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President's Report

Dr. Laurence Klotz ✶ Toronto, ON



The CUA Executive met in Montréal for an unprecedented one-day strategic planning retreat in January. The day was spent discussing the future direction of the Association. Here is a summary of our perspective.

We are the only national organization representing Canadian urology. Our 60-year history gives us a strong sense of tradition and generates loyalty among our members. We have a well-established and recognized set of "products," including the CUA Annual Meeting, *CUAJ*, the patient information brochures and clinical practice guidelines. These services are unique and well-differentiated from those of our neighbours.

The CUA has a superb tradition of volunteerism by its members. The leadership of the organization has attracted some of the most able and talented members from across Canada.

Like any organization, we have our challenges:

- The organization has not been active in many

aspects of urologic practice, such as fee schedule disparities and negotiation, public health advocacy, lobbying for federal and provincial resource allocation, and national manpower planning.

- Some urologists choose not to belong to the CUA. Some CUA members, especially those in community practice, do not identify strongly with the organization.
- We are dependent on industry support for our financial health.
- Changing patterns in the practice of urology may have downstream effects which are difficult to anticipate.

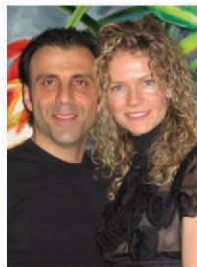
The following themes were felt to be priorities over the next 5 years:

1. Meeting the needs of both academic and community urologists;
2. Being involved in education and practice support;
3. Enhancing advocacy;
4. Seeking financial stability and sustainability; and
5. Differentiating ourselves while partnering with other national and international organizations.

The results of this strategic planning process will be presented to CUA members at the June meeting in Toronto. Members should plan to attend so that their voices may be heard. ✶

Join us in June 2009 in Toronto

Dr. Tony Finelli and Sky Naslenas ✶ Toronto, ON



On behalf of Dr. Laurence Klotz and the Local Organizing Committee, my wife, Sky, and I invite you to join us in Toronto for the CUA Annual Meeting, from June 28 to July 1, 2009. The meeting will be held at downtown Toronto's Westin Harbour Castle Hotel located on our harbourfront. The Welcome Reception will be

held at the state-of-the-art Four Seasons Centre for Performing Arts. The Monday night Fun Night will have a "Street Party" theme and will take place in the unique Distillery District. The Motown Boys will be performing and should have everyone dancing!

This year the President's Banquet will be held on the Tuesday evening at our host hotel. Humble from the "Humble and Fred Show" will emcee the evening and Maureen Kennedy will be performing with her jazz ensemble.

The Companion and Children's programs will offer a great experience for all. Kids can choose from a selection of fantastic day camps, Segway rides, and a choice of urban adventures including a visit to Canada's Wonderland. Companions will be invited to lunch at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, pre-book treatments at the renowned Stillwater Spa, or partake in leisurely activities of their choice (the newly re-designed Art Gallery of Ontario is a great place to start!).

We will round out the Social Program with a golf tournament on Wednesday at the internationally recognized course, Angus Glenn. Consider starting your summer vacation with us and stay on to enjoy Toronto's celebration of Canada Day. There is live music at City Hall culminating with a spectacular fireworks display.

See you in Toronto! ✶



64th Annual
Meeting of the
Canadian Urological
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June 28-July 1, 2009
Westin Harbour Castle
Hotel
Toronto, ON



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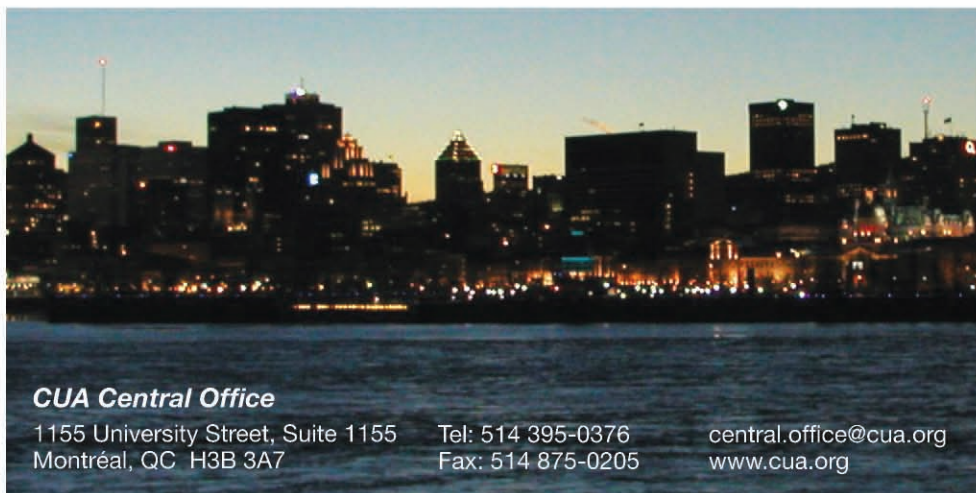
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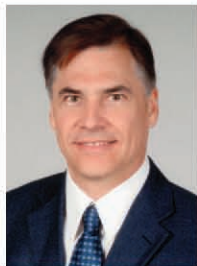
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Highlights from the 2009 Winter Executive Meeting

