

Canadian Urological Association

Fall 2003 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently celebrated a "landmark" birthday and received a card from a 'friend', which pointed out to me quite pointedly that "my future was now shorter". As time moves along we all go through changes in our personal and professional lives. Human nature is fortunately adaptable and so we shift well with the sands of time. And so the CUA. We have reached a milestone as well and are in the midst of a critical transition year. The Central office is now open (see Secretary's report) and in a world of e-commerce the local arrangements team for Whistler 2004 is moving toward electronic e-based and webbased planning, organization and registration. For the past few meetings, abstract submission has been entirely webbased. This year, we will begin the paradigm shift towards online event registration including exhibitor registration, sponsorship, trade show space allocation, and delegate registration.

The use of online registration will be intuitive and user-friendly. It will significantly reduce human resource costs for registration data processing, will reduce the margin of human error associated with phone and fax registrations, and as the delegate will enter information directly into the database rather than having a data entry clerk interpret messy handwriting the mandatory fields will ensure that all data is entered first time around. All members, affiliates and industry reps will receive evites and online invitations, mass email communication and automated email confirmation. The "CUA Event Web" will feature information about Whistler, the Chateau, quick links to optional event descriptions, direct link for housing registration, printable itinerary of events, 24/ 7 access to real-time reporting, easy changes for applicants, on-line payment with the highest degree of online security features and consistent financial reporting and, finally, post event surveys with access to online memorable meeting photographs.

For all of the above to become a reality will require the cooperation and patience of all members. If one does not have an email address or access to the Internet at home or office, I would ask you to find access, perhaps at an associate's computer or in your hospital. If you have a new email or recently changed address, PLEASE send it to cua@cua.org ASAP so that we can update our database. In my mind, the writing is clearly on the wall - we are firmly planted in the electronic age and reverting to paper is retroactive. For Whistler 2004, we will encourage online registration. By the time of the Ottawa or Halifax meetings, I expect it will become the only means of registration.

Local Arrangements Chair Andrew Moore and Scientific Program Chair Martin Gleave, with their teams, have been very busy preparing for CUA, 2004. The venue at Whistler will be spectacular. The list of guest speakers includes Dr. Andrew Von Eschenbach (director of the NIH), Mr. Rick Hansen (Canadian hero), Dr. Mark Moyad, Dr. Jerry Blaivas, Dr. Anthony Zeitman, Dr. Barry Kogan and Dr. George Bartsch. The goal of education is not only to gain definite knowledge facts but also to create mental habits with which to form sound judgements. At the 2004 Annual Meeting, we hope to emphasize this dual goal of education via a series of educational forums, industry-sponsored symposia, highly structured podium and poster sessions and close interaction between our visiting professors and delegates. The meeting will begin on Sunday June 27th and extend through Thursday July 1st. All scientific sessions will finish early enough each day to allow ample time to play with your family and friends in one of Canada's most



S. Larry Goldenberg, MD, FRCSC, FACS *President, CUA*

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beautiful natural playgrounds. Andy's committee has planned entertaining, fun-filled spousal, children's and evening programmes. And remember rental cars and bus transport will not be necessary since everything is within walking distance of the Chateau Whistler. I wish all of you and your loved ones the very best for the coming holiday season and New Year.

S. Larry Goldenberg, MD, FRCSC, FACS President, Canadian Urological Association

CUA MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS:

The following new members/ membership changes were approved at the CUA Annual General Meeting in Montréal QC on June 25, 2003:

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Phillipe Arjane James Ashfield **Richard Barr** Isabelle Boisvert **Bishwajit Bora** Jean-Louis Bourque Bernard Bukala Jean Cossette Peter Cybulski Jorge DeMaria Iosé Firszt Joseph Greco Marie-Paule Jammal Pierre Karakiewicz Line Leboeuf Frédéric Liandier Keith Matthews Mahmoud Nachabe Kevin Power P. C. Punnen Ricardo Rendon Rejean Rov Daniel Shaigetz Le Mai Tu Gerrit Van Wyk Edith Wilson

