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The President's Message



Dr. James B. Metcalfe ✶ Edmonton, AB

The CUA continues to grow as a professional organization: not only do we now have our own journal (and I hope you are enjoying the improvement in the CUAJ), we also have total control of the patient information brochures. These have become an integral part of my practice, and hopefully yours as well. The team in Edmonton is hard at work preparing for a fabulous annual meeting in June 2008. Scientifically, Mike Hobart and Tim Wollin have developed a great programme featuring live surgery, video presentations, educational fora, and numerous moderated poster sessions.

We will endeavour to ensure lively discussion at the poster sessions.

For the social component, Mike and Bonnie Chetner (with help from the entire Edmonton community) have planned a fantastic fun event. We will have the Welcoming Reception on the deck of the Hotel McDonald, overlooking the river valley. Monday we travel back in time to historic Fort Edmonton for entertainment, dinner and dancing. Tuesday afternoon is back to Sports Day with golf, canoeing, biking and tennis. The President's Banquet will be Wednesday night at the new Shaw Centre.

It will be a great CUA Meeting; please plan to join us in Edmonton next June. ■

Message from the Treasurer

Dr. J. Stuart Oake ✶ Ottawa, ON



The CUA has maintained a healthy financial status over the last 7 years. Through sound budgeting and investment the CUA is in a position of financial stability.

Most of our revenue is derived from our annual meeting and membership dues. Previous meetings have shown healthy revenues, with the surpluses being used to run our Association and also invested into our expansion. Our meeting organization has been exemplary and has allowed for our success. Future meetings show the same promise.

The CUA is in a financial position to allow for expansion. We have recently developed the Office of Education, which encompasses our new *Canadian Urological Association Journal*.

In their first year, both of these may result in a small negative balance to our budget, but more likely will be revenue-neutral. In subsequent years, both should be significant sources of revenue generation, further improving our financial status. None of the CUA expansion projects noted above have required us to utilize our long-term investments, which continue to grow on an annual basis.

Over the last year the Central Office has taken on the day-to-day financial responsibilities of our Association, and has done an outstanding job. We are continuing to improve our accounting processes, thereby facilitating the preparation of our yearly financial statements.

The Finance Committee would like to thank Isabel Kolodny in the Central Office and Sandy Wetstein from Neal, Pallett & Townsend for their ongoing assistance. ■

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Highlights from the 2007 Summer Executive Meeting

Dr. Denis Lavoie, Secretary  *Vernon, BC*

The 2007 Summer Executive Meeting of the CUA was held on June 23 and 24 at the Québec Hilton under the chairmanship of our President, Dr. Luc Valiquette. In attendance were 23 members of the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs and six members of our personnel from the Central Office.

Dr. Mike Leonard, our Secretary, reported that our membership currently stands at 818, including 455 Active, 41 Associate, 109 Candidate, 9 Honorary, 19 Inactive and 185 Senior Members. Of these, 610 are based in Canada, 110 in the USA, 22 in other countries and 76 members have no known address. We have received 29 applications for Candidate membership. A Committee has been struck under the leadership of Dr. Valiquette to examine ways by which our membership could be increased.

Our Central Office based in Montréal continues to provide valuable administrative support for the activities of the Executive and various Committees. The Central Office has taken over management of our Annual Meeting and distribution of CUA and Canadian Prostate Health Council patient information brochures. These brochures continue to be available free of charge to Members practicing in Canada. As our administrative structure evolves, we anticipate that the Executive will be able to focus on policy and long-term planning, while the Central Office provides logistic support for the implementation of our various endeavours.

The Endorsements Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Mike Jewett, recommended CUA endorsement of a voiding diary produced and distributed by Laborie Medical Technologies. Our Historian, Dr. Ian Davis, has proposed that a Historian's Lecture be included in the Scientific Programme of future CUA Meetings. Dr. Davis is also looking into producing and coordinating content of historical interest in the CUA Journal and on our website.