Dr. Denis Lavoie, Secretary ✿ Vernon, BC



Uniquely this year, the Executive Meeting was preceded by a full-day strategic planning workshop under the direction of Jane Cooke-Lauder of Bataleur Enterprises Inc. of Toronto. She is a consultant for health-related non-profit organizations. The objective of this workshop was to produce a roadmap for the CUA for the next 5 years so that we can better serve the needs of our members. We expect to present this plan to members at our Annual General Meeting in Toronto. Please plan to attend.

Following our strategic planning workshop, we had the opportunity to tour the Central Office. It was nice for us to visit with our hard-working staff and better understand the functions and processes of our administrative infrastructure. We then headed for dinner during which the CUA Executives had a chance to interact with and thank several of our Patron Sponsors.

The next morning, Dr. Laurence Klotz, called the Executive Meeting to order. One area of growth is the organization of the Annual Meeting. Every year, a new Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and a Scientific Program Committee (SPC) are formed to plan the content and format of the upcoming Annual Meeting. It has become apparent that we have not developed a turn-key mechanism or manual to assist these committees and pass on the experience of previous meeting committees. For this reason, the CUA has formed, the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, to oversee the organization of our Annual Meeting with a long-term perspective. This Committee is made up of the LOC and SPC Chairs of the preceding, current and following Annual Meetings under the leadership of the Vice-President Education and with the valued

input of our expert meeting planners at the Central Office.

The role of Health Councils within the CUA was discussed once again. Over the years, several Health Councils have been formed to address specific areas of interest, provide education and advise our partners in industry. Currently, the CUA has relationships with the Canadian Male Sexual Health Council, the Canadian Prostate Health Council and the Canadian Urology Research Consortium. Our bylaws impose membership and reporting obligations on these Councils which have been seen as onerous for them. As such, the Bylaws Committee has proposed that the Health Council designation be abolished in favour of having these organizations become Affiliates of the CUA for which the requirements are fewer.

Over the last year, much effort has gone into improving communication with our membership. This includes updating the format and content of this newsletter, a new website, and improved e-mail correspondence. It has become apparent that our contact information is incorrect for a significant portion of our members, primarily in the Senior and Candidate categories. To ensure that our roster information is current, we encourage all members to log in to our password-protected members-only web area (www.cua.org/cuamembership/) and update their profile.

After two full days of meetings, your CUA representatives were satisfied that much had been accomplished on your behalf with the goal of improving the practice of urology in Canada. We encourage you to avail yourself of all of the new services and opportunities that the CUA provides and to become involved in setting our course for the future. As always, your comments are welcomed (secretary@cua.org). ✿

CUA comes to PEI – June 2010

Dr. Jerzy Gajewski, President-Elect ✿ Halifax, NS

Dr. Ian Reid and Dr. Michael Mulligan, Local Organizing Committee Co-Chairs ✿ Charlottetown, PEI

Dr. Ricardo Rendon, Scientific Program Committee Chair ✿ Halifax, NS

Canada's smallest province looks forward to welcoming the first-ever visit of the Canadian Urological Association from June 27 – 30, 2010 in Charlottetown.

Many are already making plans to bring their families and extend their stay following the meeting. You can rent a water-front cottage within 30 minutes of the city, but early reservation is strongly recommended.

Most conference activities will take place at the beautiful and historic waterfront, near the scene of the meeting of the Fathers of Confederation that led to the birth of

Canada. The scientific program will run Sunday to Tuesday featuring experts in many aspects of urology from across Canada and around the world. Each evening's social event will give you another flavour of PEI and allow you to renew CUA acquaintances and make new ones.

For more information on PEI, go to www.peiplay.com.

We look forward to seeing you in Charlottetown in 2010. ✿





The 2009 CUA Scientific Program

Dr. Sender Herschorn & Dr. Neil Fleshner, Scientific Program Co-Chairs ✶ Toronto, ON



Scientific co-chairs, Dr. Neil Fleshner and Dr. Sender Herschorn

The Scientific Committee has been overwhelmed this year with a record number of submissions. Over 270 high quality abstracts were received not only from Canada but from the U.S. and other countries. Many excellent abstracts were reviewed covering a wide range of urologic topics.