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Vladimir Mouraviev Ronald Weiss

SENIOR MEMBERS

W. E. Baldwin Ali Chargi Grant Farrow John Foote Leonard LeBoldus David Manson Boushra Mikhael Roger Pelletier John Sharpe Normand Sullivan

INACTIVE MEMBERS

Denise Arsenault

RESIGNATIONS

Leoncio Best John McKenzie Timothy Moon

HONORARY

Michael Marberger

DECEASED

Myles Plecash

CANDIDATE MEMBERS

Ashraf Abusamra Ahmed Al-Sayyad Richard Baverstock Anthony Bella Brian Blew Anthony Cook Nafisa Dharamsi Neil Dwyer Michael Eng

CANDIDATE MEMBERS (CONT'D)

Luke Fazio Andrew Girvan Ethan Grober Abdullatif Hussain Iun Kawakami Dennis Kim **James Kuan** Girish Kulkarni Stephen Lazarou Kamal Mattar Ashley McLellan Jennie Mickelson John Morrel Kevin Morrison **Omar** Nazif Christopher Neville Christopher Nguan Alexandra Perks Michael Pianezza Sean Pierre Christina Poon Kenneth Poon **Tyler** Rouse Eric Saltel Alp Sener Shawn Soon Jeffrey Spodek Jonathan Taylor Vu Truong Jeffrey Veale Peter Vlaovic Todd Webster Darryl Yu

CUA EXECUTIVE, 2003-2004

Officers:

President:	Dr. S. Larry Goldenberg
President-Elect:	Dr. Ron Gerridzen
Vice-President:	Dr. Michael Jewett
Past-President:	Dr. Yves Fradet
Secretary:	Dr. Michael Leonard
Treasurer:	Dr. Jerzy Gajewski

Members at Large:

Dr. Jacques Corcos Dr. Doug Drover Dr. John Grantmyre Dr. John Honey Dr. Laurence H. Klotz Dr. Gary Steinhoff

Standing Committee Chairs:

Administrative Council CUASF: Dr. Hassan Razvi Scientific Council CUASF:

Dr. Tony Khoury

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee: Dr. Peter Anderson **Training, Education and Evaluation (TEE) Committee:** Dr. Jim Wilson

Guidelines Committee: Dr. Sender Herschorn

Historian: Dr. Bruce Palmer

Patient Information Committee (PIC): Dr. Denis Lavoie

Socioeconomic Committee (SEC): Dr. Peter Pommerville

Awards Committee: Dr. Michael Jewett

Endorsement Committee: Dr. Yves Fradet

Bylaws Committee: Dr. Ron Gerridzen

Finance Committee: Dr. Jerzy Gajewski

Nominating Committee: Dr. Yves Fradet

Scientific Program Committee 2004: Dr. Martin Gleave

Local Arrangements Committee 2004: Dr. Andrew Moore

CUA ANNUAL MEETING 2004

CUA ANNUAL MEETING 2004 Whistler, British Columbia June 27 – July 1, 2004

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 15, 2003 Electronic Submission Only (www.cua.org)

Guest Speakers:

Andrew Von Eschenbach Mark Moyad Anthony Zeitman Gerry Blaivas Barry Kogan George Bartsch Rick Hansen Local Arrangements Chair Dr. Andrew J. Moore Tel: (604) 926-3417, Fax: (604) 926-3497 Email: andrewjmoore@shaw.ca

Scientific Program Chair Dr. Martin Gleave Tel: (604) 875-5603, Fax: (604) 875-5604 Email: gleave@interchange.ubc.ca

For more information please click on the link from the CUA web site or go directly to: *www.cua.org/2004meeting* On-line registration will be available at *www.cua.org* this coming January!

