*May 31, 2003*
*Volume 4, Issue 5*

# MACS news

***Data Coordinating Centre:***
**MIRU**
**7th Floor, 790 Bay Street**
**Toronto ON Canada**
**M5G 1N8**
***Phone:***
**(1) 416-351-2530**
***Fax:***
**(1) 416-351-2531**
***E-mail:***
**macs@sw.ca**
***Website:***
**www.utoronto.ca/macs**

## Overall Total: 466

### Total this month: 27

Recruitment has slowed down a bit this month, let's all work together to pass 500 by the end of June!!

We are pleased to announce our newest centre is: **Medizinische Hochschule Hannover** (Hannover, Germany). We extend our warmest MACS welcome!

A reminder to all of our active centres that the MACS Collaborators' Meeting is not far off. The meeting will be held in Toronto October 24th-26th, 2003. We hope to see representatives from all of our centres!!

If you are not an active centre, but would like to participate in the October meeting, please see the insert for more information!

## MUGS THIS MONTH

MACS mugs are on their way to the following, who have recruited 5 more women into the study:

**Royal Alexandra** (*Edmonton*, Canada), **University School of Medicine** (*Poznan*, Poland), **Research Institute at PMMH** (*Lódz*, Poland), **Islamic** (*Amman*, Jordan), **Edith Wolfson** (*Holon*, Israel), **Ma'ayney Hayeshua** (*Bnei Brak*, Israel), **University Women's Hospital** (*Basel*, Switzerland)

A MACS mug is on its way to the **Research Institute at PMMH** (Lódz, Poland) for reaching their annual goal in 2003! **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Recruitment Tip:**

We greatly value the women who participate in MACS but sometimes it is difficult to show our appreciation. One of our centres has told us that their strategy in recruiting patients is to have their head of department speak with each woman and stress the importance of this study. This way, women feel that they play a valued and important role.

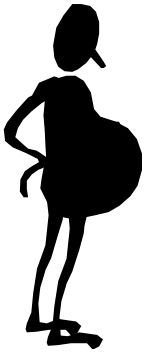
Do you have a unique way that you make women feel special for participating in MACS? If so, please share your ideas with us and we will publish them in upcoming newsletters.

**This Month's Reminder:**

**Data Booklets**

Please remember to tear out the yellow pages in the data booklets for your files.

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL CENTRES INTERESTED IN PARICIPATING IN MACS:

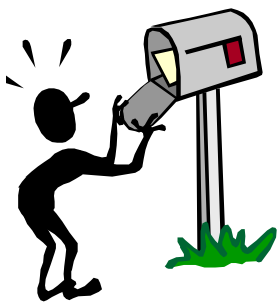


**October 24-26, 2003 is the MACS Collaborators' Meeting in Toronto, CANADA.**

The meeting will include sessions on trial updates, evidence-based medicine, recruitment, the 2 year follow-up and the future direction of MACS. This is a chance to discuss perinatal issues with your colleagues. We will also be hosting a special meeting for coordinators to discuss data management issues.

If you wish to attend the MACS Collaborators' Meeting, we will be happy to reimburse your travel and accommodation expenses once you have become an active site in MACS.
(that is we have received your ethics approval and signed investigator's agreement)

See the reverse side for a list of all the centres that are interested in participating in MACS, in addition to the 42 active centres already participating.



Look for your invitation to arrive in the mail over the next couple of weeks!

# Recruitment

**(Projected sample size of 1900 by December 2004)**

**as of May 30, 2003**

## COUNTRY

| | Annual Goal | Apr - Dec 01 | Jan - Jun 02 | Jul- Dec 02 | Jan 03 | Feb 03 | Mar 03 | Apr 03 | May 03 | Grand Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADA** | 138 | 29 | 31 | 36 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 119 |
| **POLAND** | 37 | | 4 | 66 | 7 | 12 | 5 | 12 | 11 | 117 |
| **ISRAEL** | 143 | 20 | 22 | 28 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 91 |
| **CHILE** | 35 | | | 20 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 32 |
| **USA** | 60 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | 28 |
| **DENMARK** | 15 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 25 |
| **HUNGARY** | 9 | | 7 | 10 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 24 |
| **SWITZERLAND** | 10 | 3 | 4 | 2 | | | | 1 | 2 | 12 |
| **GERMANY** | 30 | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 11 |
| **JORDAN** | 23 | | | | | | | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| **THE NETHERLANDS** | 11 | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 |
| **Total** | **511** | **69** | **78** | **176** | **24** | **26** | **26** | **40** | **27** | **466** |

