



# CUA Spring 1999

## Newsletter

**CUA - 54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 1999,**  
**London, Ontario**

We are proud to host the 54th Annual meeting of the Canadian Urological Association in London, Ontario. The London Convention Centre is conveniently located adjacent to the Hilton and Delta Armouries hotels in the heart of the city and provide excellent facilities for both the scientific program and exhibitors. Guest speakers Bernard Churchill, Tom Lue, Marshall Stoller, Urs Studer, Darracott Vaughan, Marston Linehan and Roberta Bondar our Canadian astronaut will highlight the Scientific Program organized by Joe Chin. Immediately preceding the formal CUA will be a one day Endourology Course which will feature live surgical demonstrations. In addition to the guest speakers, Breakfast Sessions, Educational Forums, Podium and Poster sessions will provide an exceptional educational experience. We have received strong support from our many corporate friends in Urology allowing us to plan excellent sessions and events and yet significantly reduce the registration fees. Highlights of the social program include an evening at Stratford, Ontario to visit the festival theatre where we will see "A Mid Summer Night's Dream" featuring Brian Bedford. The President's Banquet and dance will be held in the ballroom of the Hilton Hotel and will feature Liona Boyd who is acknowledged as one of the world's leading classical guitarists. Full companion and children's programs are also planned featuring many exciting local attractions. Golf has been organized at London's Sunningdale Golf Course. London is hosting this meeting for the first time and we are working hard to make this the best annual meeting held by the CUA. Many urologists in Ontario and the Northeastern US are within an easy drive of London and there are also many convenient connecting flights via Toronto, Detroit and Pittsburgh. Those attending may wish to take an extra day or two to visit the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls or the Kitchener-Waterloo area. We are looking forward to seeing as many of our colleagues as possible for this year's CUA June 20-23.

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## Scientific Program 1999 CUA - London Ontario:

### Sunday, June20

0900 - 1130	'Do It For Dad' Run at Springbank Park
0900 - 1800	CUA Registration: York Street Foyer, Lower Level The London Convention Centre
1200 - 1250	Lunch
1250 - 1300	Opening Remarks and Announcements Dr. Jack Sales, President Dr. John Denstedt, Local Arrangements Dr. Joe Chin, Scientific Program
1300 - 1420	Podium Session: Prostate Cancer
1420 - 1445	Podium Session: B.PH.
1445 - 1515	Guest Speaker: Dr. Darracott Vaughan: "Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia"
1515 - 1545	Health Break
1545 - 1610	Podium Session: Renal Transplantation
1610 - 1630	Podium Session: Voiding Dysfunction
1630 - 1730	Educational Forum I: Voiding Dysfunction
1900	Welcoming Reception

### Monday, June21

0700 - 0800	Breakfast Session: Clinical Update (i) What's New in Erectile Dysfunction (ii) What's New in Prostate Cancer
0800 - 0810	Update: Guidelines Committee
0810 - 0820	Update: MOCOMP
0820 - 0825	AUA Presidential Address
0825 - 0910	Podium Session: Renal Cancer
0910 - 0940	Guest Speaker: Dr. Marston Linehan "Genetics Research I Renal Cell Carcinoma"
0940 - 1010	Health Break
1010 - 1035	Podium Session: Bladder Cancer
1035 - 1105	Guest Speaker: Dr. Urs Studer Bladder Cancer"
1105 - 1205	Educational Forum II: Superficial Bladder Cancer
1205	Lunch I Sport & Optional Activities
1700 - 2200	Jeans & Jewels Evening

### Tuesday, June 22

0700 - 0800	Breakfast Session: Journal Club 'Evidence-Based Medicine'
0800 - 0840	Podium Session: Urolithiasis
0840 - 0920	Guest Speaker: Dr. Marshall Stoller "Endourology I Stone Management"
0920 - 0950	Podium Session: Andrology
0950 - 1020	Health Break
1020 - 1200	Poster Sessions "A" Uro-Oncology Research "B" B.PH and Voiding Dysfunction "C" Pediatrics and Infection

1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1335	Podium Session: Erectile Dysfunction
1335 - 1405	Guest Speaker: Dr. Tom Lue Erectile Dysfunction"
1405 - 1505	Educational Forum III: Erectile Dysfunction
1600	Leave for Stratford Festival