CUA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Corporate Sponsorship 2003

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The Canadian Urological Association and the Canadian Urological Association Research Foundation are grateful for the past, present and future support of industry. Their contributions to the CUASF have helped us to secure the future of urological research in Canada.

CUASF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2003

Congratulations to:

Dr. Walid Farhat University of Toronto

Dr. Pierre Karakiewicz *Université de Montréal*

Dr. Robert Nam (renewal) University of Toronto

Dr. Ken Pace University of Toronto

Dr. Ryan Paterson University of British Columbia

CUASF-SIU SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2003

Congratulations to:

Dr. Hongyi Jiang	Supervisor Dr. Joe Chin
Dr. Gurdal Inal	Supervisor Dr. Serge Carrier

CUASF SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Request for applications:

There are three categories of support:

- Canadian University based researcher First two years of academic appointment Lecturer or Assistant Professor 1 year term \$40,000.00 Renewable for 1 year based on merit
- 2. Community based researcher 1 year term \$15,000.00 Non-renewable
- 3. CUA-SIU International Scholarship 1 year term \$10,000.00 Renewable for 1 year based on merit Applicants should be from developing countries (not from Western Europe or North America)

Deadline for application for the above scholarships is March 1, 2004 for funding to commence July 1, 2004.

Requests for applications should be directed to:

Ms. Angela McGerrigle The Hospital for Sick Children Division of Urology M299-555 University Avenue Toronto, ON M5G 1X8 Tel: (416) 813-6460 Fax: (416) 813-6240 Email: angela.mcgerrigle@sickkids.ca

PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST 2004

The CUA Prize Essay Contest features two categories of awards:

- Basic science
- Clinical

Individuals should submit their work as an abstract to the scientific meeting (electronic submission only at www.cua.org) and as a complete manuscript to:

Dr. Martin Gleave Chair, Scientific Committee CUA 2004

D-9, Heather Pavilion VGH, 2733 Heather St. Vancouver, BC V5Z 3J5 Tel: (604) 875-5603 Fax: (604) 875-5604 Email: gleave@interchange.ubc.ca

Prize Essay Contest Deadline: December 15th, 2003.

PRIZE ESSAY WINNERS 2003

Congratulations to:

Dr. Kevin Morrison UBC (Basic Science) Dr. Richard Baverstock UBC (Clinical)

PRIZE ESSAY SPONSORS 2003

Thank you!

Karl Storz Endoscopy Canada Inc. *Basic Science Award*

ACMI Canada Inc. *Clinical Research Award*

WEBSITE NEWS

The official website of the CUA is located at www.cua.org. The website supports the following functions:

- Announcements of upcoming meetings in Canada and abroad
- List of CUA Executive and Committee Chairs with their contact information
- Abstract submission for the upcoming CUA Meeting Whistler 2004 (NB. Abstract deadline Dec 15, 2003)
- · Library of previous CUA Newsletters
- CUA Bylaws
- CUA Guidelines
- Links to CUA Whistler 2004 website
- Links to Canadian Urology Training Program websites
- Links to the websites of our affiliates
- Topics and order form for Patient Information Pamphlets (order on-line!)

The CUA has established an ad hoc Technology Committee chaired by Dr. Tom Kinahan. One of the mandates of this committee is the upgrading of the CUA website, particularly in the provision of CPD opportunities for our members. Look for exciting changes to come in the next few years.



