

CUA NEWS

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President's Message



Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write this message to keep you up to date with planned changes in our organization. As you know, thanks to the visionary work of members of your Executive over the past 60 years, our Association has evolved tremendously.

Starting as a group of a few Urologists with an annual scientific meeting planned in the basement of the home of one of the former Presidents or Secretaries, we have become a mature organization with a permanent headquarters consisting of a Secretariat and a Congress Organizing Office. Soon we will have an Office of Education and our very own Journal. I will first comment on the positive effects of establishing the Central Office, then on the new organization and finally on our new Journal.

The Central Office of our Association is just starting its fourth year and has already had an impact on our organization. For more than ten years now, members of the Executive have juggled with the idea of having a permanent secretariat because of the many functions that have been added to the tasks of members of the Executive, who must in turn answer to the needs of our members and to changes in our environment. The tasks of the Executive have indeed increased considerably. On top of the educational, social and financial aspects of an Annual Meeting of ever-increasing size, our Association has seen several new functions and subcommittees emerge to handle the socio-economic and technological aspects of our practice, medical practice guidelines, information for patients and the accreditation of educational activities. Moreover, our Association has established formal links and has helped to set up several affiliated organizations, a now well-provided-for Foundation, a research group as well as a journal dedicated specifically to Canadian Urologists. Setting up a permanent secretariat was unavoidable. Four years ago when the opportunity arose to share offices with the Société Internationale d'Urologie, whose goals and activities are very similar to those of our Association, members of the Executive seized the opportunity. This decision allowed for a rapid and significant progression of our Association. Sharing resources has permitted the Executive to move

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CANADIAN UROLOGY

The CUA endeavours to keep its members apprised of new developments in Canadian Urology. Recently the Division of Urology at the University of British Columbia attained the status of a university department. The following piece by Dr. Larry Goldenberg, Professor and Chair of the Department will describe recent developments in the west coast Urology scene:

On July 1, 2006 the Department of Urologic Sciences became a reality in the UBC Faculty of Medicine. This milestone represents an opportunity: to develop programmes of excellence in key areas of urology with collaborations across departments, faculties, schools and industrial partners which, in conjunction

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URO KIDS LOGO CONTEST – until January 15th, 2007

Once again in 2007, the idea of having a contest to determine the logo for the CUA will be put into practice. The logo will be used on the CUA website, on brochures and banners. We encourage you to find inspiration in Quebec City's unique characteristics, choose a concept that will identify the city and our meeting. The next step is to follow the guidelines on page 2 and create a design for the 62nd CUA Annual Meeting.

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from a mostly operational role to a more strategic role so as to face current challenges. Members of the Executive can now count on a well-structured secretariat for the administrative, organizational and financial aspects of the Association (Richard Bolton and Isabel Perez), and we also have access to specialists in technical and scientific congress organization (Martine Coutu and Valérie Guillet) and to experts connected with industry (Susie Petrusa and Tiffany Pizioli). For the 2005 Meeting in Ottawa, only the scientific aspects of the Meeting were undertaken by the Central Office. This year, the organization of the Meeting in Halifax was completely handled by the Central Office while still allowing the Scientific Committee, lead by Peter Anderson, and the local organizing team, lead by Susan Picton, to give it a local flavour. This Meeting, presided by Dr. Michael A.S. Jewett, was a scientific, social and financial success and we should all congratulate them. Our organization has now acquired the necessary expertise and we can expect other excellent Meetings to be held, in Quebec next year, and in the years to come.

Now let us talk about revising the CUA organization and the role of the Office of Education. Because of the possibilities available at the Central Office, your Executive has given serious consideration to the feasibility of creating an internal structure better suited to coordinating all the scientific and educational aspects of service to members. Such a structure, called an Office of Education, already exists in other organizations such as the AUA, EAU and SOGC, to name just a few. In addition to the availability of a Central Office, there have been other determining factors in the decision to establish an Office of Education: the requirements of accreditation and continuing professional development, and the new rules of Rx&D that constrain more rigidly the educational activities of our partners in industry. A review committee has studied ways of integrating this new office into our Association. Last June, a new organizational structure and bylaw modifications were presented, discussed, improved, and then adopted by the General Assembly to incorporate this new office. A new position of Vice-President Education has been created. Once appointed, this new Vice-President will become responsible for all the educational aspects of our organization and the mandate will consist of supervising and coordinating the work of several already existing committees including Guidelines, Meeting Scientific Programme, Continuing Professional Development, Patient Information etc..

