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# THE GRAD-PHARMER'S ALMANAC

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## UPDATE FROM A GRADUATE ALUMNUS

We were recently in touch with Pharmacology alumnus, Vural Özdemir (MSc, 1994, PhD 1998). Vural was interviewed recently on the need for interdisciplinary integrative work in pharmacology and social/political sciences, with a view to responsible innovation in personalized medicine.

His interview was published in *Personalized Medicine* and Vural has shared it with us in the hope that it might be of “interest to students in the Department who might be interested in novel interdisciplinary career paths in technology and innovation policy, and understanding the important linkages between responsible innovation and societal development, with their hard earned degrees in pharmacology.”



Interview open access URL: <http://www.futuremedicine.com/doi/pdf/10.2217/pme.14.70>

Well done, Vural!

## INSIGHT INTO LIFE SCIENCE CAREER CHOICES

Our former Vice-Dean of Graduate and Life Sciences Education, Professor Avrum Gottlieb of the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, has recently published an advice book on life science career choices that he has graciously made available free through the U of T library online.

Here's the link to his book:

<http://www.sciencedirect.com.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/science/article/pii/B9780128022429000074>

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Please take a look.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 13, March Graduation in absentia.

March 19, Name Change Deadline to request name changes/corrections for the June 2015 Convocation.

March 23, Gown and Ticket Information for June 2015.

April 3, Good Friday (University closed).

April 17, Coursework must be completed and grades submitted for full-year and Winter session courses for June convocation.

April 17, Final date for receiving degree recommendations and submission of theses for master's degrees for June convocation.

April 17, Final date for submission of final doctoral thesis for students whose degrees are to be conferred at the June convocation.

April 17, Final date for degree recommendations of Winter dual registrants for the master's degree to maintain their PhD registration.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015 CAREER MENTOR NIGHT

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2015 Career Mentor Night held at the Faculty Club on January 21st. Our thanks especially go to our distinguished, inspiring speakers from various disciplines with a pharmacology background.



Guest speakers (from top left): Dr. Bruna Brands, *Senior Scientist and Senior Science Advisor, Office of Research and Surveillance, Controlled Substance and Tobacco Directorate, Health Canada*; Stephanie De Masi, *Clinical Research Specialist, St. Michael's Hospital*; Dr. Christelle Gedeon, *Associate, Trade-Mark Agent, Fasken Martineau*; Dr. Joanne Kotsopoulos, *Scientist, Women's College Research Institute*; Katherine Li, *Associate, Food & Nutrition, Intertek Scientific & Regulatory Consultancy*; Dr. Angie Marsh, *Medical Science Liaison, AstraZeneca*; Dr. John Oldenhof, *Senior Director of Scientific Affairs, INC Early Phase*; and Olena Skokovets, *Marketing Associate Manager, AstraZeneca*.