NOMINATION PROCESS FOR THE CUA

Dr. Yves Fradet, Past-President of the CUA, chairs the Nominating Committee for 2003-2004. The Nominating Committee has the responsibility to ensure that all positions on the CUA Executive are filled. The Nominating Committee would appreciate names of CUA members who would be willing and able to fill the positions that are open. The Committee will be responsible for asking the individual if he/she is willing to serve the Association. All individuals that are presented to the Nominating Committee will be carefully considered. However, not all of those suggested will have their names appear on the slate of nominees, as the Nominating Committee is charged with recommending a single individual for each position. In those situations in which the Nominating Committee cannot agree on a single individual, a recommendation will be made at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that a vote takes place to fill the position. According to the Bylaws of the CUA, nominations may be received from the floor of the AGM as well. Please forward names of potential Executive Committee members to:

Dr. Yves Fradet Department of Surgery (Urology) Hotel Dieu Hospital 11 Côte du Palais Quebec City, QC G1R 2J6 yves.fradet@crhdq.ulaval.ca

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2004

Vice-president (President for Quebec City 2007)

Member at large (To replace Dr. John Honey) 3 year term

Member at large (To replace Dr. John Grantmyre) 3 year term

Patient Information Committee Chair (To replace Dr. Denis Lavoie)

Important Dates

December 15, 2003 Abstract Submission Deadline <u>Electronic Submissions Only!</u> www.cua.org

December 15, 2003 Prize Essay Submission Deadline Send Submissions to: Dr. Martin Gleave Chair CUA Scientific Program 2004 D-9, Heather Pavilion VGH, 2733 Heather St. Vancouver, BC V5Z 3J5

March 1, 2004

CUA and SIU Scholarship Application Deadline Application requests/submissions: Ms. Angela McGerrigle The Hospital for Sick Children Division of Urology M299-555 University Avenue Toronto, ON M5G 1X8

CENTRAL OFFICE FOR THE CUA

The CUA is an organization that has traditionally relied on the volunteer efforts of its Executive and Committee Members to advance its initiatives and to organize and run its Annual scientific Meeting. Over the years, the CUA has grown, and the complexities of managing the organization have grown with it. The concept of a central office for the CUA has been examined in the past, but for varied reasons had not been instituted. The CUA Executive has recently re-examined the issue, carefully reviewed various models of central office provision, and has decided to proceed with the establishment of a central office. This office will be physically housed at the Societe Internationale d'Urologie (SIU) headquarters in Montreal. Those members of the CUA who are also members of the SIU may already be familiar with some of the individuals who will be assisting us in running the CUA central office. Although the staff at the central office will be working for more than one organization, our members can be assured that they will deliver the CUA the services which it has contracted. The five individuals currently working in the central office offer the CUA a scope of skills which would be difficult to duplicate had we chosen a stand alone central office. Individual skill sets cover the gamut from data base management, website design and management, fundraising, and meeting management. The CUA will not employ these individuals, but will rather contract with them to provide defined "deliverables". If the relationship proves satisfactory to the CUA, the scope of deliverables will broaden from that of administrative support to eventually include Annual Meeting planning and support for fundraising efforts. The contract will be renewed on a yearly basis if the provision of services is satisfactory. The CUA may terminate this relationship and extract all of its data and records should it not prove a satisfactory initiative. It is expected that the establishment of a central office will allow the CUA to move forward and provide its members improved products and services. The following is a list of the potential benefits:

- A phone/fax/email connection to the central office, which will provide a more reliable way to contact the CUA. The response to any inquiries will be more immediate than the current system. The consistency of contact will be to our advantage, as our industry partners will have no questions about who to call or speak to. Our Executive changes on a yearly basis, so this consistency will be a welcome transformation.
- A more accurate CUA demographic database. Currently the database is not as up to date as it should be. There will need to be a major effort to track members who have relocated and have not forwarded their new contact information. This will allow all

members to be kept abreast of CUA initiatives via the newsletter and to be aware of meeting locations and deadlines for abstracts and registration.