We have invited 7 superb guest speakers who are known not only for their innovative ideas and contributions to our specialty but also for being excellent teachers and communicators.

The invited faculty in uro-oncology include **Dr. Jay Smith**, Professor and Chair at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, and **Dr. Peter Carroll**, Professor and Chair at the University of California in San Francisco. Dr. Smith will be giving the State-of-the-Art Lecture on bladder cancer, and Dr. Carroll will be giving one on prostate cancer. **Dr. Doug Canning** from the Children's Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania will give the lecture in pediatric urology. **Dr. Ralph Clayman**, Professor and Chair at the University of California at Irvine will give the Royal College Lecture on urologic education and the State-of-the-Art Lecture in stones and endourology. **Dr. Roger Dmochowski**, also from Vanderbilt University will give the lecture in female urology. **Dr. Tom Lue** from the University of California at San Francisco will present on priapism.

Dr. Steven Kaplan from Columbia University will speak on BPH/LUTS.

There will be 7 educational fora. Most of the guest speakers will participate in these sessions along with Canadian experts from across the country. The sessions will focus on topics in incontinence, pediatric urology, stones, non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer risk reduction in prostate cancer, advanced prostate cancer, and BPH/LUTS. All of these sessions will be clinically relevant and provide up-to-date information for patient care.

Many high quality submissions for the CUA Prize Essay award were received this year in prostate and bladder cancer, pediatrics, and laparoscopy. The winner will present his/her work at the meeting. This year there will be podium, moderated poster, moderated video, and unmoderated poster sessions.

All of this scientific and educational activity in advance of the 64th Annual Meeting of the CUA means that Canadian urology is in excellent health and has an exciting future. If are a practicing urologist or student at any level, this meeting is a "must-attend" for you.

Sunday, June 28

- 1100-1155 Opening Brunch
Exhibit Hall
- 1200-1205 Welcome
*Dr. Sender Herschorn and
Dr. Neil Fleshner*
- 1205-1245 **State-of-the-Art Lecture 1
Prostate Cancer:
Past, Present and Future**
Dr. Peter Carroll
- 1245-1345 **Podium Session 1: Oncology**
- 1345-1415 CUASF Lecture
Dr. Martin Gleave
- 1415-1440 Break in Exhibit Hall
- 1440-1510 **Royal College Lecture
Urologic Education:
The Changing Landscape**
Dr. Ralph Clayman

- 1510-1630 **Podium Session 2
Endourology/Laparoscopy**
- 1630-1645 **To Screen or not to Screen:
That is the Question**
Dr. Armen Aprikian
- 1800-2100 Welcome Reception

Monday, June 29

- 0700-0850 **Educational Forum 1**
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AstraZeneca, sanofi-aventis*
**Challenges and
Opportunities in Managing
Patients with Advanced
Prostate Cancer: Past,
Present, and Future**
Breakfast will be served
- 0850-0900 Sunday Program Highlights
- 0900-0930 **State-of-the-Art Lecture 2
Female Incontinence:
What is the Role of
the Urologist?**
Dr. Roger Dmochowski
- 0930-1000 Break in Exhibit Hall
- 1000-1050 **Educational Forum 2
Post-prostatectomy
Incontinence**
- 1050-1200 **Podium Session 3
Incontinence,
Reconstruction, ED, Post-
prostatectomy Problems**
- 1200-1300 Lunch in Exhibit Hall
- 1300-1310 **AUA Presidential Address**
Dr. Anton J. Bueschen
- 1310-1340 **State-of-the-Art Lecture 3
The Pathogenesis and
Management of Ischemic
and Non-Ischemic Priapism**
Dr. Tom Lue
- 1340-1410 **State-of-the-Art Lecture 4
Pediatric Undescended
Testis**
Dr. Doug Canning
- 1410-1500 **Educational Forum 3
Common Problems in
Pediatric Urology: How We
Manage Them**
- 1500-1530 Break in Exhibit Hall



- 1530-1630 Podium Session 4
Pediatric Urology
- 1530-1630 Podium Session 5
Oncology/MIS
- 1630-1730 Moderated Poster Sessions
- 1900-2300 CUA Fun Night