**CENTRES BY COUNTRY** *(shaded area is prior to start-up)*

| **CANADA** | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mount Sinai, Toronto | 23 | 9 | 8 | 10 | | 1 | 1 | | | 29 |
| Royal University, Saskatoon | 13 | 8 | 6 | 3 | | 1 | | 2 | 1 | 21 |
| Royal Alexandra, Edmonton | 14 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| Children's & Women's, Vancouver | 24 | 7 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | | 1 | | 14 |
| CHUS (Fleurimont), Sherbrooke | 10 | 3 | 6 | 3 | | | | | | 12 |
| IWK Health Centre, Halifax | 16 | | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 9 |
| Sunnybrook & Women's , Toronto | 12 | | | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 7 |
| St Boniface General, Winnipeg | 13 | | 2 | 3 | | | 1 | | | 6 |
| Regina General, Regina | 10 | | 1 | 4 | | | | | | 5 |
| North Bay General, North Bay | 3 | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |

| **POLAND** | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Univ School of Medicine, Poznan | 18 | | | 35 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 51 |
| Research Inst at PMMH, Lodz | 14 | | | 21 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 37 |
| Med University of Gdansk, Gdansk | 5 | | 4 | 10 | | 4 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 29 |

| **ISRAEL** | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rabin, Petach Tikva | 26 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 2 | | | | 2 | 23 |
| Edith Wolfson, Holon | 12 | | | 8 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 15 |
| Soroka, Beer Sheva | 38 | 1 | 5 | 7 | | | 1 | | | 14 |
| Haemek, Afula | 13 | | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 13 |
| Bnai Zion, Haifa | 13 | 3 | 3 | | | | 4 | | | 10 |
| Ma'ayney Hayeshua, Bnei Brak | 16 | 7 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Poriya Government, Tiberias | 7 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 3 |
| Meir, Kfar-Saba | 18 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 3 |

# Recruitment

**(Projected sample size of 1900 by December 2004)**

| | Annual Goal | Apr - Dec 01 | Jan - Jun 02 | Jul- Dec 02 | Jan 03 | Feb 03 | Mar 03 | Apr 03 | May 03 | Grand Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CHILE** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sotero del Rio, Puente Alto | 26 | | | 16 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | 21 |
| Universidad Católica, Santiago | 9 | | | 4 | 1 | | | 5 | 1 | 11 |
| **USA** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Montefiore, Bronx | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 20 |
| Bethesda, Cincinnati | 13 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| Good Samaritan, Cincinnati | 18 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 |
| Baystate Medical Center, Springfield | 16 | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Albany (No longer recruiting) | —— | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| **DENMARK** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aarhus University, Aarhus | 15 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 25 |
| **HUNGARY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| University of Debrecen, Debrecen | 9 | | 7 | 10 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 24 |
| **SWITZERLAND** | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHU Vaudois, Lausanne | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 7 |
| Univ Women's Hospital, Basel | 5 | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| **GERMANY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Klinikum Nurnburg Sud, Nurnburg | 15 | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Benjamin Franklin, Berlin | 15 | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| **JORDAN** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Islamic, Amman | 23 | | | | | | | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| **THE NETHERLANDS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Atrium, Heerlen | 6 | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Academisch Ziekenhuis, Maastricht | 5 | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |

Centres awaiting first patient: [**COUNTRY**: Hospital, *City* (annual goal)] [month/year start-up package sent]

**USA**: Maricopa, *Phoenix* (11) [04/01]; University of New Mexico, *Albuquerque* (12) [10/01]; Medical University of South Carolina, *Charleston* (7) [06/02]. **CHINA:** Peace Maternity, *Shanghai* (18) [02/03]. **GERMANY**: University of Marburg, *Marburg* (4) [04/03].

# *Keep up the Good Work!*

*Quote of the Month*:
*"Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance."*

***-Samuel Johnson***