### Wednesday, June 23

0700 - 0800	Breakfast Session: "How I Do It"
0800 - 0835	Podium Session: Pediatrics
0835 - 0905	Royal College Lecturer: Dr. Bernard Churchill, "Pediatric Urology"
0905 - 1000	Health Break
1000 - 1030	Educational Forum IV: Pediatrics
1030 - 1055	Prize-Winners' Presentations: CUA Prize Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Research</li> <li>• Clinical</li> <li>• Chilean Exchange</li> </ul>
1055 - 1200	Poster Sessions: "D" Prostate Cancer Clinical and Misc. Oncology "E" Erectile Dysfunction, Andrology and Transplantation "F" Endourology, Urolithiasis and Imaging
1200 - 1400	Annual Business Lunch Meeting
1400 - 1430	AUA Lecturer: Dr. Darracott Vaughan "Adrenal Disorders"
1430 - 1530	Special Guest Lecturer: Dr. Roberta Bondar: "In Space it Floats"
1530 - 1600	Health Break
1600 - 1635	Podium Session: Prostate Cancer
1635 - 1730	Educational Forum V: Prostate Cancer
1830 - 1930	President's Reception
1930 - 2300	President's Banquet

### Affiliated Societies and Committees

The meetings will be held in the Convention Centre, Hilton Hotel or Delta London Armories Hotel. The exact locations will appear in the final program.

### Friday, June 18

CUA Inter-provincial Socio-Economic Manpower Committee	0800 - 1600
CUA Guidelines Committee	1100 - 1700
Prostate Health Council	0800 - 1600

### Saturday, June 19

Canadian Urodynamic Professionals; Hilton Hotel, Ballroom	0700 - 1600
Canadian Academy of Urologic Surgeons	0700 - 1200
CUA Executive Meeting	1300 - 1700
CUA Specialty Committee (Training, Education, Evaluation)	1300 - 1500

**Sunday, June 20**

Pediatric Urologists of Canada (PUC): Windermere Manor	0730 - 1330
Canadian Urodynamic Professionals: Hilton Hotel, Ballroom	0700 - 1200
CUA Executive Meeting	0700 - 1200
CUOG Executive Meeting	0700 - 0900
CUOG Annual Meeting	0900 - 1200
Women Urologists of Canada	1500 - 1530

**Monday, June 21**

Canadian Journal of Urology (Board Meeting)	0700 - 0830
Urology Times of Canada (Board Meeting)	0700 - 0830
CUA Nominating Committee	1200 - 1400
CUA Research Committee	1200 - 1400
CUA Scholarship Fund Committee	1200 - 1400
Urology Nurses of Canada	1600 - 1800

**Tuesday, June 22**

Council of University Chairs	0700 - 0800
Societe Internationale d'Urologie (SI U)	1200 - 1300
Canadian Male Sexual Health Council	0800 - 1000

**Wednesday, June 23**

CUA Finance Committee	0945 - 1100
CUA Annual General Meeting	1200 - 1400

Pediatric Urologists of Canada (PUC) is a CUA affiliate open to all urologists and residents with a significant interest or clinical practice in pediatric urology.

The program includes breakfast, lunch, business meeting and case presentation. All are invited to bring one interesting case for discussion. The guest speaker will be Dr. Bernard Churchill.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1998 WINTER EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Winter Executive Meeting was held on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at the Grand Bay Hotel in Toronto. Dr. Jack Sales, CUA President, welcomed all of the executive members and invited guests to the meeting and started us into a very busy agenda. The agenda this winter included the usual sorts of reports from the meeting planners in London, the Treasurer's report, Finance Committee report, CUA Scholarship Foundation Administrative Council report and the CUA Scholarship Foundation Scientific Council Report. There was the usual Secretary's report including the Membership report, Time & Place report and the Internet report. Finally, there was a report from the Socioeconomics and Manpower Committee, Guidelines Committee, Bylaws Committee, and Prize Essay Committee - all the standing committees of the CUA.

Highlights of the Executive meeting also included a presentation by Dr. Denis Lavoie on a planned CUA-endorsed Information Committee, the purpose of which will be elaborated shortly. Other important reports added to this year's meeting included a report from the Canadian Journal of Urology

by Dr. L. Klotz, a report from the Canadian Video Journal of Urology by Dr. J. Trachtenberg, a critical report on a pending mandatory CME requirement with the Royal College by Dr. Kodama, and an ad hoc report on the CUA's secretariat requirements by Dr. P. Belitsky.

The meeting commenced with Dr. Sales welcoming first-time Executive members to the meeting. New to the Executive at this winter meeting were members at large: Dr. Bruce Palmer, Dr. Simon Tanguay and Dr. Fred Saad - all elected as members of large at the June 1998 annual meeting in Halifax. Dr. Allan Patrick attended the meeting as the new Chair of the Socioeconomics & Manpower Committee and Dr. Tom Kinahan attended the meeting as the Local Arrangements Chair for the 2000 meeting in Kelowna, BC.