Tuesday, June 30

- 0700-0830 CUA Annual General Meeting
- 0830-0840 Monday Program Highlights
- 0840-0910 **State-of-the-Art Lecture 5**
Renal Urolithiasis: Treatment Update 2009
Dr. Ralph Clayman
- 0910-1000 **Educational Forum 4**
Stones
- 1000-1020 Break in Exhibit Hall
- 1020-1050 **State-of-the-Art Lecture 6**
How Radical Does Cystectomy for Bladder Cancer Need to Be?
Dr. Joseph Smith
- 1050-1150 **Podium Session 6**
Oncology
- 1150-1205 **CUA Historian's Lecture**
«Douse the Fires and Block the Bullets» A Short History of Male Contraception
Dr. Ian Davis
- 1205-1325 **Educational Forum 5**
*Supported by CUA Patron Sponsors:
GlaxoSmithKline and Merck Frosst*
New Developments in Prostate Cancer Risk Reduction
Lunch will be served
- 1325-1415 **Educational Forum 6**
Management of NMIBC
- 1415-1545 **Moderated Poster Sessions**
- 1545-1600 Break in Exhibit Hall
- 1600-1630 **State-of-the-Art Lecture 7**
BPH/LUTS
Dr. Steven Kaplan
- 1630-1720 **Educational Forum 7**
BPH/LUTS: New Approaches
- 1900-2300 President's Reception and Banquet

CUA and Affiliated Society Meetings

Friday, June 26

- 1800-2200 CUA Guidelines Committee

Saturday, June 27

- 0800-1200 Canadian Academy of Urological Surgeons (CAUS)
- 0830-1400 CUA Patient Information Committee (PIC)
- 0900-1100 CUA Finance Committee
- 0900-1700 4th Annual GU Medical Oncology
- 0930-1300 CUA Socioeconomic Committee
- 1000-1100 CUA IT Committee
- 1200-1700 CUA Executive Committee
- 1400-1700 Research Advisory Committee

Sunday, June 28

- 0700-0900 Canadian Urological Oncology Group (CUOG)
- 0700-1100 CUA Executive Committee
- 0800-1000 Canadian Endourology Group
- 0900-1200 CUOG Annual Meeting
- 1300-1700 Pediatric Urologists of Canada

Monday, June 29

- 0700-0900 Canadian Urological Research Consortium (CURC)
- 0800-1100 Canadian Male Sexual Health Council
- 1000-1200 Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation (CUASF) Scientific Council
- 1200-1300 Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU) Canadian Section
- 1200-1400 CUASF Administrative Council
- 1230-1400 CUA Nominating Committee
- 1600-1800 Urology Nurses of Canada

Tuesday, June 30

- 0700-0830 CUA Annual General Meeting
- 0830-1000 Council of Canadian University Urology Chairs (CCUUC)
- 0830-1030 Canadian Women in Urology
- 1200-1400 *Canadian Urological Association Journal (CUAJ) Editorial Board*



Members of the Local Organizing Committee CUA 2009

Tony Finelli and
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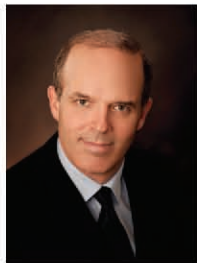
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Treasurer's Report

Dr. J. Stuart Oake, Treasurer ♦ Ottawa, ON



The global slowdown is upon us and has delivered significant financial challenges to the economy in general and also to our Association. Economic retraction has resulted in the pharmaceutical industry reassessing their marketing and industry support dollars. Our Association has responded to this challenge by revising our industry sponsorship agreement with the intent of optimizing industry support. Our 2009 annual revenue will be slightly less than 2008 as a direct reflection

of a much-broadened sponsorship agreement that is making our Association significantly more attractive to industry in general. The agreement will be expanded further in the years to come and this is a reflection of the CUA's flexibility and ability to provide improved return on investment for our industry partners.

The last year has thrown some significant financial challenges at the CUA. These challenges have included the financial implications of the expansion of the Office of Education, the initiation of the

CUAJ, and the negotiation with the SIU of a new cost-sharing arrangement. Sound financial planning has allowed the CUA to support these initiatives with financial confidence. The CUA's investment in these projects has resulted in a broadening revenue stream that will ultimately decrease our reliance on industry dollars, leading to improved self-sufficiency.

As a result of these new initiatives, as well as the current economic times in which we find ourselves, the Finance Committee is forecasting a moderate deficit for the 2009 financial year. We have been actively planning to correct this situation by improving efficiencies within all Divisions of the CUA and anticipate a short-lived deficit situation.

