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SEAMO Tribute to CEO David Walker

June 01 marked David Walker's final SEAMO Governing Committee meeting as the CEO of SEAMO. SEAMO Governors marked the occasion with a tribute to David for his contribution as CEO for the past eleven years. Preceded by a piper, Governors and guests presented David with an oak tree planted in his honour. A plaque erected at the tree reads:

*Dedicated to Dr. David Walker
on his retirement as
CEO of SEAMO*

*With gratitude
for his wise leadership
and strength of character.*

Department of Emergency Medicine "Helper Shift" Funding

With increased volume and acuity at the Hotel Dieu Hospital site, the Department of Emergency Medicine has been receiving additional SEAMO funding adequate to provide one additional shift daily. This funding was to have been bridged to a Ministry of Health review of the applicability of Emergency Department Alternative Funding Agreement ("EDAFA") to SEAMO and other similar programs. This Ministry review has stalled.

Notwithstanding the importance of continuing to provide necessary coverage, the continued application of a significant portion of SEAMO's flexibility funding was not viewed as sustainable by the Resources Committee or by the Governing Committee. On June 01, Governors instructed SEAMO management to develop a recommendation for resolution of the Emergency Medicine coverage issue at the Hotel Dieu site not later than 2010 December. Anticipating a resolution of the problem, SEAMO agreed to continue funding the additional shift until the issue is resolved, but not beyond 2010 December.

CTAQ Endowment Fund – 2010

CTAQ has announced the recipients of the 2009/10 Endowment Fund awards.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
Christine Armour	Paediatrics	Multicentre recruitment and preliminary genetic analysis of individuals with Split Hand Foot Malformation and Long Bone Deficiency	\$19,850
Anne Ellis	Medicine	Role of epigenetics in the developmental origins of atopy and established allergic inflammation	\$20,000
Ruzica Jokic	Psychiatry	Preliminary Analysis of Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor Serum Levels as addition to the study <i>Treatment resistant depression and obstructive sleep apnea</i>	\$7,000
Christopher Justinich	Paediatrics	Detrimental effects of casein and gluten in Autism Spectrum Disorders	\$18,160
Peter Kannu	Paediatrics	Expanding the type II collagen (COL2A1) mutation spectrum; genotype/phenotype correlation in arthritis.	\$20,000