Dr. Denstedt presented a summary on the 1999 annual meeting in London. Highlights of the meeting are its guest speakers including Canadian astronaut, Dr. Roberta Bondar. Invited urological guest speakers include Dr. Bernie Churchill, Dr. Tom Lue, Dr. Marshall Stoller, Dr. Urs Studer, Dr. Darracott Vaughan, and Dr. Marston Linehan. There will be 5 highlighted educational forums including prostate cancer, bladder cancer, pediatric urology, erectile dysfunction and bladder dysfunction. The Canadian experts in these fields will chair the various sessions. One hundred and twenty-two abstracts were accepted to this year's meeting. There will be a "How I Do It" session, a CUA Journal Club session in the morning and a third breakfast session covering hot topics in Urology. The usual podium and poster sessions will occur throughout the meeting.

Highlights for the social agenda of the meeting include a sport's day on the Monday featuring the usual assortment of athletic activities and including of course, tennis and golf. Monday evening there is a dinner planned for the entire membership at Dr. Sales' home which will prove to be a very relaxed and intimate affair. On the Tuesday evening there will be a trip to Stratford for a little culture, fine food and wine.

The entire week will be an absolute pleasure and the local organizing committee looks forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Financial arrangements for the meeting appear to be well in hand and it looks as though the 1999 annual meeting will be another profitable event for the CUA.

Dr. Valiquette, chair of the CUASF Administrative Council, presented his report and outlined the superb financial circumstances of the CUASF. By the time the 1999 annual meeting rolls around, the Foundation should have in excess of \$1.6M in its coffers.

Dr. Chin reported on the CUASF Scientific Council. The Scientific Council will assess applicants for the scholarship awards for 1999. Currently, there are 3 scholars holding CUA awards. They are Dr. Denise Arsenault of Montreal, Dr. Tim Wollin of Edmonton and Dr. Paul Merguerian of Toronto. A mid-term progress report will be submitted by these scholars for presentation to the Foundation. The highlight of the endeavors of the Scientific Council will include setting parameters for the joint CUASF/Canadian Section of the SIU awards to be highlighted later in this newsletter.

The Treasurer's report presented by Dr. Gerridzen outlined the extremely solid financial foundation that the CUA has developed over the last decade. Incorporation of the organization has now protected

it against liability and has also afforded the Executive protection against individual and personal liability as well. The Treasurer's report highlighted the outstanding financial contribution to the CUA from the Halifax meeting. Profit from that meeting was in excess of \$170,000. The financial activities of the CUA continued to be managed in an extremely conservative fashion by the investment counselors.

Dues collections for 1999 were proceeding as planned. The titling to the CUASF has been reduced by 50%, reducing the total dues for 1999 to \$120.00. Thirty-two active members failed to remit dues for 1998 and year to year there seems to be a consistent 6.5% of the active membership who refuse to remit their dues. There are 16 members who have not paid dues for 1997 and 1998 and by the corporation's bylaw article 2, section E, they will be removed from membership.

Dr. Gerridzen, who highlighted the overall financial circumstances of both the CUA and the CUASF in joint activities, also presented the Finance Committee report. Both the discretionary fund and the CUASF fund continue to increase at an extraordinary rate due to the outstanding efforts of all of the fundraisers involved.

Dr. Chetner then presented the Secretary's report. Active membership continues to remain stable at about 480 individuals. The senior membership continues to increase over the last few years, from 123 in 1997 to 139 in 1999. Total membership continues to increase at a consistent and slow rate. Total membership now includes 715 individuals.

The Time & Place report highlighted upcoming meetings, including the year 2000 meeting in Kelowna, BC at the Grand Okanagan Resort. In 2001 the meeting returns to Toronto at the Hilton Hotel. In 2002, the first ever CUA meeting will be held in 2002 and in 2003 we return to the Grand Bonaventure Hotel in Montreal. The year 2004 entails a trip to the resort village of Whistler, BC and 2005 returns us to Ottawa for another excellent CUA meeting in the nation's capital.

Dr. Chetner then presented a brief summary of the status of the computerization within the CUA. An electronic database had been created by Login Consulting and continues to be utilized by the Secretariat and the Treasurer. The Secretariat continues to work mainly on a volunteer basis and annual expenses are under \$15,000. Expenses cover minor secretarial activities and the development, production and distribution of the bi-annual newsletter and various notices for the membership.

Dr. Denis Lavoie of Vernon, BC made the next presentation that brought forward a proposal to the Executive for the development of patient information pamphlets that would carry the endorsement of the CUA. Many of us give our patients written information in the office, but there is a large degree of variation in terms of the content and quality of those materials. Dr. Lavoie then spoke of the materials he has chosen to use in his office. He suggested that the CUA could return a service to its membership by providing members with a series of patient information pamphlets on a wide variety of pertinent topics in Urology. Such topics might include recurrent urinary tract infections in females, vasectomies, procedural pamphlets on cystoscopy, radical prostatectomy, and a catheter care pamphlet that also may be useful in certain circumstances.