Thanks go out to the Central Office staff, Tiffany Pizioli (Director of Office of Education), Isabel Kolodny (Membership and Financial Services, CUA Central Office), and Sandy Wetstein (Neal, Pallett & Townsend Chartered Accountants) for their ongoing work and support on behalf of our Association. ♦

Nomination Process

Dr. James Metcalfe, Nominating Committee Chair ♦ Edmonton, AB



As Past-President of the CUA, I chair the Nominating Committee for 2009. The 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 2009

Vice-President of CUA

To replace Dr. Sender Herschorn
 (President for Banff in 2012)

Member-at-large – 3-year term

Two new members

1. from the Prairie provinces to replace Dr. Tim Wollin
2. from the Atlantic provinces to replace Dr. Tom Whelan

Socio-economic Committee Chair – 4-year term

To replace Dr. Neil Fleshner

Nominating Committee – 2-year term

Two new members

To replace Dr. Howard Evans and Dr. Robert Nam

Awards Committee – 1-year term

Two new members

To replace Dr. Yves Fradet and
 Dr. Michael Leonard

CUASF Administrative Council Chair – 4-year term

To replace Dr. Gerry Brock





News from the Central Office

Martine Coutu, Executive Director ♦ Montréal, QC

Since the last edition of the CUA Newsletter, the Central Office has updates in the following areas: AUA Meeting in Chicago, CUA Membership, CUA website and the Annual Meeting.

For the first time, booth space has been reserved at the upcoming AUA meeting in Chicago at the end of April. Promotional material, such as the CUA 2009 Announcement Brochure, CUA 2010 "save the date" notices, CUA membership brochure and *CUAJ* resources, will be available. If you are attending the AUA meeting, please be sure to stop by Booth #2626 and meet colleagues and Central Office representatives! The CUA Reception at AUA has been confirmed for Monday, April 27, 2009 at 19:30-21:30 at the Hilton Hotel – see page 9 for more details.

The major effort in the membership area in 2009 was put toward the implementation of a password protected Members-Only area in time for 2009 annual dues payment. This process presented a major challenge because of security concerns and the inherent complexity of the operation. Members are now able to review the history of

their payments over recent years, pay their annual dues by VISA or MasterCard and print the appropriate receipt.

The new "look" for the CUA website with mirrored bilingual content has now been active for about eight months. Maintenance, updating and improvement of content continue to represent a significant effort. In the Members-Only area, several additional functionalities are being considered, to include a membership directory, posting of "non-public" documents, surveys and a discussion forum.

Along with the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, the Central Office is working to establish and formalize standard procedures for the organization of the CUA Annual Meeting, including destination reviews, selection criteria, dates and format, industry support and meeting structure.

Planning for the upcoming Annual Meeting in Toronto from June 28 to July 1 is in full swing! We hope to see you there (www.cuameeting.org). ♦

CUA 2008 Edmonton Meeting Recap

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

I hope that all of you who attended have fond memories of the scientific and social programs. The 2008 Local Organizing Committee took great care in attending to every detail.

The meeting attracted 844 registrants. Attendance by CUA members was on par with prior years, while the number of industry colleagues was down, likely due to our location outside of Central Canada and the impact the new Rx&D guidelines on physician-industry interaction.

Our Scientific Program Co- Chairs, Dr. Tim Wollin and Dr. Michael Hobart delivered beyond expectations. A new format for academic sessions reserved podium presentations for guest speakers, while educational fora allowed for more in-depth exploration of various specific areas. All 253 accepted academic abstract submissions were presented in smaller group poster or video sessions to maximize discussion among participants.

When it came to the first-ever Canadian presentation of a live side-by-side prostate surgery, we held our breath! The surgeries were performed at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and broadcast in simulcast at the Shaw Convention Center. Open radical prostatectomy, performed by University of Alberta alumnus Dr. Gary Lieskovsky, was projected on one screen, while the DaVinci robotic prostatectomy by Dr. Tom Ahlering, working in an adjacent room, was projected on another. The 300 viewers had the unique experience of watching the robotic procedure in true 3-D projection. Many thanks go to the local organizing team, the Edmonton Center for the Advancement of Minimally Invasive Surgery, the regional health authority and industry sponsors.

The Shaw was the site of our Welcome Reception where floor-to-ceiling windows gave us a glorious view of the city. About 500 people attended the Fun-Night at Fort Edmonton Park, where enjoyed a great Alberta steak BBQ and a dance. Few of us will



The race is on for Dr. John Barry and Dr. Jim Metcalfe.

forget seeing AUA President, Dr. John Barry, challenging his former resident and CUA President, Dr. Jim Metcalfe, in a duel of eating ox balls (a contest won by Canada)!

