

# **Canadian Urological Association**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ronald G. Gerridzen, MD, FRCSC, FACS President, CUA

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When I was a young resident in Ottawa, the CUA seemed to have already been around forever, a group of revered silverhaired icons championing the cause of our specialty. And while it seems that the CUA has indeed been around forever, the sad fact is that it is only 10 years older than its current President! Am I then just another aging urologist, working in a struggling health care system, trying to provide patients the best of health care, perhaps at the expense of my own? True enough, there are many issues to be dealt with, and the 60th anniversary year of the CUA is a good time for us to reflect on the evolution of our Association, what it currently offers its members and what changes are forthcoming in the future. Mike Jewett has been charged with leading an ad hoc committee to examine the structure and function of the organization from the top down, and will report on his findings at the next annual general meeting in Ottawa. But first, I must again congratulate Larry Goldenberg, Andrew Moore, Martin Gleave, their colleagues and families who worked so hard to provide us a spectacular 59th annual meeting in Whistler. I'm sure you'll agree that the meeting was an outstanding success in all respects.

Many of the CUA's administrative functions are now handled by the new central office in Montreal, making the tasks of the Executive and its committees easier. Some of you might still think this

office is unnecessary, or that it will depersonalize the organization. Indeed, I as previous Treasurer was one who was initially opposed to the idea, because the right formula had not been identified. Now that it has and is functioning well, I embrace this new office and all it does for us. The 60th annual meeting in Ottawa will be the last time an annual meeting is run entirely by a local arrangements team, as the central office will not only look after our day to day administrative functions, but will also take on the lion's share of organizing our annual meetings starting with Halifax 2006. This is not to say that our meetings will become generic, or "cookie-cutter" in nature, and I firmly believe that the type of volunteerism generously shown by dozens of CUA members over the past 59 years will still be necessary to keep our events exciting, educational and singular.

The CUA shares office headquarters and staff with the SIU. While some of you know them already, I thought it a good idea if you were all introduced to the people in the SIU central office, with whom we now share our business. Richard Bolton is the Executive Secretary; Isabel Perez is in charge of Society Operations; Carol Damiani coordinates Congress Office Operations, Valerie Guillet oversees Communications and Scientific Programs, and Susie Petrusa looks after Industry Relations. We therefore use and build on the different skill sets of this team for the

betterment of the CUA. One of the main advantages is that we don't have to re-invent the wheel annually, and industry personnel know where to turn to find us. In the end, this office will save us money and offer a more efficient organization. I express my thanks to Yves Fradet and Luc Valiquette for nudging us to move forward with this proposal. But, we couldn't have gotten here without you...on behalf of the CUA, I extend my gratitude to each and every member who has given his or her time to serve this Association for the betterment of the membership and our patients. Countless individuals, too numerous to mention, have served as Executive or committee Chairs and members, the spirit of volunteerism always paving the way. It is a credit to all these people that the CUA has evolved into the dynamic association it has become, and I salute each and every one of you who gave of your time and energy to get us to this juncture. As we move forward, I would plead to all candidate and new members to get actively involved in this Association; it is exciting and fulfilling to contribute, and I thank Dr. John Collins for getting me involved in 1993.

The mission statement of the CUA is to represent and provide a voice for all Canadian urologists and to foster dedication of all members of the profession toward ensuring the highest possible standard of urologic care for Canadians. It will be a pleasure to work with a dedicated group of individuals this year to continue to achieve this goal within the executive and its committees, and as well the local organizing team for Ottawa 2005. Mike Leonard and Jerzy Gajewski continue their hard work forming the backbone of the executive as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Sender Herschorn will lead the Guidelines committee to continue its productive work, while Peter Anderson is making good progress with his Continuing Professional Development committee, currently in the process of obtaining full approval for accreditor status for the CUA. Peter Pommerville continues his work with the Socioeconomic committee gathering useful information for those members who are struggling for resources, and for program directors in their stand to maintain or increase current resident complements. Jim Wilson diligently guides the Training, Education & Evaluation committee which doubles as the Royal College Urology Specialty Committee, and Tom Kinahan will head up a new Information Technology committee, to help us stay current with, and improve our use of, electronic

information services. Laurie Klotz continues to spearhead the Canadian Journal of Urology to indexed greatness. Last but not least, Rob Siemens has his hands full taking over as Chair of the Patient Information Committee, no doubt a challenge to fill the large void left by Denis Lavoie. I have every confidence this committee will continue to produce superb pamphlets under Rob's guidance. The CUA is indebted to Denis Lavoie's genius in initiating the patient pamphlet project, which has been such an overwhelming success coast to coast. Denis, on behalf of all members, thank you so much.