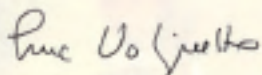
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The Vice-President Education's work will complement that of the Treasurer, who supervises all financial aspects, and of the Secretary, who handles the Executive as well as all legal and association aspects. In addition to creating this new position, the review committee recommended a new statutory distribution of elected Executive members, who will now represent the five regions of Canada, namely the Atlantic provinces, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies and British-Columbia.

Possessing our own Journal has been judged by the members of the Executive to be essential for our Association. As you know, the CUA has collaborated with private entrepreneurs since 1995 to create a journal representing Canadian Urology, the CJU. This journal became indexed in 2000 thanks to the work of the Editor-in-Chief, his Editorial Board, his Editing Assistant, and the volunteer work of reviewers, but mostly thanks to the quality of papers submitted by members of our Association. This journal has progressively expanded and the Executive has for several years now expressed the wish to become its owner so that the profits of the journal might be used for its improvement and for the betterment of the educational services offered to our members. Following failed negotiations in the past, in June 2005 Dr. Jewett proposed proceeding with the acquisition of the CJU or starting up a new journal. After new negotiations that lasted about a year, we were not able to find common ground with the owners of the CJU, and in June 2006, the Executive unanimously adopted a resolution creating a new journal, the Canadian Urological Association Journal / Journal de l'Association des urologues du Canada, CUAJ-JAUC. In the past few months, we have had to face some legal intimidation, but we have decided to proceed with the creation of this new journal. It is very much the norm for an association such as ours to have its own journal so that the volunteer work of its members can be used to the benefit of the members of the Association. We have rented new space for the Journal Office and we have hired a Managing Editor, Josephine Sciortino, to help the Editor-in-Chief and his Editorial Board. The CUAJ should come out in March 2007. We encourage you to submit scientific papers to our new journal without delay by sending them to the Association Central Office. Being familiar with the indexing process, members of the Editorial Board are confident that we should obtain indexation within two years. Please note that the dispatching of Patient Information Brochures, interrupted by the change in printers, will resume shortly.

As you can see, decisions made by your Executive during these past few years have been courageous and visionary and should allow our Association to serve its members better and to improve the position of Canadian Urology in this country and also on the international scene.



Dr. Luc Valiquette
President of the Canadian Urological Association

URO KIDS LOGO CONTEST (Continued from page 1)

Contest Guidelines and Partial Regulations

Materials permitted: watercolours, colour pencils, pen and ink, markers, computer graphics.

Size must be no larger than 8.5" X 11". Make a colour copy before submitting the original. For computer files, save the artwork in JPG, TIF, GIF or EPS.

CUA 2007 will only accept original images.

Contest is open to children 16 and under of CUA members.

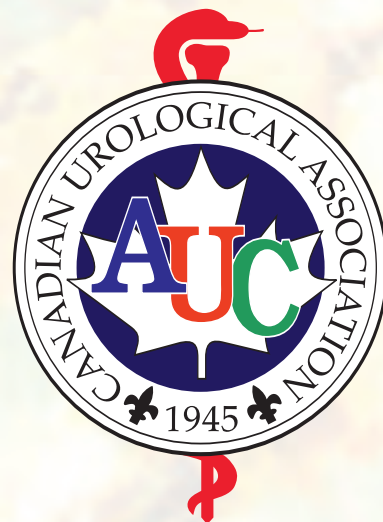
Contest is void where prohibited by law.

Contest ends at: 23:59 Eastern time on January 15th, 2007.

Grand prize: free trip to Quebec City for the winner and one accompanying adult. Trip includes round-trip coach airfare, hotel room and taxes from June 24 to June 28, 2007, and two complimentary registrations for the CUA Annual Meeting. Two runners-up will receive complimentary registrations for themselves and one accompanying adult.