Dr. Neil Fleshner, Chair of the Socioeconomic Committee (SEC), reported that Committee members represented the CUA at major meetings including the Canadian Medical Association, the Royal College and the Federation of National Specialty Societies of Canada. The impact of the Surgical Wait Times Initiative in Urological Oncology is still evolving. Current projects of the SEC include a study of inter-provincial fee code comparison, the development of a position paper on privatization and consideration of a manpower survey to assess

urological needs in Canada over the next 20 years.

The Canadian Urology Research Consortium was represented by its Chairman, Dr. Laurie Klotz. Six studies are currently being carried out by or in association with CURC. The CURC has also held educational fora on "Pipeline Drugs in Benign and Malignant Urologic Disease" and "Consensus of PCPT and Prostate Cancer Prevention". A joint CURC/CUOG retreat focused on "New Technologies and New Therapies" was planned for October 2007 in Vancouver.

Dr. Stuart Oake, our Treasurer, presented the Finance Committee and Treasurer's reports. The CUA is in good financial health. Our activities are funded by our membership dues, sponsorship by our partners in industry (7 Patrons, 2 Platinum sponsors, 5 Gold sponsors and 7 Silver sponsors) and the revenue from the Annual Meeting. In 2006-2007, the CUA had a small excess revenue over expenses that can be applied to future endeavours. Today, the CUA has four distinct branches, each of which has its own revenue streams and expenses: the Annual Meeting, the Office of Education, the CUAJ and the Central Office. The CUA Scholarship Foundation has made a significant financial contribution toward the inception of the Office of Education.

Dr. Bruno Laroche, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, presented his report regarding the Québec City meeting. He acknowledged the important contribution of Martine Coutu and the Central Office staff for their planning and administrative support. Dr. Michael Chetner, Local Arrangements Chair for the upcoming meeting in Edmonton (2008), presented the programme for what promises to be a meeting of the highest academic and social calibre. All Members should mark their calendars for June 22-25, 2008.

Our Vice-President Education, Dr. Peter Anderson, presented the first Office of Education report. At our Annual General Meeting in Halifax (2006), a motion was passed to establish a CUA Office of Education to better serve the needs of the Membership. Dr. Anderson was appointed interim VP Education to expedite development in view of concerns raised by the Royal College accreditation review.



Future CUA Meetings

2008 - June 22-25

Edmonton, Alberta

2009 - June 28-July 1

Toronto, Ontario

2010 - June 27-30

*Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island*

2011 - June 26-29

Mont-Tremblant, Québec

2012 - June 24-27

Banff, Alberta



Highlights from the 2007 Summer Executive Meeting

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The first order of business was to develop a guideline clarifying the relationship of the CUA and its Annual Meeting sponsors as per the Royal College's requirements. In May 2007, Dr. Harry Zwanenburg was engaged in the role of Director of the CUA Office of Education, reporting to Dr. Peter Anderson. His mandate is to develop educational activities in various formats for the benefit of the Membership. The year 2007-2008 promises to be an exciting and busy time for the Office of Education.

Dr. Sender Herschorn presented his final report as Chair of the Guidelines Committee. A new process for the creation and approval of guidelines has been developed. A survey of the Membership is planned to assess the need for new guidelines. Dr. Herschorn and Committee members completing their mandates, Dr. Karen Psooy and Dr. Bruno Laroche, were thanked for their important contributions to the CUA.

The Patient Information Committee remains vibrant and productive under the leadership of Dr. Rob Siemens. The Committee has produced 50 brochure topics of interest to urological patients. The content of each has been reviewed and updated, a process which will continue



forward. Unfortunately, legal liability concerns have required limiting distribution to Canadian-based members. The Committee is developing a Canadian patient information website which should be online soon.

Dr. François Bénard stepped into the chairmanship of the Continuing Professional Development Committee, a position vacated by Dr. Anderson when he took on responsibility for the new Office of Education. The CUA was accorded a 3-year provisional accreditation by the Royal College as a CPD provider. Much effort has been expended developing policies to provide the Membership with the highest quality educational opportunities.