Different formats could be used for the pamphlets - they might be single-page pamphlets that could be easily reproduced on an office photocopier or downloaded from a website. Multi-page pamphlets

could be distributed by the Secretariat and of course, these pamphlets could be made available in both English and French for distribution across the country. The information would be broad-based and relatively generic so it would be useful in a wide variety of clinical circumstances. After an excellent presentation and much discussion by the Executive, it was put forward in a motion that Dr. Lavoie could head-up an ad hoc committee. This committee would then work together to bring forward a pilot project for an information pamphlets to the Executive and then the membership at large. The committee will be well represented by the members at large of the Executive of the CUA, who also represent both english and french-speaking Canadian Urologists who also have academic and community backgrounds. We look forward to seeing the fruits of this committee's labour in the very near future.

Dr. Allan Patrick presented his first report as the new Chair of the Socioeconomics and Manpower Committee. The message in his report was plain and simple - that is, the committee was going to re-focus and simplify its approach to many of the socioeconomic issues and identify areas of common discourse across Canadian urology. The committee will further attempt to provide pertinent information to the provincial organizations and Urologists across the country. Their first meeting under Dr. Patrick's chairmanship will occur prior to the CUA annual meeting in London, Ontario.

Dr. Ron Kodama presented a most insightful update on the activities of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and its desire to set up a mandatory CME accreditation for its members. The issue here is that mandatory CME is likely to become enforced in the near future, if not by ourselves, then likely by the various governing bodies. The Royal College has decided to try to take a leadership role in this area and has solicited the advice and consultation of the various specialty committees within the organization. Implementation is likely to occur by the end of the year 2000 and likely there will have to be a total accumulated credit over 5 years in excess of some 400 CME credits. This will include a variety of credit types; both Type 1 credits which are the usual credits applied to scientific meetings as well as Type 2 and Type 3 credits which are more associated with local rounds, Journal clubs, case presentations and literature review.

The intent of the Executive was to recommend to Dr. Kodama that if necessary, he may lead an ad hoc committee looking at CME activities and requirements for Urologists and a liaison with the activities of the Royal College on this issue. Dr. Kodama will report back to the Executive in the coming months on progress in this area. This is likely something that will impact on every Urologist in the country.

Dr. Brock made a brief presentation on the Canadian Male Sexual Health Council and its progress over the last year as the first CUA Health Council. Its activities have been quite important with the coming release of Viagra™ in Canada and the release in the last 12 months of various other agents such as MUSE™. The Council continues to be an advocate for patient information and act as an affiliate council with the CUA.

Dr. Hosking presented the proposed Bylaw changes for the upcoming annual meeting. These bylaw changes include an alteration to the senior membership status to include early retirees and a change to the name of some of the standing committees; specifically the Socioeconomics and Manpower Committee. These bylaw changes, as well as the addition of the bylaws surrounding the health councils are published in this newsletter and posted on our website () for perusal prior to approval at

the 1999 annual meeting in London. In addition to the bylaws discussed at the Executive meeting, a set of bylaws governing the pending CUA Clinical Trials Group will also be presented to the membership and will also be voted on at the upcoming annual meeting.

With that in mind, Dr. Elhilali then presented an update on the CUA Clinical Trials Group. The Group has been busy with strategy and organizing itself to compete in a very entrepreneurial environment. The CUACTG will solicit clinical research activities from Canadian pharmaceuticals and industry leaders and provide streamlined ethics review board approval and act as a clearinghouse for research in Canada. The acting co-Chairs, Dr. Elhilali and Dr. Bryan Donnelly from Calgary, represent both academic and community centres. The intent of this committee is to provide a broad opportunity for all Urologists in Canada to participate in clinical research and to facilitate this clinical research and act as a liaison with industry in Canada. The ad hoc committee will become a standing committee of the CUA after the annual general meeting in London.

Dr. Elhilali then presented a proposal for the Canadian Prostate Health Council to become the second affiliated health council. In doing so, he presented a set of bylaws and guidelines for the council to the Executive which were accepted and will be presented to the membership. It is currently the intent of the CPHC to collaborate with the Canadian Male Sexual Health Council in forming a joint CUA health council newsletter coauthored by the two groups.

Dr. Klotz then presented a review of the Canadian Journal of Urology's activities over the past year. It has been a very busy and active year for the journal, and it continues to be a resounding success. The editors have received articles from all points around the globe, including Europe and North and South America. An indexation review is going to take place in June of 1999 and with careful planning and a little bit of luck, indexation will be in place shortly after the annual general meeting.

Dr. Trachtenberg presented a review of the activities by the Canadian Urology Association Video Journal and suggested that the editorial board currently overseeing the Video Journal will adopt the same governance that the Canadian Journal of Urology put in place last year. This allows a greater deal of transparency and representation across the board. Several of the initial editions proved to be profitable and a percentage of that profit was put back into the CUASF.

