitton, Professor, School of Population and Public Health, Faculty of Medicine
- Linda Li, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, Faculty of Medicine

- Teresa Liu-Ambrose, Professor, Department of Physical Therapy, Faculty of Medicine
- Ryan Falck, Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Applied Science and Faculty of Medicine
- Ben Karnon, Master of Science Student, Department of Experimental Medicine, Faculty of Medicine

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Professional Development Sessions & Research Talks

FACTS Public Panel: Tackling Climate Change and the Just Transition to Renewable Energy

July 27 | 2:30 pm - 9:30 pm

This two-part event is part of a series of French-Ameri-Can Climate Panels (FACTS) on climate change that have been held throughout North America in the past decade. Jointly sponsored by the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) and the French Embassy of Canada, this panel features a diverse group of eminent Canadian and French leaders representing climate science, renewable energy, economics, public policy, and Indigenous affairs.

The event is organized in two sessions. Topics may vary per session and participants can choose to attend either session or both. There is limited seating for both sessions so please be sure to RSVP.

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