At the Wednesday night President's Banquet, we were entertained by host Fred Keating and an ensemble of drummers and other performers. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the CUA Award to Dr. Denis Hosking of Winnipeg for his significant contributions to our Association over his career. The evening ended, with the traditional ceremony in which the Secretary transfers the CUA President's Medal from the retiring President to the incoming one. In his first official act as CUA President, Dr. Laurence Klotz bestowed the Past President's Medal on Dr. Jim Metcalfe. ♦



CUAJ: its successes and challenges

Dr. Armen Aprikian, Interim Editor-in-Chief ✶ Montréal, QC

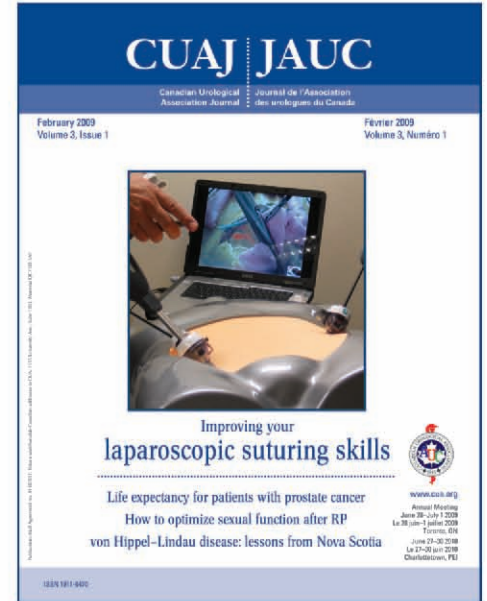
As interim editor-in-chief, I am happy to report that *CUAJ* is growing in editorial quality and diversity. The Journal has successfully completed its second year of publication, and is starting its third year with a wealth of scientific manuscripts. In 2008, *CUAJ* has met these goals:

1. Increased the number of manuscripts submitted by 50%. *CUAJ* is receiving papers covering a wide variety of urological sub-specialties and written by Canadian and international authors.
2. Met its publication deadlines and achieved consistent advertising revenue.
3. Decreased its publication lag. We continue to strive to be more efficient in our peer-review process, while ensuring a meticulous and comprehensive review for our authors.
4. Increased its pool of reviewers. The *CUAJ* reviewer list has almost doubled from its first year – this is a testament to the growing credibility of the Journal within the urological community.
5. Continued to ensure that its layout is user-friendly.

CUAJ is also creating a more user-friendly web presence on the CUA website (www.cua.org). You can access the Journal through the CUA site or through www.cuaj.ca. We have posted a comprehensive, one-stop support for authors. In this section, you will find:

- Instructions for authors
- Medical writing resources
- Reprint order form
- Instructions on writing a Letter to the Editor
- Manuscript submission checklist form
- FAQs

In the midst of this growth, we are also experiencing our own challenges. As you may be aware, the business of journal publishing has experienced a decrease in advertising revenue. This decrease stems from an overall decrease in journal advertising and a paucity of new drugs entering the market. In order to meet this challenge and maintain our financial growth, we have sought ways to diversify our revenue stream, by introducing more supplements, reprints, classified advertis-



ing and web banner advertising through the *CUAJ* electronic table of contents (e-TOC).

We look forward to the coming year and will continue to meet our objective of delivering high-quality and intellectually stimulating urological manuscripts. ✶

Ongoing CURC trials

Dr. John Grantmyre, Interim Chair ✶ Halifax, NS

The Canadian Urology Research Consortium (CURC) is a non-profit group offering clinical trials and associated infrastructure; it is open to all CUA members. Centralized pharmaceutical negotiations, in terms of study design and budget, are provided by CURC professionals and assistance is provided to researchers throughout the trial. CURC is closely linked with the Canadian Urology Oncology Group and some oncology trials are available through either group. As part of this close relationship we are happy to announce the C2R retreat which will be held in Montréal, September 25-27, 2009. This year's theme is "Tailoring Urologic Treatments to the Spectrum of Disease" and will be of interest to those involved in clinical trials or thinking about getting involved.

Current CURC trials recruiting subjects:

1. Multicentre, double-blind study comparing 0.5mg dutasteride vs. placebo daily in men receiving intermittent androgen ablation therapy for prostate cancer.
2. An open-label, phase II trial of maximum androgen blockage dose escalation from 50 mg to 150 mg bicalutamide (Casodex®) for biochemical failure in prostate cancer.
3. A randomized, double-blind, multicentre, phase II controlled trial assessing ZACTIMA (vandetanib) against placebo in prolonging the off-treatment interval in prostate cancer subjects undergoing intermittent androgen deprivation.
4. A multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind phase 3 trial of single-dose intravesical EOquin (Apaziquone) as a surgical adjuvant instilled in the early postoperative period in patients undergoing transurethral resection for noninvasive bladder cancer.