Dr. Ken Pace completed his term as Chair of the Information Technology (IT) Committee. A revamped CUA website is in development, with a new look and functions to increase its usefulness to Members.

The inaugural report of the *Canadian Urological Association Journal* (CUAJ), our new and CUA-owned journal, was presented by its Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Laurie Klotz. To date two issues were published and 2,600 copies mailed to Members and others interested in our specialty in Canada and internationally. Manuscript submissions are increasing as the Journal becomes known.

Much was accomplished over these two days of meetings. The Executive looks forward to advancing urology in Canada and better serving its Membership. ■

Upcoming Meetings of Interest in 2008

January 31-February 3
The World Congress on Controversies in Urology
Barcelona, Spain
www.comtecmed.com/cury

January 17-20
Issues and Controversies in Prostate Care 2008
Cancun, Mexico

January 26-February 18
Jackson Hole Urological Conference
Jackson Hole, Wyoming
www.jacksonholeseminars.com





Highlights from the 2007 Annual General Meeting

Dr. Denis Lavoie, Secretary  *Vernon, BC*

The 2007 Annual General Meeting of the CUA was held on June 26 at the Centre des Congrès in Québec with CUA President, Dr. Luc Valiquette, in the Chair. Our Secretary Dr. Mike Leonard presented the Membership report. We welcomed 43 new Members, 14 Active and 29 Candidate, for a total current membership of 818. The loss of departed Members Drs. Jean-Paul Brault, Stan Lannon, Effat Macramalla, Anthony Passaretti, Joseph Segura and Kenneth Watson was acknowledged.

Bylaw changes adopted include a proposal that names put forward by the Awards Committee for Honorary Membership be discussed and approved, if appropriate, by the Executive at its Summer Meeting, so that this award can be presented during the Annual Meeting Scientific Programme. In addition, the membership of the Prize Essay Committee and eligibility for this award were amended. A proposal to exempt Past Presidents from payment of annual dues was sent back to the Committee for reconsideration. Finally, the French name of the CUA, L'Association des urologues du Canada, was formally adopted. The current CUA Bylaws can be viewed on the website, www.cua.org.

Dr. Stuart Oake, Treasurer, presented on the state of our finances. In the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the CUA had a net excess revenue over expenses in large part thanks to the success of the 2006 Annual Meeting in Halifax. The budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year projects a small potential net loss related to contingencies required by the development of the CUA Journal. All in all, the Association is in sound financial shape.

Dr. Peter Anderson, our VP Education, reported on the development of the Office of Education which has made great strides since its conception one year ago. Guidelines were developed regarding the process for sponsorship of CUA-accredited educational events by our partners in industry. A Director of the Office of Education, Dr. Harry Zwanenburg, was engaged to organize the Office, coordinate with various outside organizations and implement its projects. Projects for the upcoming year include exploring opportunities to develop CPD activities within the CUA and with other providers. The Membership should see the fruit of these efforts within the foreseeable future.

The CUA Scholarship Foundation, represented by its Chair, Dr. Gerald Brock, had another successful year during which one SIU and seven CUASF grants were awarded. The CUASF accepted a donation from the Canadian Urological Research Consortium. A significant monetary contribution was presented on behalf of the CUASF to the CUA toward the establishment of the Office of Education.

Our President, Dr. Luc Valiquette, reported on his four main projects over the last year: the consolidation of our Central Office, the launch of our new journal, the CUAJ, the establishment of the Office of Education under the leadership of a Vice-President Education and a Director, and the Annual Meeting in Québec. Finally, a slate of Officers, Members-at-Large and Committee Chairs was elected under the leadership of our new President, Dr. Jim Metcalfe of Edmonton. ■





Nomination Process for the CUA



Dr. Luc Valiquette, Past President of the CUA, will chair the Nominating Committee for 2008. The Nominating Committee has the responsibility to ensure that all positions on the CUA Executive are filled.

The Nominating Committee is soliciting names of Active 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 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 take place to fill the position.

