

Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science Société canadienne de science de laboratoire médical

Educator Committee Meeting Summary Report November 3, 2023 – Zoom Virtual

Welcome

The Chair welcomed committee members and gave a land acknowledgement.

Educator Survey - from LABCON Open Forum - Educators' Table

- At the LabconOpen Forum table, educators asked if CSMLS could facilitate sharing of information across education programs, i.e., program length, ratio of faculty to students, and size of programs, etc.
 - The suggestion was to capture this through a survey from CSMLS to educators
- The Educator Survey was sent out second week of June 2023 and results released end of July 2023
 - o 49 % respondents from 411 educators surveyed
- Survey results available on the CSMLS website under the Research tab https://csmls.org/csmls/media/documents/Research/Educators-What-do-you-need-from-CSMLS.pdf
- A link to these results will also be shared in the next issue of the Faculty Focus
- The committee members wondered if a follow up to the initial Educator Survey (part 2) could be done, if there is an interest

Insight Speaker Series on SIM - January 10, 2024

- Affinity Learning approached CSMLS to share and promote open source SIM content with educators. It is not intended to compete with the CICanVirtu-WIL project, just to accelerate sharing of information. Tino will be a key participant.
- Canadian repository of some simulations can be viewed, implemented, and/or adopted into medical laboratory curriculum, found here: https://simulationcanada.ca/resources/scenario-exchange/? collections=virtu-wil

Committee Members

• Aiming to fill 2 or 3 positions (dependent on one member renewing their term) by April 2024, as some members have completed their second terms.

Round Table Discussion

- Release of updated competency profiles: hoping for early 2024.
- Other Educators' virtual event like the one in July 2023: nothing scheduled but Education Committee will be informed if planned
- Discipline-specific certification: reminded that CSMLS was asked to stop discipline-subject certification by regulators, employers, and discipline-specific certificants in the mid-1990s. CAMLPR project information is on their website. CSMLS will investigate discipline specific exams in 2024 with a feasibility study for. Due to the high cost of producing and running certification exams, discipline-specific exam offerings cannot proceed without knowing if there is an interested cohort that could be both regulated and employed.

Present: Valentin (Tino) Villatoro (Chair), Danny Rowsell, Kimberly Wheelans, Mikael Khan, Angela Yim, Michelle Lui, Patricia Longpre, Rachelle Kingsler, and Emily Chen

CSMLS staff: Denise Neutel, Christine Nielsen, Chantelle Habran

Regrets: Diana Christianson