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FUTURE CUA MEETINGS

Quebec, QC	June 24-June 27, 2007
Edmonton, AB	June 22-June 25, 2008
Toronto, ON	June 28-July 1, 2009
Charlottetown, PEI	June 27-June 30, 2010
Mont-Tremblant, QC	June 26-June 29, 2011
Banff, AB	June 24-June 27, 2012

CUA EXECUTIVE 2006-2007

Officers:

President	Dr. Luc Valiquette
President-Elect	Dr. James B. Metcalfe
Vice-President	Dr. Laurence H. Klotz
Past-President	Dr. Michael A.S. Jewett
Secretary	Dr. Michael P. Leonard
Secretary-Elect	Dr. Denis Lavoie
Treasurer	Dr. Stuart Oake

Members at large:

Dr. Armen Aprikian
Dr. Bruno Laroche
Dr. Karen Psooy
Dr. John Trachtenberg
Dr. Tom Whelan
Dr. Tim Wollin

Standing Committee Chairs:

<i>Administrative Council CUASF</i>	Dr. Gerald Brock
<i>Scientific Council CUASF</i>	Dr. Martin Gleave
<i>Socioeconomic Committee</i>	Dr. Neil Fleshner
<i>Residency Affairs Committee</i>	Dr. Joe Chin
<i>Historian</i>	Dr. Ian Davis
<i>Guidelines Committee</i>	Dr. Sender Herschorn
<i>Continuing Professional Development</i>	Dr. Peter Anderson
<i>Patient Information Committee</i>	Dr. Rob Siemens
<i>Information Technology Committee</i>	Dr. Ken Pace
<i>Awards Committee</i>	Dr. Laurence H. Klotz
<i>Endorsement Committee</i>	Dr. Michael A.S. Jewett
<i>Nominating Committee</i>	Dr. Michael A.S. Jewett
<i>Bylaws Committee</i>	Dr. James B. Metcalfe
<i>Finance Committee</i>	Dr. Stuart Oake
<i>Scientific Program Committee</i>	
<i>Co-chairs</i>	Dr. Stéphane Bolduc, Dr. Fred Saad

CUA MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The following changes to CUA membership were voted on at the Annual General Meeting in Halifax in June 2006.

ACTIVE

Afshar	Kourosh	Active
Bazinet	Jocelyn	Active
Dagnone	Joel	Active
Frankel	Jerry	Active
Lessard	Annie	Active
McCormack	Michael	Active
Sing	Roland	Active

CANDIDATE TO ACTIVE

Baverstock	Richard	Candidate to Active
Dharamsi	Nafisa	Candidate to Active
Fischer	Marc	Candidate to Active
Godbout	Manon	Candidate to Active
Joudi	Fadi	Candidate to Active
Kiddoo	Darcie	Candidate to Active
Morrison	Kevin	Candidate to Active
Stephenson	Andrew	Candidate to Active

SENIOR

Bochinski	Bruno	Senior
Churchill	Bernard	Senior
Collins	John P.	Senior
Paltoo	Raymond	Senior
Wagle	Datta	Senior

ASSOCIATE

Bergeron	Alain	Associate
Cheng	Tina	Associate
Loblaw	Andres	Associate
North	Scott	Associate

CANDIDATE

Adamo	George	Candidate
Alamri	Abdulaziz	Candidate
Antébi	Elie	Candidate
Aziz	Anis	Candidate
Bacsu	Chasta	Candidate
Chang Kit	Laura	Candidate
Dhar	Mrinal	Candidate
Domes	Trustin	Candidate
Erdeljan	Petar	Candidate
Hamilton	Robert	Candidate
Johnston	Pavl	Candidate
Lee	Livia	Candidate
Lewinshtein	Dan	Candidate
McCracken	Jeffrey	Candidate
McGregor	Thomas	Candidate
Nguan	Angela	Candidate



Dr. Luc Valiquette



Dr. James B. Metcalfe



Dr. Laurence H. Klotz



Dr. Michael A.S. Jewett



Dr. Michael P. Leonard



Dr. Denis Lavoie



Dr. Stuart Oake

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with translational initiatives, will promote congruent progress on both the academic and clinical care delivery trajectories. These intense and fruitful collaborations are clearly facilitated by departmental status that will allow, in a timely fashion, mutually beneficial cross appointments, joint grant submissions and sharing of facilities. All these will translate into much more efficient, productive and relevant clinical and basic research and educational programs.