Nominations open for 2008

Vice-President of the CUA
(President for Mont-Tremblant, QC in 2011)

Member-at-large (3-year term)
(To replace Dr. Armen Aprikian)

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

Chair, Patient Information Committee (4-year term)
(To replace Dr. Rob Siemens)


Nominating Committee (2-year term)
(Two new members to replace Drs. Simon Tanguay and Keith Rourke; terms to 2008)

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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Message from the Office of Education

Dr. Peter Anderson, Vice-President, Education  *Halifax, NS*

The CUA Office of Education has not yet celebrated its first birthday, but nonetheless it has been a very active and rapidly maturing child. Much credit is due to the Director, Dr. Harry Zwanenburg, who joined our team just prior to the Québec annual meeting. His enthusiasm and dedication to the job have created a "can-do" environment that has been appreciated by the many people with whom he has interacted to date. It should also be acknowledged that the accomplishments of the Office of Education would not have occurred without the support and cooperation of Dr. François Bérard, Chair of the Continuing Professional Development Committee, and our capable staff from the Central CUA Office, Susie, Richard and Martine. Thanks to all others who have

volunteered their time and worked behind the scenes to support CUA Committees and activities.

One of the core roles of the Office is to support regional and local learning activities for CUA members, so if you are involved in planning such an event, please do not hesitate to contact Harry education@cua.org for support. The Office has the knowledge and connections to facilitate development of course curricula, Royal College accreditation (process and forms), sponsorship strategies, meeting organizing and many of the small details that make any educational event successful. We have been directly involved in the planning and implementation of no less than 12 educational events since the annual meeting, with

several others currently in varying stages of development. This level of activity is, literally, just the beginning.


Although the Office of Education will continue to expand its activities, this will not be to the detriment of the central educational event for the CUA: the Annual Meeting. We have been supporting the Scientific Committee for Edmonton in various ways, including taking advantage of a more efficient web-based system of submitting and reviewing abstracts. This has created the opportunity to move the deadline for abstracts from the traditional mid-December to February, allowing for more recent research results to be presented at the meeting.

Also, stay tuned for a major facelift of the CUA website, coming soon to a computer

near you. Dr. Mike McCormack, Chair of the Information Technology Committee, has been working diligently with Dr. Rob Siemens, Chair of the Patient Information Committee, to make our site more interactive and useful to the membership and the patients that we serve. We hope that you will be impressed with the changes and make www.cua.org your homepage. In the meantime, please continue to support our journal, the CUAJ, by submitting articles and taking time in your busy day to read each issue. The Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Laurie Klotz, would like to receive your comments, positive or negative, so that he can continuously improve the product. Finally, please mark June 22-25 in your 2008 calendar: we hope to see you at the upcoming Annual Meeting in Edmonton! ■



Invitation to Edmonton 2008 CUA Annual Meeting

Dr. Michael P. Chetner  *Edmonton, AB*
Chair, 2008 Local Organizing Committee



It is my pleasure, on behalf of Jim and Patty Metcalfe and the entire Edmonton Local Organizing Committee, to invite you to next year's CUA Annual Meeting in Edmonton, June 22-25, 2008. The meeting will be a blend of scientific excel-

lence organized by Drs. Tim Wollin and Michael Hobart, and social pleasures including the Welcoming Reception at the Hotel MacDonald and the Monday Fun Night for the entire family at Fort Edmonton Park. On Tuesday we return to a recreational afternoon, which will include golf, tennis and a canoe float down the North Saskatchewan River. Tuesday evening will be free and many institutions will host reunion dinners for our members (the U of A, Dalhousie and Queen's are planning such gatherings). On Wednesday evening the President's Banquet will be held in the recently renovated Shaw Conference Centre, that features panoramic views of the North Saskatchewan River. A strong Companions' and Children's programme will offer a great experience for all.

The scientific programme will improve the opportunities for greater interaction during the sessions by increasing the number of moderated posters. Video sessions and live surgeries will highlight the meeting. Educational fora will present compelling issues and feature experts in the various subspecialties of urology, while our invited guest lecturers will bring speakers from around the world will share their expertise.