Those interested in participating in these or other CURC activities are encouraged to contact us at:

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The Continuing Growth of the OE

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



In June 2008, the Office of Education (OE) began its second year of activity. To date, many significant achievements have been made with the aim of better serving our members.

Under the OE umbrella, the Annual Meeting Planning Committee (AMPC) was launched in the fall of 2008. The Committee has a diverse membership including representation from the Central Office, Scientific Co-Chairs, Local Organizing Chairs, and Presidents from past, present and future Annual Meetings led by the VP-Education. The purpose of the AMPC is to discuss ways by which the Annual Meeting could be improved to better suit the needs of members. In the past few months, the Committee has reviewed the 2008 meeting survey and Central Office report, helped develop and review the Needs Assessment Survey, reviewed and suggested standards for speaker honoraria and travel expenses and discussed upcoming Meeting venues. At the recent Winter Executive meeting, it was proposed that the AMPC should become a Standing Committee, as defined in the CUA Bylaws. This proposal will be presented for membership consideration at our AGM in June.

The input from the newly formed AMPC was instrumental in creating the recent Needs Assessment Survey which was distributed to our Active Members in late fall 2008. This survey is a requirement for Royal College accreditation, and this year

we achieved a completion rate of about 35%, which is quite high for a survey of this type. Active Members were encouraged to complete the survey online with the incentive that seven lucky winners would enjoy a \$1,000 getaway at a Fairmont property. Congratulations to David Bell, David Eiley, Guy Girard, Filemon DeJesus, Joao Pippi Salle, Robert Thomas and Luc Valiquette!

Overall, the survey results indicate that members are satisfied with the CUA and consider it a valuable educational resource. With regards to the Annual Meeting, members have expressed interest in having a shorter 3-day meeting from Sunday to Tuesday. An overwhelming majority of survey respondents are happy with the traditional meeting dates – the fourth week of June. A significant minority indicated that they would prefer the Annual Meeting start on Friday and end on Sunday. The AMPC is currently reviewing the feasibility of this option considering our current contracts for upcoming venues and the impact on related meetings that traditionally have been scheduled on the Saturday and Sunday mornings prior to the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the Needs Assessment results, please contact the OE Director, Tiffany Pizioli at tiffany.pizioli@cua.org.

The OE has recently updated the Professional Development section of the CUA website in order to make it easier for members and industry to apply for Section 1 & 3 Accreditation. In the last year, the OE has increased the number of programs that it has accredited. The OE has also been the preferred accrediting body for regional

meetings, such as the New Brunswick Urology Meeting and the Prairie Urological Association Meeting. We encourage all members to seek accreditation for their meetings through our office. We are proud of our simplified and efficient process, our ready access to members via email, CUAJ, the CUA website, and a direct link to the Royal College MAINPORT site.

With an increase in programs to approve, the CPD Committee has welcomed Thomas Whelan (NB) and Scott Murray (ON) to the team. Part of initial tasks will be to review some important programs, such as the Self-Assessment Study Program (SASP) exam and the AUA Updates, and have these programs accredited in the Section 3 (Self-assessment) category so that members can take advantage of these Canadian equivalent credits and report them on MAINPORT.

Lastly, the OE remains a growing resource for many of our members who wish to organize a meeting through our office. The ability to provide a turnkey event organization package, including accreditation, at a competitive rate is heightened by the fact that members are exempt from taxes on these professional services since they are considered an extension of the CUA. To meet our ongoing growth, we have recently welcomed Nadia Pace as Project Manager. Nadia has 3 years experience organizing and executing the Annual Meeting and has developed strong relations with industry. We are confident that she will add to the success of the CUA Office of Education! ❁

Invitation

Dr. Laurence Klotz, CUA President, invites you to attend the
CANADIAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
at this year's AUA Annual Meeting in Chicago

Monday, April 27, 2009, 19:30 to 21:30
Hilton Chicago Hotel, Continental Ballroom A
A brief presentation will be made by Dr. Klotz at 20:00





Getting more resources for our patients

Dr. Rob Siemens ✶ Kingston, ON

Dr. Ben Chew ✶ Vancouver, BC

PIC Co-Chairs

The Patient Information Committee of the CUA continually strives to update information in both the brochures and website (www.UrolInfo.ca). The website provides distinctively Canadian content; it is important to note that the brochures were written and reviewed by CUA members without any input or funding from outside sources. The website also provides valuable links to sites that have been reviewed by the Committee and deemed to be unbiased and representative of the views of most CUA members.