Dr. Brewer Auld presented a report from the joint committees of the CUA and the Royal College, who are known as the Urology Specialty Committee within the Royal College and the Training, Education and Evaluation Committee of the CUA. He outlined the accreditation process for the various training programs across the country and the current status of all the programs. Currently all the programs within Canada are fully accredited. In addition to that, Dr. Auld outlined the examination process over the last several years under the chairmanship of Dr. Larry Goldenberg. The timing of the exams has proven to have some impact on both the Examination Committee and the candidates, but will continue to be undertaken on the May long weekend.

There continues to be some discussion between the American Board of Urology and the committee chaired by Dr. Auld over the appropriateness of the training for Canadian Urology residents and their accreditation towards taking the ABU exams. Ongoing negotiations will hopefully remove the current barriers preventing Canadian graduates from sitting their American exams.



Dr. Jim Metcalfe presented the highlights of the Guidelines Committee that continues to meet twice per year prior to the Executive Committee meeting. All of the current guidelines are reviewed on an annual basis and future guidelines are going to be published within the Canadian Journal of Urology. An important facet of the guideline activities includes input from the membership and it is hopeful that at future annual meetings, the Guidelines Committee may actually involve itself with an interactive session in front of the entire membership.

Dr. Tom Kinahan then presented plans for the upcoming annual meeting in Kelowna in the year 2000. This beautiful resort town in central British Columbia will be the host site with a newly renovated hotel located right on Lake Okanagan. The local organizing committee is well underway with its undertakings and promises to provide an excellent recreational and scientific meeting. Dr. Hosking, who will be president of the CUA the year of the meeting, promises to try to squeeze in some scientific activity in between rounds of golf. The cast of visiting speakers is extraordinary and the list of caddies includes Dr. Joe Segura, Dr. Webster, Dr. Soloway, Dr. S. Raz, Dr. Don Coffey, Dr. Steve Kroft and Mr. Kirby from Britain. It promises to be an outstanding scientific meeting with ample opportunity for recreational distraction.

Dr. Peter Pommerville presented an important update for the Executive on the liaison between the Canadian Medical Association and the CUA. He has been actively trying to improve communication across these lines and feels that a greater degree of participation with CMA activities will only improve the position of the CUA for its membership.

Dr. Jim Wilson presented his last report as the CUA Historian. He continues to do an outstanding job archiving the history of Urology across Canada. He personally thanked all of the individuals who have contributed to the archives and who have supported the CUA endeavors to collect its history and preserve it for future generations.

Dr. Phil Belitsky then presented an ad hoc report on a permanent secretariat. He initiated this report by surveying at least nine of the other specialty societies across the country in an effort to assess what they undertake for secretariat support. There were a wide variety of activities in the various specialty societies. Some of these groups use voluntary secretariat's as does the CUA, others have gone to private organizations to provide secretarial support, some have hired Executive Secretaries and yet others have gone under the Royal College umbrella and used the Royal College offices in Ottawa as an executive secretary site. Without question, there is some degree of added bureaucracy when an executive secretariat is in place. The secretariat must be in a centrally located area and the average costs per year were in the range of \$100,000.

Dr. Belitsky then formed an ad hoc committee of the Treasurer, Secretariat, Dr. Allan Patrick and Dr. Hosking. This committee reviewed all of the submissions from the various specialty committees and produced an ad hoc report to the Executive. There continues to be a dichotomy in terms of expectations within the organization. On the one hand, a permanent secretariat may be able to provide a greater degree of support to the various committees that are currently supported individually by their chairs and their personal secretaries in their home locations. Certainly, some organizations have flourished with a permanent secretariat, yet the concerns about a loss of personality and the significant costs involved continue to be an issue. Many of the Executive members reiterated their own personal experiences with other organizations such as the northeast section of the AUA and the Northwest

Urologic Society. Some of these experiences have been positive, and others have been negative. The committee decided that for the present time, the CUA should continue with its current secretariat efforts and continue to revisit this issue on an as-needed basis.

Those were some of the key highlights from the winter 1998 Executive Committee meeting. The minutes from the actual meeting are available for download from our website at , and are also available, on request, from the office of the CUA secretariat.