A special one day meeting was held in Ottawa on September 8 to explore the position of the CUA with respect to industry and Rx&D. I am happy to report that following external consultation, I can state that the CUA is supportive of, and operates in accordance with, the Code of Marketing Practices of Canada's Research-based Pharmaceutical companies. Appropriate modifications have been made to the Sponsorship Opportunities booklet published annually by the CUA to be in alignment with the Code.

Local Arrangements Chair Stuart Oake, Ann Oake, and Scientific Chair Chris Morash are working hard along with our convention management company (Taylor & Associates) and the CUA central office to convene a superb 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary meeting in Ottawa, June 26 – 29, 2005. Confirmed guest speakers include. Drs. Dean Assimos, Marc Goldstein, Marty Koyle, Steve Nakada, Victor Nitti, Peter Scardino, Joel Sheinfeld and Mark Soloway. A strong social program is being planned to make your stay in the beautiful Nation's capital a memorable one. Please join Pat and I next June in Ottawa to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CUA.

**Ronald G. Gerridzen, 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 Whistler, BC on June 30, 2004:

#### **ACTIVE MEMBERS**

Gourlay William Grabowski Arthur Guertin Benoit Hartsburg Cory Hejeily Antoine Iednak Roman Iolly Patrich Sylvain Lapierre Paterson Ryan Vrabec George Weir Michael

Abdullatif\* Hussain Kenneth\* Poon Taylor Ionathan\*

# **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Bernhard Eigl Eremenko Linda Gertner Mark Koutsavlis Athanasiso Rocchi Palma Thwaini Ali Abdul Wilke Derek Zaidi Ali

# **SENIOR MEMBERS**

Auld R. Brewer Belitsky Philip Chen Richard Chiricosta Albert Coleman Gerald MacDonald G. Vernon McPhee Malcolm Michalchuk Andrew Morales Alvaro

#### **CANDIDATE MEMBERS**

Al Mandil Maiib Mohammed Al Otaibi Al-Assiri Mana Al-Shajii Tariq Benayoun Serbe Binsaleh Saleh Boman **Jason** Borth Christopher Butler Trevor Chang Michael Convers Roop Sebastien Daigle Deklai Tom Duclos Alain Duclos Benoit Brian Fong Fradet Vincent Godbout Manon Hoag Christopher Inman Brant Kader Andrew Kawa Emmanuel Kogan Michael

# **CANDIDATE MEMBERS** (CONT'D)

Lattouf Jean-Baptiste Lebeau Thierry Libman **Jamie** Metcalfe Peter Mickelson Jennifer Nazif Omar Nehme Iohn Oikuine Simon Ramirez Alvaro Andrew Rav Ross Phillip Sabbagh Robert Shahrour Khaled Sowery Richard Spiess Philippe Tisdale Britton Naii Touma Truong Vu Wignall Geoffrey Wolpert Natalie Wong Iaime Zorn Kevin

#### **NECROLOGY**

Christina E. Hill Livingstone Arthur Metcalfe H.G

<sup>\*</sup> Converted from Candidate to Active

# **CUA EXECUTIVE, 2004-2005**

#### Officers:

President: Dr. Ron Gerridzen
President-Elect: Dr. Michael Jewett
Vice-President: Dr. Luc Valiquette
Past-President: Dr. Larry Goldenberg
Secretary: Dr. Michael Leonard
Treasurer: Dr. Jerzy Gajewski

#### Members at Large

Dr. Jacques Corcos Dr. Doug Drover Dr. Laurence H. Klotz Dr. Bruno Laroche Dr. Karen Psooy Dr. Gary Steinhoff

#### **Standing Committee Chairs**:

#### **Administrative Council CUASF:**

Dr. Hassan Razvi

#### Scientific Council CUASF:

Dr. Tony Khoury

#### Continuing Professional Development (CPD):

Dr. Peter Anderson

# Training, Education and Evaluation (TEE):

Dr. Jim Wilson

#### **Guidelines Committee:**

Dr. Sender Herschorn

#### Historian:

Dr. Bruce Palmer

# **Patient Information Committee (PIC):**

Dr. Rob Siemens

#### Socioeconomic Committee (SEC):

Dr. Peter Pommerville

# Awards Committee:

Dr. Luc Valiquette

# **Endorsement Committee:**

Dr. Larry Goldenberg

# **Bylaws Committee:**

Dr. Michael Jewett

#### **Finance Committee:**

Dr. Jerzy Gajewski

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Dr. Larry Goldenberg

# Scientific Program 2005:

Dr. Chris Morash

#### **Local Arrangements 2005:**

Dr. Stuart Oake

#### **CUA ANNUAL MEETING 2005**

# CUA ANNUAL MEETING 2005 Ottawa, Ontario

June 26 – June 29, 2005

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 17, 2004 Electronic Submission Only (www.cua.org)

# **Guest Speakers:**

Dr. Dean Assimos

Dr. Marc Goldstein

Dr. Marty Koyle

Dr. Steve Nakada

Dr. Victor Nitti

Dr. Peter Scardino

Dr. Joel Sheinfeld

Dr. Mark Soloway

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# Scientific Program Chair

Dr. Chris Morash

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# **CUA SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

# Corporate Sponsorship 2004-05

#### **Patrons**

AstraZeneca Canada Inc.