Start your summer vacation with us at the CUA meeting in Edmonton and then plan to carry on enjoying all of Alberta's natural wonders. ■



CUA Scientific Programme

Dr. Timothy A. Wollin  *Edmonton, AB*
Co-Chair, 2008 Scientific Programme Committee

The Scientific Committee is very excited about the upcoming CUA meeting. The programme will include eight plenary sessions, six interactive educational fora, numerous scientific sessions dedicated to the presentation of original urological research and, for the first time at the CUA, a morning of live surgery is planned.

Eleven guest speakers will give state-of-the-art presentations and participate in the interactive educational fora. The speakers and their general topics include:

Dr. J. Curtis Nickel, Queen's University
CUASF annual speaker

Dr. Lori Wood, Dalhousie University
Medical Management of Advanced
Renal Cell Carcinoma

Dr. Marshall Stoller, University of California
San Francisco: Stones/Endourology

Dr. Christian Winters, Louisiana State
University: Female Urology

Dr. Richard Rink, Indiana University:
Pediatric Urology

Dr. Mack Roach III, University of California,
San Francisco: Radiotherapy for Invasive
Bladder Cancer and the Treatment of
Localized Prostate Cancer

Dr. Kim Chi, University of British Columbia
Medical Oncology: Invasive Bladder Cancer
and Non-Seminomatous Germ Cell Tumor

Dr. Claus Roehrborn, Southwestern Medical
School, University of Texas: BPH

Dr. Niels Jacobsen, University of Alberta
RPLND for Non-Seminomatous
Germ Cell Tumor

Dr. Gary Lieskovsky, University of Southern
California: GU Oncology

Dr. Richard Gaston, Clinique Saint Augustin
Bordeaux, France: Minimally Invasive
Surgery: Laparoscopic Radical Prostatec-
tomy and Female Reconstructive Surgery

Dr. Tom Ahlering, University of California,
Irvine Minimally Invasive Surgery: Robotic
Laparoscopic Prostatectomy

Finally, the date for abstract submission has been moved to February 8, 2008. This new, later date of submission will allow for even more current scientific research to be submitted. ■



CUA Prize Essay Contest 2008

The CUA Prize Essay Contest features two categories of awards, Basic Science and Clinical Research.

The prize is open to any Active, Associate or Candidate Member of the Association who has completed residency or fellowship not more than three years previously. Individuals should submit their work as an abstract to the 2008 CUA Annual Meeting (electronic submission at www.cuameeting.org) and submit a complete manuscript to the 2008 Scientific Committee by the date of the abstract deadline (February 8, 2008). Submit your manuscript to:

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Upcoming Meetings of Interest in 2008

February 21-24
World Congress on the Aging Male
 Tampa, Florida
www.kenes.com/aging-congress

February 28-March 2
Society for Urodynamics and Female Urology Winter Meeting 2008
 Miami, Florida
www.sufu.org.com

February 28-March 2
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates Annual Symposium
 Tampa, Florida
www.suna.org

CUASF Scholarship Winners

Dr. Gerry Brock, Chair, CUASF Administrative Council  *London, ON*

The CUASF has agreed to support the CUA in its important initiative of founding its own urological journal. We had 7 CUASF scholarships and 2 SIU projects funded.

Thanks go out to the Membership and our corporate partners.

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CUASF Scholars, 2007

Dr. Assad El-Hakim
 McGill University

Tissue Engineered Cell Seeded Grafts for the Replacement of Long Ureteral Segments

Dr. Jean-Baptiste Lattouf
 Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal
 Role of FKBP52 in Androgen Receptor Activity in Prostate Cancer

Dr. Anthony Bella
 University of Ottawa
 Molecular Mechanisms of Cavernous Nerve Regeneration in Diabetes



Dr. Darcie Kiddoo
 University of Alberta

Randomized Clinical Trial Comparing Prophylactic Antibiotics to Placebo in Children with UTI Without VUR

CUASF Scholarship Renewal



Dr. Ben Chew
 University of British Columbia
 Use of Urinary Biomaterials and the Pathogenesis of Calcium Oxalate Stone Disease