The CUA Executive Committee continues to work on behalf of the entire membership and always looks forward to input from the membership on any issues of pertinence to the CUA.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Michael P. Chetner, M.D. FRSC(C)  
Secretary, CUA

### **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP/VISITORSHIP AWARD IN CANADA**

The Canadian Section of the Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU) and the Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation wish to announce the following opportunities for international urology graduates:

Objective	Research Training Fellowship or Clinical Visitorship / Observership sponsored by a Canadian University Urology training program
Intended for	International Urology graduates interested in additional training in and exposure to specific specialized areas of Urology at a Canadian Centre
Duration	6 months to 12 months starting July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1999 (negotiable)
Amount of Award	3 awards per year of up to \$10,000 Cdn each, depending on duration of training in Canada

Requisites:

- full curriculum vitae
- prior arrangement with the sponsoring Canadian University center (Candidates should apply to the potential sponsor in Canada and agree on terms of the training)
- matching funds from sponsoring Canadian University Centre
- A 1-page description of the proposed didactic activities for the scholarship period
- Letter of support from the Candidate's own centre

**Deadline for application     June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1999**

Send application and all documentation to:

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**Chair, Scientific Council of Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation (CUASF)**

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## **Opportunities for CUA Members to Teach Abroad**

The Canadian Section of the Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU) and the Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation also wish to announce the following opportunities for CUA Members:

### **Objective:**

To provide international collaboration for a Canadian Faculty Member visiting abroad to teach and provide specialized training to international Urologists. The award is intended as a **stipend** for the CUA member to partially make up for time and earnings lost because of the travel.

### **Duration:**

Minimum: 1 week or 5 working days

### **Amount of Award:**

Maximum \$5,000 per applicant

### **Requisites:**

1. Request must come from the "host" institution or University / host government
2. Accommodation and air fare need to be provided by the host institution
3. The formal program or agenda for the didactic activities has to be provided.

Please note that this award is contingent upon availability of funds from the CUASF/SIU Scholarship. Each year, priority will be given to the research fellowship/visitorship award for foreign Urologists or trainees coming to Canada.

Send application and documentation to:

The Executive Council, CUASF/o:

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### **Nominating Committee**

The CUA Nominating Committee chaired by Past President Dr. Phil Belitsky is charged with the task of nominating: a new Vice-President, a replacement for Dr. G. Brock as "Member at large" on the Executive, a replacement for Dr. J.B. Metcalfe, Chair of the Guidelines Committee, a replacement for Dr. James Wilson, Historian, and replacements for 2 members of the nominating committee (replacing Drs. Todd and Bertrand). Dr. Belitsky and his committee welcome input from the membership. If any member would like to make recommendations for any of the positions that need to be filled, please contact Dr. Belitsky at the address below:

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### **CUA Inter-provincial Socioeconomic and Manpower Committee:**

The CUA Socioeconomics Committee has been active over the winter months reorganizing its structure and orienting new members. We will be working hard in the upcoming year to interface with other CUA Committees, and to make ourselves more available to the members through the CUA website. We will be updating the demographic data, looking at the Comparative Fee Schedule, reworking the Job Registry and considering another membership survey on issues central to all. We will try to streamline our work through a series of subcommittees.

Specific issues under investigation are PSA funding, fees for female incontinence surgery, a Contact Registry and links with the CMA initiatives on Health Care Reform. All members are encouraged to contact the Chair or their Provincial reps with questions or concerns.

Alan Patrick, M.D., FRCS(C)  
Chair, Socio-economics and Manpower Committee, CUA.

**By Law Changes - CUA:**

Article 11 a (ii) Senior Members.

A. Active Members in good standing in the Association on reaching the age of sixty-five (65) years or after thirty (30) consecutive years of active membership or retiring completely from active Urological Practice with twenty-five (25) years of consecutive active membership may become Senior members. They shall be voting members, shall be exempt from the requirements to pay annual dues and shall, subject to the terms of this By-law, have such other rights and privileges as the Executive may from time to time by resolution determine. At each annual meeting of the Association ("Annual Meeting"), Senior Members wishing to attend the scientific program only, will be exempt from the scientific program registration fee; and

B. any Active Member who is eligible for Senior membership, and who desires to be transferred to Senior membership shall apply in writing to the Secretary at least sixty (60) days before the date of an Annual Meeting.

Article VII (a)

(iv) the socioeconomics committee (the "Socioeconomics Committee"); to replace the interprovincial socioeconomics and manpower committee (the "Interprovincial Socioeconomics and Manpower Committee");

Article VII (e)

(e) The Socioeconomics Committee.

(i) The Socioeconomics Committee shall consist of a chair and a Senior or Active Member from each province nominated by the provincial urological association.

(ii) The chair shall be elected annually by the Voting Members of the Association. He/She shall be eligible for renomination and re-election annually, not exceeding four (4) terms. Provincial representatives shall serve a term not exceeding five (5) years. A term or terms of office in the Predecessor shall be counted in calculating the maximum term or number of terms of office as specified above.

(iii) The Socioeconomics Committee shall concern itself with all aspects of the economics of urological practice in Canada. This will include:

A. information relating to average incomes and fee schedules;

B. manpower data including the number of urologists in practice, the number of residents in training and the number who leave or enter the country;

C. the exchange of information on financial matters such as fee negotiations, alternate methods of remuneration, income caps, relative value fee guides and other similar topics of interest to the Members;

D. the review of utilization issues such as hospital and bed closures and other similar topics of interest to the Members; and

E. maintenance of a national register of urological positions available.

(v) The Socioeconomics Committee shall meet annually at the time of the Annual Meeting. Additional meetings may be held at the expense of the Association if mandated by the Executive.