The UBC Department of Urologic Sciences has 3 full professors, a UBC Distinguished University Scholar, a BC Leadership Chair in prostate research (to support the research of Dr. Martin Gleave), 13 PhD research scientists and 8 members who are actively, and successfully, pursuing careers as surgeon-scientists. Our expertise ranges from molecular biology to psychosocial research, pharmacokinetics, cell signalling, genomics, proteomics, laser energy, infrared diagnostics and MRI physics. Two members, Drs. Kourosh Afshar and Lynn Stothers, have formal training in clinical epidemiology and function as valuable resources for the entire faculty and Dr. Joyce Davison adds great value as a nurse-scientist (RN/PhD) pursuing her interests in patient information and decision-making. We are actively recruiting for clinician and/or PhD scientists in bioinformatics, metastasis research, proteomics, bladder neurophysiology, Men's Health, robotics and biophotonics.

The Department is distinguished by its UBC senate-sanctioned Centre of Excellence in Prostate Research. Over the next 2 to 3 years, through expanded collaborations, and with funding from RHE, the Prostate Centre will create a fully integrated, multi-disciplinary research facility to further accelerate discovery of biomarkers & biologic therapies, improve public awareness of research, increase clinical trials activity, and facilitate seamless transfer of interventions to promote regional growth of biotechnology. Known as PC-TRIADD: the Prostate Centre's Translational Research Initiative for Accelerated Discovery and Development, this project involves an outstanding team of scientists and clinicians, led by Drs. Martin Gleave and Colleen Nelson.

Our educational programs are strong and comprehensive. The 15 residents in the UBC urology program come from medical schools across the country. They routinely score very well on annual

Urology In-Service exams (always above North American average, and often above the 90th percentile) and our graduates have a superb pass rate on the Royal College exam. Between 1999 and 2004, our resident staff have presented and/or published 105 abstracts/papers in the Urology literature and at national and international meetings. Many of our graduates have gone on to pursue a variety of fellowships in oncology, pediatrics, transplantation, endourology and laparoscopy. The Prostate Centre is also a funded National Cancer Institute of Canada training centre and our faculty have supervised, or co-supervised, Masters and PhD students from around the world. We plan to develop a significant Graduate training curriculum to provide state of the art education of PhD and Masters students within the construct of a formal Faculty of Medicine Translational Sciences Graduate Program.

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NECROLOGY

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James Duxbury
Manohar Rajani**



Dr. Robert D. Jeffs,

A Canadian pioneer in the field of Pediatric Urology passed away this summer. Dr. Robert D. Jeffs was born and educated in Toronto, where he received his medical degree from the University of Toronto. He studied under the great D.I. Williams at Great Ormond Street in London, and returned to Canada to become the first Chief of Pediatric Urology at the Hospital for Sick Children. He also established the first Pediatric Urology Fellowship program in Canada. He moved to Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1975 to lead their Pediatric Urology Program for over 20 years. Bob's major contribution to the field of Pediatric Urology was in the field of bladder exstrophy, with his concept of staged closure of this devastating congenital anomaly. Patients around the world benefited from his insight and experience with this difficult reconstructive challenge. Bob will also be remembered as a great mentor to many senior and active members of our organization. Amongst the Canadian pediatric urologists he trained are: Hjalmar Johnson, John Masterson, Bernard Churchill, John Schillinger, and Michael Leonard. He will be truly missed.

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A milestone in the development of our pediatrics program as well as our postgraduate education was the recruitment of Dr. Andrew MacNeily. He has assembled and leads a first class team at Children's Hospital, including Drs. Kourosh Afshar and John Masterson. Collectively, they are as strong a teaching unit as any urology group in the country.

We recently opened the doors of a sophisticated Bladder Care Centre, under the academic guidance of Dr. Lynn Stothers whose team has had exciting success in their study of cranberry in the prevention and treatment of bladder disorders, non-invasive new technologies (Near Infra Red Spectroscopy or NIRS) to study bladder function and voiding dysfunction in diabetics.