Dr. Wassim Kassouf
 McGill University
 Therapeutic Approaches Targeting Molecular Signaling in Bladder Cancer

SIU-CUA Scholarships

Dr. Joseph Chin
 University of Western Ontario



Dr. Yaser El-Hout
 Fellowship, Hospital for Sick Children
 University of Toronto

Message from the Guidelines Committee

Dr. Hassan Razvi  *London, ON*
Chair, Guidelines Committee



As incoming chair of this committee, I would first like to commend Dr. Sender Herschorn for his leadership, dedication and hard work over the past five years. During Dr. Herschorn's tenure, the Guidelines Committee has evolved

to become an important resource for CUA members by addressing a broad range of practice-related topics. I would also like to acknowledge the significant contributions of Drs. Karen Psooy and Bruno Laroche, who have just completed their 3-year terms on the Committee.

The current Committee membership includes Drs. Armen Aprikian, John Trachtenberg, Tom Whelan, Tim Wollin and newly-appointed members Marie-Paule Jammal and Anil Kapoor.

In the year ahead the Committee plans to address the following issues:

Update guidelines on:

- The Azoospermic Male
- Microscopic Hematuria
- Superficial Bladder Cancer

Develop and finalize new guideline documents on:

- Renal Cell Carcinoma Patient Follow-Up
- Hormone Refractory Prostate Cancer
- Interstitial Cystitis and Chronic Pelvic Pain Syndrome
- Neurogenic Bladder
- Indications for Prostate Biopsy and Post-Biopsy Follow-Up
- Follow-Up of Renal Cysts

The Committee looks forward to working closely with the Director of the Office of Education, Dr. Harry Zwanenburg. With the assistance of the newly-created Office of Education, plans are underway to develop a needs assessment questionnaire to be sent to the membership to solicit ideas for future guidelines. I look forward to serving the CUA membership on this important committee and welcome questions or comments on our efforts at any time. ■

Report from the PI Committee

Dr. Rob Siemens  *Kingston, ON*
Chair, Patient Information Committee



As most of you are aware, the CUA Patient Information Committee has produced 50 brochures on various urologic subjects and procedures since November 2001, and we continue to review and revise the information to ensure that the bro-

chures are up-to-date and reflect the various practices across Canada.

The Committee is in the process of transferring and integrating some of this information to a web format to continue to provide CUA members with tools to help inform and educate their patients. We hope to have this website up early in the New Year.

We would like to remind you that there is a new process for ordering these brochures. The new order forms can be found on the CUA website www.cua.org under the Patient Information section. The form can be completed online and sent electronically if your computer has Adobe Acrobat Reader version 7.0 or later installed. Otherwise, you can print the form and send it, by mail or fax, to:

CUA Patient Information

1155 University, Suite 1155
Montréal, QC, H3B 3A7
Fax: 514 875-0205

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. ■



Upcoming Meetings of Interest in 2008

March 6-9

Prairie Urological Association, Lake Louise Alberta
www.urologyalberta.ca/pua-meetings.asp

March 13-16

State-of-the Art Urology, Marina del Rey, California
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/cme

March 26-29

Annual European Association of Urology Congress, Milan, Italy
www.eaumilan2008.org

April 9-12

American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons Annual Meeting, Naples, Florida
www.aagus.org



Report from the IT Committee

Dr. Michael McCormack, Chair, Information Technology Committee  *Montréal, QC*

The CUA website was created approximately ten years ago and has been a rallying point for CUA members and for many non-members via the internet. The content is first rate with membership information, meeting information, guidelines, patient information, newsletters and much more. Recently the CUA has also become the home of our new journal, the CUAJ. On the other hand, many changes have occurred on the internet during this time and the CUA Executive has decided to invest in a makeover of our pioneering website.

The CUA Information Technology Committee (ITC) has been mandated to explore different aspects of the website and to implement necessary changes over the next few months. I would like to briefly present here the overall plan for the CUA website development.