- An improved presence on the Internet. Based on our recent needs assessment survey, many of our members use the internet for medical learning, but very few of them visit the CUA website. The website needs to be developed into a tool for continuing professional development, member communication, guidelines and dues payment.
- Support for CUA Committees. As initiatives in areas such as Patient Information, Continuing Professional Development and Socioeconomics expand the requirement for committee support services expand likewise.
 - Assistance with Annual General Meeting planning and fundraising. The CUA assures its members that the Annual General Meetings will retain their local flavor, and not become "cookie cutter" meetings. However, there is a huge amount of work, which does not vary from year to year, which is currently undertaken by Local Arrangements Committees, particularly the chair. This is a large burden that may in fact deter some communities from hosting the meeting. A central office may lift such burdens. Likewise for fundraising, as after initial contact with the company by a urologist, a number of follow-up contacts must be made. The follow-ups could be performed by the central office and save individual urologists a great deal of time and effort. Likewise the central office could maintain a database of industries supporting the CUA, and the companies would know where they could contact the CUA from year to year.

The Executive realizes that the move to establish a central office is a big step for the CUA, and that there are some members who remain opposed to the concept. However, the Executive is confident that this move will benefit the CUA in the long term, and that running an organization as large and vital as ours on the spare time of volunteers working at night on their desktop computers is no longer appropriate.

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION – CUA CENTRAL OFFICE

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CUA AND CUASF 2003

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2003. It was called to order by the President, Dr. Yves Fradet. The minutes from the prior year's meeting were approved, and there was no business arising from these minutes. There was no new business brought forward from the floor.

Dr. Jerzy Gajewski then presented the Treasurer's Report and the Finance Committee Report. The CUA appears to be on solid financial ground, with over \$600,000.00 in investments. On the advice of our accountant, \$200,000.00 of this total is considered to be a contingency fund, in the event of an Annual Meeting running a deficit for which we are liable. As regards the financial outcome of the St. John's meeting in 2002, it is projected that revenues of \$700,000.00 were generated, and that the excess income after expenditures would be in the range of \$240,000.00. It was noted that attendance at the Annual Meetings is on the increase, as are the expenditures required to run the meetings. However, our industry partners seem to be content with the current situation and their support for the CUA continues to grow.

Dr. Leonard followed by presenting the Secretary's report. The Time and Place Report constituted the first part of this report. It was noted that the CUA Annual Meetings are planned up to and including Edmonton in 2008. Toronto has come forth with a bid for hosting the 2009 Annual Meeting. Concern was raised by Dr. Denis Hosking regarding the paucity of forward planning, as most large convention hotels require at least 7-8 years lead time. Dr. Leonard echoed that concern and felt the Executive may have to be more proactive in developing longer-term plans for the meeting locations. The second part of the report comprised the Membership Report. It is apparent that the total membership of the CUA has remained relatively constant, however there is a "gray shift" towards a higher proportion of senior members. There were a large number of candidate membership applications received this year, and it is hoped these individuals will become active members of the CUA upon completing their training, thus replenishing the ranks of the organization with younger individuals. The Secretary's Financial Statement comprised the third part of the report. Dr. Leonard expended just over \$8000.00 during the prior year, most of this being for the printing and distribution of the Fall Newsletter. To conclude the Secretary's Report Dr. Leonard updated the membership regarding the CUA web site. It is apparent that over the last few years the web site has become a useful administrative tool and is now the mechanism whereby abstracts are submitted to the Annual Meeting. However, it was acknowledged that the current web site needs to be upgraded, and particularly needs to evolve into a useful tool for CPD. In that light, Dr. Tom Kinahan has been appointed to head an ad hoc Technology Committee. It is expected that this committee will address the issue of web site upgrade and that they will report their recommendations to the Executive.