The Department is developing several more foci of special interest. Recent recruitments of Ryan Paterson, Joel Teichman, Ben Chew and Chris Nguan offer us the opportunity to reach the highest standards in laparoscopy/robotics/transplantation and stones/biophotonics/laser science/nanotechnology. These translationally oriented centres of academic excellence will act as 'lightning rods' for collaborative projects, will provide clearly defined objectives for fundraising and will expand our educational opportunities.

Our new Department of Urologic Sciences will further facilitate the success of our Fulltime and Clinical Faculty by encouraging their participation as equal partners within the Department. As Sir William Osler explained, "the differences between clinical faculty and scientists is one of temperament, not intellect, a disparity between those who find satisfaction in a scientific quest for new knowledge and those who find it in patient care". Our scientists value the expertise of our clinicians, and vice versa. Having a strong clinical faculty (26 members) has facilitated the development of a successful clinical and translational research unit, the foundation of the recently acquired Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and Research Hospital Fund (RHF) grants which total nearly \$40 million. Our clinical faculty members are proud to be a part of these great accomplishments, and this inclusiveness has strengthened our group, congruent with Osler's fondest dream: "Clinical Faculty working in harmony as equals alongside their colleagues dedicated to research, each contributing ideas to the other's task"

The Division of Urology's change to independent Department status will strengthen the profile and reputation of an already outstanding, nationally recognized urologic program, will serve as a magnet to attract the highest calibre of new physicians seeking to matriculate into the Urology Residency Program as well as superior faculty to train them. A UBC Department of Urologic Sciences will result in very significant scholarly gains in basic, clinical and educational venues and we sincerely hope that our colleagues throughout the CUA will benefit directly, or indirectly, from the academic programs of excellence being developed at UBC.

1.) The Gordon and Leslie Diamond Health Care Centre, which houses the offices of the UBC Department of Urologic Sciences



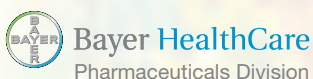
2.) Faculty, fellows and residents in the UBC Urology program for the CUA.



CANADIAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Over the past few years alone, close to one million dollars of research funding has been distributed to Canadian fellowship graduates and recent staff appointments across all regions of Canada. At the CUASF, we are proud of this record of success, a track record made possible through the generous partnership of the pharmaceutical industry and Canadian urologists.

CUASF 2006 Patron Sponsors



CUASF 2006 Contributors



CUASF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2006

Congratulations to:
CUASF Scholarship

Dr. Wassim Kassouf
McGill University



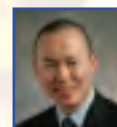
Dr. Jun Kawakami
Queen's University



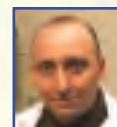
Dr. Armando Lorenzo
University of Toronto



Dr. Christopher Ngan
University of British Columbia



Dr. Jehonathan Pinthus
McMaster University



Dr. Alan So
University of British Columbia



Dr. Ben Chew
University of British Columbia



CUASF SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Request for applications:

There are three categories of support:

1. 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 Western Europe or North America)

*Deadline for applications for the above scholarships is
March 1, 2007.*

for funding to commence July 1, 2007.

Applications should be sent to:

Dr. Martin Gleave (cuasf-research@cua.org)

D-9, Heather Pavilion, VGH
2733 Heather St.
Vancouver, BC V5Z 3J5
Tel.: (604) 875-5003
Fax.: (604) 875-5604

CUA PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST 2007

The CUA Prize Essay Contest features two categories of awards:

1. Basic Science
2. Clinical Research

Individuals should submit their work as an abstract to the 2007 CUA Annual Meeting (electronic submission at www.cua.org and submit a complete manuscript to the 2007 Scientific Committee by the date of the abstract deadline. Submit your manuscript to:

Dr. Stéphane Bolduc (sciprogram@cua.org)
Centre Hospitalier Universitaire De Québec
Pavillon CHUL, 611 Des Martinets
Québec City, QC
Tel.: (418) 654-2282
Fax.: (418) 654-2137

CUA PRIZE ESSAY WINNERS 2006

Congratulations to:

Dr. Kok Bin Lim



University of Western Ontario
(Clinical Research)

Dr. Peter Metcalfe



University of Alberta
(Basic Science)