Firstly, the overall look of our website is in need of a makeover: the internet has evolved and so have the available aesthetic aspects of the web. The look of our website is important. Members should feel it to be professional and on a par with the website of any other major association. It is our intention to implement such a high calibre website and hope to have a new site in the near future. Moreover, the site should strive to be as bilingual as possible. This is not only important for our French-speaking members, but is a prerequisite if we are to attract new members from that community.

The second aspect we wish to develop is the UroInfo site. This area of our website is for our patients and their friends and families. Over the last few years the CUA has developed immensely useful brochures for our patients. Although the CUA website is mainly for members of the urologic community, the CUA Executive has decided to expand its role to improve our patients' and the public's understanding of urologic problems. The UroInfo site will be easily accessible via www.cua.org and by a direct link at www.uroinfo.ca.

The third aspect of the website that needs our attention is the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) area. This is probably one of the most critical areas of our mandate. Various internet technologies are now available, including webcasts, podcasts, RSS feeds, web-conferences and discussion boards. The CUA ITC is actively evaluating these technologies in order to offer the most useful ones to our membership. In this area the ITC will be working closely with the Continuing Professional Development Committee. The focus here will be CPD and not technologies: our role is to support CPD and to offer members the most convivial and efficient technologies available to meet this goal.

One last aspect of our work will be to develop a clear guideline in relation to other websites of interest to the urologic community. It is important for the CUA to develop and implement a clear philosophy in this area.

As you can see, the CUA IT Committee has ambitious plans for the next few months. We are confident that our work will be useful to CUA members. We would like to receive suggestions from CUA members, so please do not hesitate to send in your ideas.

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Message from CUOG

Dr. Fred Saad, Chair, CUOG  Montréal, QC



As the new chair of the Canadian Urologic Oncology Group (CUOG), it is my pleasure to give my CUA colleagues a brief overview of where CUOG has been and where we hope to go in the future. CUOG was founded in 1988 through the leader-

ship of Yves Fradet as its first Chair and Larry Goldenberg as Secretary. The subsequent chairs were Laurence Klotz (1995-2001) and Martin Gleave (2001-2007). In 2000 CUOG and NCIC-GU joined forces to form a single executive. This unified executive has allowed us to play a pivotal role in all aspects of GU clinical trials in Canada. The objective of this group was to have a national multidisciplinary body that would promote and carry out high-level research in urologic oncology. We are proud of the multidisciplinary composition of CUOG, with membership comprising urologists, radiation oncologists and medical oncologists as well as pathologists. The executive for 2007 is composed of urologists Fred Saad (Chair), Neil Fleshner (Secretary-Treasurer), Martin Gleave (Past Chair), Simon Tanguay, Jonathan Izawa, medical oncologists Lori Wood, Sébastien Hotte, Kim Chi, Wendy Paralukar (NCIC coordinator), and radiation oncologists Tom Pickles, Charles Catton, and Andrew Loblaw.

The organization quickly became a true co-operative group and a vehicle to get centres involved in practice-changing clinical trials. Several landmark studies have been led by CUOG, such as the neoadjuvant hormone therapy trials in localized prostate cancer and the placebo controlled trial in metastatic RCC. CUOG participation has been exemplary in pivotal trials such as TAX 327, which led to the approval of docetaxel in HRPc, as well as the ZOL 039 study which led to the approval of zoledronic acid in metastatic HRPc. CUOG, has also taken leadership roles in developing the basis for large multicentre trials now being run through the NCIC clinical trials group. The last year has been extremely exciting, with the launch of an international randomized trial headed by CUOG-NCIC comparing active surveillance to radical therapy in localized prostate cancer (START), as well as the completion of recruitment for the CUOG-led PR7 trial comparing intermittent vs. continuous hormone therapy in prostate cancer recurring after

radiation therapy. CUOG is also very involved in several studies using novel therapies for HRPc in the first- and second-line settings.