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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 2004**

# Congratulations to:

Dr. Khourosh Afshar University of British Columbia

Dr. Darren Beiko Queen's University

Dr. Darrel Drachenberg *University of Manitoba* 

Dr. Kirk Lo *University of Toronto* 

Dr. Edward Matsumoto *McMaster University* 

Dr. Dawn McLellan Dalhousie University

# **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, 2005 for funding to commence July 1, 2005.

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 2005**

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. Chris Morash

#### Chair, Scientific Committee CUA 2005

The Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus B3-1053 Carling Ave Ottawa, ON K1Y 4E9
Tel: 613-761-4500 • Fax: 613-761-5305

PRIZE ESSAY WINNERS 2004

Email: cmorash@ottawahospital.on.ca

# Congratulations to:

Dr. Kevin Morrison UBC (Clinical)
Palma Rocchi UBC (Basic Science)

#### **PRIZE ESSAY SPONSORS 2004**

# Thank you!

Karl Storz Endoscopy Canada Inc. Basic Science Award

Circon ACMI 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 Ottawa 2005 (NB. Abstract deadline Dec 17, 2004)
- Library of previous CUA Newsletters
- CUA Bylaws
- CUA Guidelines
- Link to CUA Ottawa 2005 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 Information 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. Larry Goldenberg, Past-President of the CUA, chairs the Nominating Committee for 2004-2005. 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:

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Email: past-president@cua.org

# **NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2005**

Vice-president (President for Edmonton, 2008)

Member-at-large / 3 year term (To replace Dr. Jacques Corcos)

Member-at-large / 3 year term (To replace Dr. Laurence Klotz)

Nominating Committee / 2 year term (To replace Dr. Ian Davis)

Nominating Committee / 2 year term (To replace Dr. Ken Pace)

Chair CUASF Administrative Council (To replace Dr. Hassan Razvi)

# **Important Dates**

# December 17, 2004

Abstract Submission Deadline Electronic Submissions Only! www.cua.org

#### December 17, 2004

CUA Prize Essay Competition Send Submissions to:

Dr. Chris Morash

Chair, Scientific Committee CUA 2005

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Email: cmorash@ottawahospital.on.ca

# March 1, 2005

CUASF and SIU-CUA Scholarship Application Deadline Application requests / submissions:

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The Hospital for Sick Children

Division of Urology

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS, JUNE 2004

For a complete copy of the minutes (electronic or paper) please contact:

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The CUA central office has been in operation for almost one year. The central office has provided excellent support for the CUA during its inaugural year. Included amongst the accomplishments of the central office are the following:

- 1) New and more accurate membership database, including email addresses.
- 2) Streamlined process for dues payment and notice of address change.
- 3) Thorough review and update of CUA Bylaws.
- 4) Institution of privacy policy to comply with federal PIPEDA legislation.
- 5) Administrative support for CUA committees and at CUA Executive and Annual General meetings.
- 6) Organization of the Winter Executive meeting. The central office will assume a greater role as regards annual meeting organization commencing with Halifax 2006. It will also become responsible for the maintenance of the CUA website, which will be re-designed in the near future.

The CUA has taken steps to clarify its relationship with its health councils, particularly the Canadian Prostate Health Council and the Canadian Male Sexual Health Council. This clarification was necessary particularly in areas of overlap such as patient education materials (pamphlets) and practice guidelines. An agreement has been reached which will encourage co-operation in these efforts. It is understood that the CUA will be the senior partner in this relationship.

The CUA has established a privacy policy to comply with new federal legislation in this realm. All members will already have been contacted by the central office regarding their disposition on the access to their personal demographic data. The new CUA directory will take into account the wishes of members when it is issued early in the New Year. The privacy officer for the CUA is the director of our central office Mr. Richard Bolton: richard.bolton@cua.org

The CUA will be issuing membership cards that will be mailed with the notice of dues payment. These membership cards are wallet sized and will contain such information as your name, year of joining the CUA, your CUA membership number and contact information for the central office. The membership number will become increasingly important as the CUA website is redesigned to provide member only access to CPD and other initiatives.

The CUA has struck an ad hoc committee to be chaired by President-Elect Dr. Mike Jewett. The purpose of this committee is to examine the challenges and opportunities facing the CUA in the 21st century and to assess whether the organization is properly structured to meet such issues head on. This committee is to report to the Executive at the 2005 Winter Meeting.