**The CUA would like to acknowledge and
thank our prize essay sponsors!**

AstraZeneca 

Basic Science Award

 **GYRUS ACMI**

Clinical Research Award

CUA OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Plans for the Office of Education for the CUA are well underway. The CUA is currently seeking a senior or active member to assume the role of Vice-President of Education. This individual should have experience and interest in the field of continuing professional development, and would have an administrative assistant to help them in day-to-day affairs. Any interested individuals should contact the Central Office central.office@cua.org. The position would be considered transitional until formal nomination occurs at the AGM in June 2007. The incumbent could opt to accept or decline formal nomination at that time. The Vice-President of Education is an officer of the CUA and thus would become part of the CUA Executive.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

As part of the ongoing Continuing Professional Development activities of the Association, a Needs Assessment will be carried out in December 2006. For the very first time, this will be conducted on-line. The participation and collaboration of CUA Members is requested to ensure that the results of this survey are as meaningful as possible.

PATIENT INFORMATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The CUA Patient Information Committee is pleased to inform you that the 10th instalment of the CUA patient brochures was made available to the membership this past spring. These new brochures covered the following topics:

- Testosterone replacement in the aging male
- Indwelling catheter care
- Vasectomy reversal
- Renal colic
- Radiotherapy for prostate cancer

This last launch makes 50 brochures available since November 2001, and we have distributed well over one million to CUA members. Although there are available brochures for most significant urologic conditions and surgical procedures, the committee is dedicated to keeping the brochure information updated and will consider any new brochures as needed.

We would like to remind you that there is a new process for ordering these brochures since the spring. The new order forms can be found on the CUA website (www.cua.org) under the Patient Information section. Please fill out the form completely and fax it to (514) 875-0205 ("ATTN: CUA Patient Information") or mail to:

CUA Patient Information
1155 University, Suite 1155
Montreal, QC, H3B 3A7

We hope that you continue to find this service from the CUA beneficial to your patients. Any comments or suggestions regarding these brochures are always welcome.

Rob Siemens
CUA Patient Information Committee Chair

NOMINATION PROCESS FOR THE CUA

Dr. Michael A.S. Jewett, Past-President of the CUA, chairs the Nominating Committee for 2007. 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 Active 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 the names of potential Executive Committee members to:

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2007

Vice-President of CUA
(President for Charlottetown 2010)

Vice-President of Education / 4 year term

Member-at-Large / 3 year term
(To replace Dr. Bruno Laroche)

Member-at-large / 3 year term
(To replace Dr. Karen Psooy)

Chair Guidelines Committee / 4 year term
(To replace Dr. Sender Herschorn)

Nominating Committee / 2 year term
Two new members
(To replace Dr. Anil Kapoor,
Dr. Mireille Gregoire and Dr. Richard Barr)

CANADIAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION JOURNAL

The CUA has moved forward in the attempt to own its journal. Ownership will provide long-term stability and the opportunity for revenues resulting from the journal to flow to the CUA. The first option in this initiative was to acquire ownership of the Canadian Journal of Urology (CJU). A protracted course of negotiation with the CJU owners came to naught – they were not interested in selling their journal to the CUA. As a result, the CUA has removed its endorsement of the CJU and is moving forward to establish a journal of its own. Dr. Laurence Klotz and other members of the CJU editorial board resigned subsequent to this development. Dr. Klotz has agreed to be the interim editor-in-chief of the CUA Journal (CUAJ/JAUC). It is anticipated that the CUAJ will come to fruition in March 2007, and will be published 4 times in 2007 and 6 times in 2008. Hopefully by 2009, it will be a monthly journal. The new journal is thus soliciting content, and asking members (or their trainees) to submit manuscripts to the CUA Central Office for consideration of publication in our new journal.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS 2006

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

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Reorganization of the CUA with the inception of the Office of Education was approved by the Executive, and subsequently by members at the AGM. This necessitated extensive bylaws changes and will allow the CUA to move forward as a major force in Urological Continuing Professional Development in Canada. The Office of Education will be physically located at the Central Office in Montreal. The bylaws have specified that the executive position of Vice-President of Education must be a urologist, and currently the CUA is searching for an individual to fill this role.