At this point Dr. Fradet temporarily adjourned the Annual General Meeting of the CUA and called to order the Annual General Meeting of the CUASF. Dr. Tony Khoury then presented the CUASF Scientific Council Report. There were 10 applications to the scholarship foundation in 2003: 6 university based, 2 university based renewals, and 2 SIU/CUA applicants. There were no community-based applications this year. The successful applicants were as follows: Dr. Walid Farhat (U of T), Dr. Pierre Karakiewicz (U de M), Dr. Ryan Paterson (UBC), Dr. Ken Pace (U of T), Dr. Robert Nam (U of T, renewal), Dr. Hongyi Jiang (SIU/CUA - China), and Dr. Gurdal Inal (SIU/CUA – Turkey). It is Dr. Khoury's goal to raise the profile of the CUASF to help secure more funds for Canadian Urological Research. In that light, there was a poster at the 2003 meeting detailing the career paths of recent CUASF awardees, and there are plans for a special issue of the CJU dedicated to the CUASF and the research it has spawned. Dr Hassan Razvi then presented the CUASF Administrative Report. He noted that 2003 was an excellent year for fundraising with approximately \$277,000.00 being deposited in the coffers of the CUASF. The CUASF account is healthy and currently contains \$3.1 million with returns of <2% over the last year. At this point, Dr. Laurence Klotz, Chair of CURC presented a cheque for \$10,000.00 from CURC to the CUASF. Dr. Razvi thanked him and the CURC for their generosity. The Annual Meeting of the CUASF was then adjourned and the CUA Annual Meeting resumed.

Dr. Jim Wilson next presented the Training, Education and Evaluation Committee Report. He outlined the members of the TEE Committee and acknowledged that Dr. Joseph Chin is the current chair of the RCPSC Urology Examination Committee. There have been no on-site reviews of Canadian Urology programs over the last year, and all current residency programs are approved with the following exceptions:

- a) McMaster University New approval with regular survey 2003 (deferred due to SARS).
- b) University of Manitoba Notice of intent to withdraw accreditation to be reviewed prior to October 2004.

The Examinations in Urology took place May 23-24, 2003 and was comprised of the MCQ, SAQ and OSCE format. Four candidates (13%) failed the examination. The URAIS project (Palm® based program to track resident activity) has now gone national with the financial support of the CUA. Dr. Andrew MacNeily is heading up this project which will allow program directors to more objectively assess the scope of training their programs can offer, and will allow for anonymous comparisons between training sites. The data generated from this project will be presented at the Canadian Academy of Urological Surgeons at the time it is available. This system may also have applications for the practicing urologist in tracking activity for MOCERT documentation. Dr. Wilson also notified members that the CMQ and RCPSC have harmonized their examination process as of this year, so that there will no longer be a separate exam for certification in the Province of Quebec. Dr. Wilson noted that there have been ongoing discussions with the American Board of Urology regarding inconsistent application of ABU training requirements. This has often resulted in difficulties for Canadian training programs and their residents in regards to approval to sit for the ABU exam. It is hoped this issue will be resolved in the near future.

Dr. Michael Leonard then presented the Guidelines Committee Report on behalf of Dr. Gerry Brock. Currently the committee is working on guidelines on urinary incontinence and andropause. Dr. Sender Herschorn will next assume leadership of the committee. The committee will continue to work on new guidelines, while ensuring that the guidelines currently available via the CUA web site are updated and revised as appropriate.

Dr. Peter Pommerville next presented the Socioeconomic Committee Report. The committee had just received a large amount of data generated by a recent survey of academic and community urologists. This survey was sponsored via an unrestricted educational grant from Lilly and had excellent response rates (>70%). Although this data had yet to be analyzed, it is expected to provide Canadian urologists with recommendations regarding standards of care and resources required for the practice of urology in Canada. There was a great deal of interest in this data expressed by members attending the meeting. It is hoped that the data will be analyzed and presented in a concise format to members in the near future.

Dr. Leonard then presented the Bylaws Committee report on behalf of Dr. Larry Goldenberg. The proposed bylaws changes for 2003 were published in the Spring 2003 Newsletter and posted on the web site. They were accepted as written. It is expected that the updated bylaws will be available on the CUA website in the near future.