The CUA Socioeconomic Committee, under the guidance of Dr. Peter Pommerville has recently published the results of an extensive survey of the state of urology in Canada in the June issue of the Canadian Journal of Urology. This survey contains a significant amount of data, which should be of interest to all members.

The Canadian Journal of Urology, under the editorial guidance of Dr. Laurence Klotz, continues to flourish. It is anticipated that the journal will soon include a CPD section so that members may claim MoCERT credits for particular items in the journal.

The Canadian Urological Research Consortium (CURC) under the leadership of Dr. Laurence Klotz is encouraging all CUA members to report trial possibilities to the consortium. The CURC donated excess revenues to the CUASF last year, so that involving CURC in more clinical trials will serve to benefit the future of Canadian Urology.

The Patient Information Committee continues to produce much sought after patient education pamphlets. Under the strong leadership of Dr. Denis Lavoie, six pamphlet series have been produced and 831,000 pamphlets have been shipped. The committee continues its good work on behalf of the CUA under the new leadership of Dr. Rob Siemens. Dr. Lavoie was formally thanked by a motion raised at the Annual General Meeting for his exemplary volunteer effort and contribution to the CUA.

The CUA CPD committee, under the direction of Dr. Peter Anderson, is now able to accredit events for MoCERT credits. This service is available to CUA members free of charge, but our industry partners are required to pay a reasonable service charge. Many of our industry partners took advantage of this opportunity to have their satellite symposia accredited at the Whistler meeting. If you have a local urology meeting you wished to have considered for accreditation, please contact Dr. Anderson at cpd@cua.org

There were several issues for discussion in the realm of the TEE committee, which is headed by Dr. Jim Wilson. He reported that the use of T-Res (Palm "based resident activity tracking system) is increasing across the country. This initiative was sponsored by the CUA. When sufficient data has been accumulated it is expected that it will be presented at an upcoming CUA meeting. The CUA has also sponsored a CD-ROM project with the intent of informing medical students about the practice of urology, so that we can continue to attract the best and brightest candidates to our specialty. Dr. Hassan Ravzi is shepherding this effort. There is also an effort to consider CUA accreditation of post-graduate urology fellowships offered across the country. This concept will be explored further before a recommendation is brought to the executive.

The Guidelines Committee, under the direction of Dr. Sender Herschorn, will soon be bringing to fruition guidelines on andropause, urinary incontinence, and superficial bladder cancer. In addition, previously published guidelines are under review. All approved CUA guidelines may be accessed via the CUA website (www.cua.org) or by contacting the central office.

The CUA has established a newly constituted Information Technology Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Tom Kinahan. The committee is necessary to help the CUA move forward in the electronic age. The first priority of the committee will be the redesign of the CUA website, particularly in regards to its use as a tool for CPD.

The CUA is examining the possible benefits of formal relations with international urological associations. A recent letter from the Brazilian Urological Association prompted this. An ad hoc committee has been formed to review the issue and will report to the executive at the winter meeting.

Dr. Phil Belitsky has asked the CUA to consider offering symposia at the annual meeting to attract more senior members to the event. These symposia could focus on such issues as retirement planning, health issues, and coping with the loss of a spouse. Dr. Belitsky has been charged with chairing an ad hoc committee that will work with the Scientific Program Chair to develop a Senior Member's Program for the next annual meeting.

Dr. Jerzy Gajewski reported that the CUA remains on solid financial ground. The 2003 Montreal meeting generated \$458,000.00 in excess revenue. Congratulations were extended to Dr. Yves Fradet and Dr. Luc Valiquette for excellent organization of the meeting, and to Dr. Armen Aprikian and Dr. Fred Saad for the wonderful scientific program. Currently the CUA has eight patrons, who have committed \$120,000.00 annually for three years to support the educational and research mission of our organization. The assets of the CUA now total \$893,000.00 The CUA will meet to ensure that all expenditures of industry monies are in compliance with the new Rx&D code.

Dr. Hassan Razvi likewise outlined the financial stability of the CUASF. The investment account now stands at 3.4 million dollars. Excess revenue over expenditures for 2003 was \$198,000.00 He noted that the Patron sponsorship arrangement has provided a more stable source of income for the CUASF.

# **UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST**

# **AUA ANNUAL MEETING**

May 21 - 26, 2005 • San Antonio, Texas For more information visit the AUA website (www.auanet.org)

The CUA will host the President's reception at the AUA on Monday May 23, 2005. Further information will follow in the Spring newsletter.

Please note that the CUA will consider assisting members in electronic broadcasting of accredited Canadian meetings of urological interest. Interested parties should contact the central office for consideration.