The CUA has embarked on the creation of its own Journal – “The Journal of the Canadian Urological Association” or JCUA. Negotiations with the Canadian Journal of Urology (CJU) were not fruitful, as the owners refused the offer made to them by the CUA. These negotiations had been carried on for approximately six months prior to the Executive Meeting in June, and the CJU owners were aware that the deadline for negotiation was the date of the June Executive Meeting. As a result of termination of the relationship with the owners and publishers of the CJU, the CUA will also assume the distribution of the PIC brochures.

The “Training, Education and Evaluation Committee” was officially renamed in the CUA Bylaws as the “Residency Affairs Committee”. It was felt that this name change would more accurately reflect the activity of this important committee. The Socio-economic Committee under the leadership of Dr. Neil Fleshner was commended for efforts regarding the Surgical Wait Times Initiative. The CUA Executive acknowledged the importance of the recommendations emanating from this process.

The IT committee, under the leadership of Dr. Ken Pace, will endeavour to have a beta revision of the CUA Website available for review at the 2007 Winter Executive Meeting. The Executive acknowledges that the current website is dated in its appearance and functionality, and is committed to bringing it up to current standards. There will also be the possibility of CPD available to members within the context of the revised site.

The CUA has decided to raise its annual dues to \$200.00. The rationale for this increase was the need for the organization to cover the costs of the Central Office administrative support by membership dues – not from monies raised from industry, which must be earmarked for CPD in the era of RxD. It was felt by the Executive that this dues increase was modest and still ranked amongst the lowest dues for any national or international organization.

The CUA annual meeting in Ottawa 2005 was a scientific, social and financial success. The CUA congratulated Dr. Ron Gerridzen, Dr. Stuart Oake and Dr. Chris Morash and their teams for the excellent meeting.

The CUASF remains in a healthy financial state. Currently the investment portfolio contains approximately \$4 M. It is anticipated that this may grow to \$6 M over the next five years, particularly with the solid financial support garnered through the CUA Patron arrangement. The CUASF continues in its mandate to assist young Canadian and international (CUASF-SIU) investigators in their formative years.

Dr. Jerzy Gajewski delivered a balanced budget for the CUA 2006-2007. The organization remains in a solid fiscal position. Dr. Sender Herschorn and his guidelines committee have continued to be productive in the generation of new guidelines and revision of established guidelines. New guidelines on Andropause and Sports in Children with Solitary Kidneys were approved by members at the AGM. CUA guidelines are available on line at www.cua.org

After many years of service on the Executive, Dr. Jim Wilson completed his term as Chair of TEE Committee. Dr. Wilson had also served as CUA President, and has given a great deal of his own time and effort to the organization.

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Dr. Jerzy Gajewski completed his five-year term as CUA Treasurer at the AGM in Halifax. Dr. Gajewski managed the finances of the CUA with great aplomb, and has seen the organization through its new relationship with the CUA Central Office. The CUA officially acknowledged Dr. Gajewski's commitment to his office and thanked him for his efforts over the years.

Dr. Denis Lavoie was presented the first CUA Award of Merit at the AGM. It was Dr. Lavoie's vision to produce patient information pamphlets on behalf of the CUA. His commitment to this vision and his leadership as the first chair of the Patient Information Committee has lead to arguably the most important initiative the CUA has undertaken on behalf of its membership. With 50 topics and over one million patient information pamphlets distributed to CUA members, Dr. Lavoie's vision has been realized. *Congratulations Denis!*

MEETINGS OF UPCOMING INTEREST

European Association of Urology Congress (EAU)
Berlin, Germany
March 21-24, 2007
www.eauberlin2007.org

American Urological Association Annual Meeting (AUA)
Anaheim, California
May 19-24, 2007
www.auanet.org

29th Société Internationale D'Urologie – Centennial Congress (SIU)
Paris, France
September 2-6, 2007
www.siu-urology.org

If any CUA members are planning a local or regional meeting and wish to have the meeting accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, please contact Dr. Peter Anderson at cpd@cua.org. This service is available free of charge to CUA members in good standing. In addition, the CUA central office (central.office@cua.org) would be happy to broadcast e-mail a notice of your meeting to all CUA members.