(vi) The chair shall submit an annual report in writing to the Executive and shall report to the Members annually at the business session of the Annual Meeting.

Article XI : Health Councils (to precede Affiliates which will become Article XII)

(a) Health Councils

(i) Health Councils are groups of urologists and non-urologists sharing a common interest and expertise in a specific field of urological health care. Their functions include public and physician education, the development of educational material including patient handouts and videos, assistance in the development of healthcare guidelines, giving advice to commercial organizations and companies, the promotion of research in their fields of interest, and acting as a resource to companies and other agencies requiring research to be carried out on their behalf.

(ii) Members of the Health Councils must be members of the Canadian Urological Association and can include non-urologists who are associate members.

(iii) The Health Council will have a Nominating Committee of 4 (four) members, one of whom will be a representative of the Canadian Urological Association elected by the Executive of the Canadian Urological Association. He/she will be an ex-officio member of the Health Council with all other privileges and responsibilities. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for the nomination of new Health Council members, and the officers of the Health Council

(iv) The Health Councils will report annually to the Executive of the Canadian Urological Association and may also report to the membership of the Association if requested by the Executive.

(v) The Health Councils will have financial autonomy. Their finances must be totally transparent and their Annual Report to the Canadian Urological Association will include a financial account of their activities.

(vi) Democracy and organized change of the Executive must be reflected in their by-laws.

(vii) The Secretary of the Canadian Urological Association must have an updated copy of the Health Councils by-laws.

Additional Committee:

Canadian Urological Association Clinical Trials Group (CUA-CTG):

- (a) The CUA-CTG shall be a committee of the CUA with two co-chairpersons, who are members of the CUA. One chairperson should represent the academic urologist membership within the CUA and one the community urologist membership within the CUA.
- (b) The co-chairpersons shall not be executive members of any other clinical trial's organization where a conflict of interest might exist. This potential for conflict of interest shall be at the determination of the Executive Committee.
- (c) The two co-chairpersons shall be identified by the Nominating Committee and elected annually by the membership at the annual general meeting. They shall be eligible for re-nomination and re-election for no more than 4 years
- (d) The balance of the committee shall represent the membership in terms of geography and academic / community interests. It shall consist of 10 individuals who are CUA members in good standing.
- (e) The committee members shall be recommended by the two co-chairpersons, and should represent members of the CUA with specific Urologic or research expertise, or an interest in clinical trials. The recommendations for committee membership of the Co-chairs of the CUA-CTG committee shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The committee members should serve for no more than 4 years. For the purpose of continuity, a staggered rote will be introduced allowing for a longer term of office.
- (f) The Vice-President and Secretary of the CUA shall be ex-officio members of the CUA-CTG.
- (g) The CUA-CTG shall:
  - i. Undertake to establish a national network of interested urologists willing to partake in clinical research
  - ii. Undertake to coordinate a national network of interested urologists willing to partake in clinical research
  - iii. Seek industry support and recruit industry based clinical research and offer to coordinate such research on behalf of the CUA
  - iv. Consult and contact various affiliates of the CUA when their respective expertise is necessary for related clinical research.
  - v. Vet clinical research in selected areas of urology through Canadian experts and through various CUA affiliate societies when necessary
  - vi. Arrange for a proportion of the surplus funds from clinical research to be forwarded to the CUA Scholarship Foundation.

## **Re-Newed Canadian Prostate Health Council (CPHC) Becomes 2<sup>nd</sup> CUA Health Council:**

At the Winter Executive meeting the Chair of the CPHC, Dr. Mostafa Elhilali announced the intention of the organization to formally join the CUA as its 2<sup>nd</sup> Health-council. The Canadian Male Sexual Health Council (CMSHC) became the first CUA Health-council at the Annual General Meeting last June in Halifax.

### **Canadian Prostate Health Council Constitution and Bylaws**

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Canadian Prostate Health Council is to create awareness, stimulate interest, gather, assess, and disseminate knowledge on diseases of the prostate, and innovative therapies, the consequences of untreated disease, and the differential diagnosis of benign prostatic hyperplasia, prostate cancer, and other diseases of the prostate.

#### **Objectives of the CPHC are:**

- 1) To assess the current level of knowledge and practice patterns by specialists and primary care physicians in diseases of the prostate.
- 2) To determine the level of awareness of these diseases on the part of the lay public.
- 3) To promote awareness of the scope and consequences of diseases of the prostate.
- 4) To develop educational programs and resource materials for specialists, primary care physicians, the lay public, and other health professionals.
- 5) To promote research in diseases of the prostate.
- 6) To collect, assess and disseminate information on new developments in prostate disease.

