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SEAMO and Ministry Discuss New Multi-year Agreement

Representatives of SEAMO, the Ministry of Health, and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) met to discuss a framework for a negotiation of a new multi-year funding agreement. The current SEAMO funding agreement expires 2004 December 31.

In seeking a new agreement SEAMO will be asking for "harmonization" with the funding adjustment received by the medical profession outside SEAMO. In addition, SEAMO will seek assurance that funding increases during the term of the contract will at least match those elsewhere. As in the past providing sufficient flexibility over the term of the contract will be an important component.

With the assistance of the OMA the parties will determine any funding discrepancies between SEAMO and the variety of discipline-based alternative funding arrangements in Ontario.

OMA Government Negotiations

The Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Province of Ontario have concluded their negotiations of a new master agreement. This master agreement is now being considered by the Ontario Medical Association. Membership will participate in a vote on the terms of the agreement.

The master agreement is complex and contains within it provisions which will have a direct impact on academic medicine. The agreement is available to members of the OMA on the OMA member's website (<http://www.oma.org/enter.htm>). Members will require their seven digit OMA membership number in order to access this page.

SEAMO Annual Report

SEAMO has now submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care its annual report for 2003. This report meets a variety of reporting requirements under the SEAMO 2001 funding agreement. The report is available on the SEAMO website <http://www.seamo.ca>.

Staffing Update

The Faculty Staffing Office informs SEAMO of the following staffing change, which occurred between 2004 September 23 and 2004 October 19 and not previously reported.

The **Department of Paediatrics** has recruited a replacement GFT, Martha McKinney, commencing 2004 August 30.