Another facet of CUOG has been to support research with the collaboration of industry through the funding of project grants (CUOG AstraZeneca grants), as well as fellowships (NCIC-CUOG-AstraZeneca fellowships, CUOG-Bayer RCC fellowships) and CUOG-CUA-Abbott research grants in prostate cancer. CUOG has collaborated with the CUA in the Surgical Wait Times Initiative, which led to recommendations for maximum wait times for patients with urologic cancers. CUOG also participates in retreats with CURC to address important issues in research and to promote collaboration among all fields of urologic research.

The future looks bright for CUOG, with new blood coming to the forefront of Canadian research. More and more investigator-initiated trials are going on through the CUOG network. With the collaboration of the DOG (disease-oriented groups) structure, ideas can be developed and matured to ensure the greatest chances of success. DOG groups include localized prostate cancer, advanced prostate cancer, kidney cancer, superficial TCC, invasive TCC and testis cancer. We invite everyone to come to these open meetings and submit proposals for trials to address important issues in uro-oncology.

The CUOG model is being used as an example of success in clinical research since it is clear that Canadian investigators consistently perform extremely well in the quality and quantity of patients put on trials. We look forward to increased CUA member involvement and ideas for the future. We invite you to visit our website, www.CUOG.org, for membership applications and to view some of the ongoing protocols.

Here is a list of CUOG-NCIC trials currently open in Canada, with the names of the Canadian Principal Investigators.

- PR-8: Continuous ADT vs intermittent ADT in metastatic prostate cancer: B. Donnelly
- BL-8: Adjuvant chemotherapy in high risk TCC: L. Wood/A. Aprikian
- CUOG-P-05: RCT Risedronate vs placebo for the prevention of androgen deprivation bone loss in non-metastatic prostate cancer: F. Saad



Upcoming Meetings of Interest in 2008

April 23-26

Annual Urogynecology and Disorders of the Female Pelvic Floor
Phoenix, Arizona
www.mayo.edu/cme/urology.html

May 17-22

American Urological Association Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
www.aaa2008.org

October 2-5

Asian Congress of Urology
New Delhi, India
www.acu2008.com

November 20-22

SIU World Uro-Oncology Update,
Santiago, Chile
www.siucongress.org



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- BL.11: BCG +/- Iressa in superficial TCC: L. Lacombe
- CUOG B-05: BMS/CUOG second-line bladder trial with vinflunine: E. Winquist
- CUOG-R-05: Role of delayed rx for early stage RCC: M. Jewett
- CUOG P-06a: Phase III trial of docetaxel +/- high dose calcitriol in HRPC: K. Chi
- CUOG/CURC CHICS Trial: L. Klotz
- CUOG P-06b: Phase II study of patupilone second-line in HRPC: K. Chi
- CUOG P-06c: Phase II study of OGX-011 + mitox vs OGX-011 + docetaxel as second-line chemotherapy in HRPC: F. Saad/E. Winquist
- PR.11: START: Surveillance vs intervention in early prostate cancer: L. Klotz
- PR.13/MRC PR.10: RADICALS: Radiotherapy and androgen deprivation in combination after local surgery. A randomized controlled trial in prostate cancer: C. Catton/F. Saad
- NCIC-CALGB 90203: NHT Taxotere in high-risk localized prostate cancer: M. Gleave
- NCIC-CALGB 90202: HT +/- zoledronic acid in hormone-naïve met prostate cancer: F. Saad
- NCIC-ECOG: RCC REC-2 adjuvant trial in high-risk RCC using postoperative sunitinib vs sorafenib vs placebo: M. Jewett/L. Wood

And trials about to start

- Phase II Study of SU011248 for maintenance therapy in HRPC after first-line chemotherapy: B. Eigl
- Second-line bladder study (single arm Abraxane): Y. Ko
- Randomized, placebo-controlled phase II Study of SU011248 plus Best Supportive Care (BSC) versus placebo plus BSC in patients with advanced urothelial carcinoma who have failed cisplatin-containing chemotherapy: T. Cheng
- Temsirolimus vs sorafenib metastatic RCC trial in suture failures: L. Wood/F. Saad ■

Where Are They Now?

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