#### **CPHC Objectives:**

##### **The CPHC will accomplish these objectives through:**

- 1) Gathering expert advice from national authorities in the field. Under special circumstances foreign expertise may also be sought out.
- 2) Facilitating exchange of knowledge among specialties.
- 3) Disseminating reliable information and management guidelines.
- 4) Creating educational programs for patients and health care professionals.
- 5) The CPHC will work with other national societies and associations to complement and enhance mutual objectives in the field of prostate diseases.
- 6) The CPHC will raise capital through grants, gifts, instruments, donations, and other types of contributions in order to fund and promote the foregoing objectives and other auxiliary activities. The CPHC is an affiliate of the Canadian Urological Association. Affiliation with the CUA will be based on the criteria of the CPHC constitution and bylaws.
- 7) Membership in CPHC is by invitation, and is conditional upon being a member of the CUA.



## Organization of the CPHC:

### 1) Membership

a) Members are drawn from opinion leaders in Canada. Each one must be a recognized individual with proven interest and expertise in the area of prostate disease.

b) The following conditions apply to membership in the CPHC:

- Active membership is limited to urologists who have a proven interest in prostate disease.
- The Council has tried to achieve an appropriate geographic balance but recognizes that this may not be possible to carry through since the qualifications of the members must supersede any other consideration.
- Nominations for membership come from the CPHC nominating committee, from members of the Council. The nomination must include the nominees' curriculum vitae and letters of support from no less than two nominators.
- Membership is by personal invitation from the chair after acceptance through a majority vote and with a quorum of 50% of the members.
- Membership runs for a period of five years, after which time the most senior 20% of members will resign from the Council.
- Retiring members from Council can be invited by the chair to attend the regular annual meeting but with no voting rights.
- Vacant positions for other reasons not mentioned above will be filled using the Nominating Committee mechanism previously mentioned.
- Members of Council missing two consecutive annual meetings may be asked to withdraw from membership.

### 2) Officers of the Council:

- All officers of the Council will serve for a period of two years, renewable once.
- All officers of the CPHC will be elected from among the Council members by ballot following nomination by the Nominating Committee. The officers will be the Chairman of the Council, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. They will constitute the Steering Committee.
- The immediate past Chair will serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- The Treasurer will be nominated from among members of the Council by the Nominating Committee, and elected by ballot.
- His/Her term of office may not be renewed more than once by a majority vote from active members of the CPHC. The Treasurer will manage the funds of the CPHC and will present an annual report to Council.
- The Secretary will be nominated from among members of Council by the Nominating Committee and elected by ballot. His/Her term in office may not be renewed more than once by a majority vote by active members. The secretary will maintain the records of the Council and will distribute agenda and minutes.

### 3) Other Members of Council

To ensure that Council remains innovative and responsible to societal needs, under special circumstances the Council may invite guests to participate in a meeting. Guests may be drawn from:

- 1) Physicians with unique expertise not available within the Council.
- 2) Non-physician professional with areas of expertise of interest to the CPHC.

### 4) Committees:

There are two permanent committees of the council. The Nominating Committee consists of four members; the immediate past-chair as Chairman, two members elected by active members of the council, and a member nominated by the Nominating Committee of the Canadian Urological Association. The Steering Committee will consist of the Chairman of the Council, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Ad hoc Committees may be created by the Council as needed. Extension of the mandate of an Ad hoc Committee beyond one year requires approval by majority vote of the whole CPHC.

### 5) Annual Meeting

The full CPHC will meet annually coinciding with the annual meeting of the CUA.

The full CPHC or the Steering Committee may meet at the call of the Chair coinciding with a major meeting of the specialty (AUA and Northeast section etc.) or if necessary separate from any meetings.

### 6) Financial Guidelines

The CPHC shall be a non-profit organization. Although affiliated to the CUA it shall maintain complete financial and operational autonomy. The Council, however, in its annual report to the CUA will include a financial account of its activities.

- 1) Remuneration: Membership in the CPHC is not remunerative. Travel expenses and/or accommodations to the Council's regular meetings are the exclusive responsibility of the members.
- 2) Meeting Expenditures: The cost of meeting rooms and refreshments during the meeting of the Council shall be paid from the CPHC funds. Travel expenses to other meetings at the request of the Council may be paid by Council with prior approval. This will include reasonable honoraria. Such expenditures will be included in the Treasurer's annual report.
- 3) Council Programs: Initiatives (e.g. publications) and programs (i.e. seminars, courses etc.) approved by Council and involving monetary expenditures will be paid from Council funds.

### **Where are they now?**

Association mailings to the following members have been returned with addresses marked as incorrect.

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