The Patient Information Committee Report was then given by Dr. Leonard on behalf of Dr. Denis Lavoie. The patient information brochures continue to be widely used and are a tangible benefit of CUA membership. Due to updated legal advice regarding disclaimers, the CUA is now in a position to market the pamphlets to non-member physicians or medical organizations. It was suggested that the pamphlets would retail for \$0.25 each, with a minimum order of \$12.50 plus shipping and handling. The committee is continuing to develop more pamphlets and ultimately hopes to have most significant topics covered.

Dr. Bruce Palmer next presented the Historian's Report. He is continuing to photograph and scan the historical archive of the CUA, such that it can be presented electronically and better catalogued. He requested any historical items (photographs, books, and instruments) which members could forward to him to capture the history of Canadian Urology. Dr. Palmer will be planning to set up a historical display at the 60th Annual Meeting in Ottawa, and is exploring the possibility of a "Historian's Corner" section in the CJU.

Dr. Laurence Klotz then presented the Canadian Journal of Urology Report. He made members aware of the fact that there has been a dramatic increase in the numbers of articles submitted to the journal. He mentioned that the CJU was planning on moving towards web-based submission and review of articles. On-line publishing, however, is not on the immediate horizon.

Dr. Andrew Moore next presented the 2004 Annual Meeting Report. The CUA Annual Meeting will be held from June 27 – July 1 in the beautiful setting of Whistler BC. Dr. Larry Goldenberg will be President at the time of the meeting, and Dr. Martin Gleave will serve as chair of the Scientific Program Committee. The meeting promises to be a marvelous scientific and social experience and members were invited to bring along their families and enjoy the spectacular venue.

Dr. Yves Fradet followed with the President's Report. He thanked various CUA committee members for their hard work over the past year. He was particularly grateful to Dr. Luc Valiquette and members of the Local Arrangements Committee for the social success of the Montreal meeting, whilst Dr. Armen Aprikian and Dr. Fred Saad were thanked for their work in implementing an excellent scientific program. He stressed the fact that the CUA had formed a new Continuing Professional Development Committee to be chaired by Dr. Peter Anderson. This committee is mandated to meet the educational needs of CUA members in the face of new MOCERT requirements set by the RCPSC. He also stressed that with an increase in the number and complexity of CUA initiatives, that a central office is a necessary and expected evolution. The CUA Executive had examined several models of central office provision, and felt that a contractual relationship with the individuals providing central office support for the SIU would in our best interests. The central office will thus be based in Montreal and will be a central office for the CUA - not a subsidiary office of the SIU.

Dr. Denis Hosking then spoke to the importance of maintaining the volunteer ethos of the CUA, as this is the fuel that has allowed us to progress forward. He had no objection to the concept of support for the association, but dreaded the possibility of evolving a bureaucracy that does not allow us to retain control of the agenda. Dr. Fradet assured him and others that the new relationship would be carefully monitored, and that the CUA would always control the direction of its own evolution.

Dr. Jerzy Gajewski next presented the CUA Budget for 2004. He pointed out that the organization would be expending \$80,000.00 for central office support in the first year of the agreement. Despite this added expense, a surplus of revenue was forecast based on healthy excess revenue generation from Annual Meetings.

The Nominating Committee then replaced two members who had completed their terms. Dr. Ken Pace and Dr. Bruno

Laroche were nominated and elected to replace them. Dr. Jim Wilson then presented the Nominating Committee Report. New members to the Executive this year comprised: Dr. Mike Jewett (Vice-President), Dr. Gary Steinhoff (Member-at-Large), Dr. Doug Drover (Member-at–Large), Dr. Sender Herschorn (Chair, Guidelines Committee), and Dr. Peter Anderson (Chair, CPD Committee).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dr. Yves Fradet.

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

UROLOGY UPDATE

November 14 – 15, 2003 Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Ontario

Study Credits

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada

AMA Category 1

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Continuing Education

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October 22 – 24, 2003 Hilton Hotel Barcelona Barcelona, Spain

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AUA ANNUAL MEETING

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