As CUA member, we hope that you continue to order these free brochures (they can be ordered online at www.cua.org in

the Patient Information section). The order form can also be completed online, faxed to 514-875-0205 or mailed to:

CUA Patient Information Brochures
1155 University, Suite 1303
Montreal, QC, H3B 3A7

We encourage you to direct your patients to www.UrolInfo.ca.

We trust that you continue to find this CUA service beneficial to your patients. As always, your comments or suggestions are welcomed (pic@cua.org).

Online interactive PDFs

Dr. Mike McCormack, IT Committee Chair ✶ Montréal, QC

The IT Committee's work has been geared to making the CUA a 'paperless' organization. The website has been scanned and interactions involving Word documents and faxes have been transformed into online interactive PDFs. For example the "Membership Application Form" previously required printing a paper form, filling in the blanks and faxing the completed form to the CUA. The data on the faxed document was then manually copied into the CUA database. This process was slow, relatively inefficient and prone to error. Now an online PDF form can be filled out and submitted to the CUA with one click. Online interactive PDFs forms now include:

1. Membership Application Form
2. Candidate Membership Application Form for Residents
3. Profile Data Update Form
4. Order Form for CUA Patient Information Brochures

Private Members' Area: open for business

The private members' area on the CUA website is now set up and working. This private area is secure and requires member registration. Once inside the private members' area, different options are available: Contact Information and Dues Payment Modules are active and working. The Survey Module, Documents Module and the Discussion Boards are in progress and not yet activated.

- In the "Contact Information" area, members can verify their account information and make modifications anytime.
- Much time and effort was put into creating a secure online **Dues Payment Program** which is now up and running. Many members have already paid their 2009 dues online, reviewed their payment history and printed the appropriate official receipt.

The process is simple, efficient and, most importantly, secure.

Goals for 2009

In 2009, we plan to implement the Survey Module, Documents Module and the Discussion Boards in the private members' area. In the **Documents Module**, members will have the exclusive ability to print CUA Patient Information Brochures. This can be a useful option for members who do not wish to order paper pamphlets or keep inventory of rarely used titles.

The IT Committee would be happy to hear from you. Any suggestions for us? Contact us at itc@cua.org. ✶



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Bylaw changes for 2009

Dr. Jerzy Gajewski, Bylaws Committee Chair ❁ Halifax, NS

At the Winter Executive Meeting in January, three Bylaw changes were discussed and approved for presentation to members in Toronto. The first change relates to the creation of an Annual Meeting Planning Committee. A new Section VII (q) would read:

- (q) The Annual Meeting Planning Committee (AMPC)
- (i) The Annual Meeting Planning Committee shall consist of the Vice-President Education, the chairs of the Local Organizing Committees, of the past, present and upcoming Annual Meetings, the Scientific Chairs of the past, present and upcoming Annual Meetings, the President-Elect and the Secretary.
 - (ii) The chair shall be the Vice-President Education.
 - (iii) The AMPC shall be responsible for the long term planning of the Annual Meeting including recommendations to the Executive concerning:
 - A. future meeting venues
 - B. format of the Annual Meeting including its length, specific dates, and general outline
 - C. benefit rates for members contributing to the meeting
 - D. honoraria and benefits for guest speakers

The second major change would be the removal of Article XI concerning Health Councils. These would now become Affiliates Societies of the CUA, thereby resolving some issues that have occurred in the past. This also requires removal of references

to Health Councils in the roles of the Secretary and the Vice-President Education.

Finally, it is proposed to add the President-Elect and the Vice-President Education to the Finance Committee, whose composition would then be the President, the President-Elect, the Vice-President Education, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the chairs of the Local Organizing Committees for the two (2) forthcoming Annual Meetings, and the chair of the Administrative Council of the CUA Scholarship Foundation.

Your comments on these proposed changes would be appreciated (president-elect@cua.org). ❁



CUA Guidelines Under Development

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



The Guidelines Committee has been hard at work this past year reviewing and revising several existing guidelines and developing a number of new documents. According to the CUA Bylaws, all previously adopted guidelines require review every five years. The document on **Azoospermia** was revised by **Dr. Keith Jarvi** and the **Chemo- and Immunotherapy for Bladder Cancer** revision was led by **Dr. Wes Kassouf**.

The CUA Executive has decided that new guidelines and revised guidelines published previously will be posted on the CUA website for your review (http://www.cua.org/guidelines_e.asp) and no longer printed and mailed to each member as has been our practice until now. Members are encouraged to provide comment on these draft documents to the Guidelines Committee Chair (guidelines@cua.org).

New guidelines under development and the lead author(s) for each are listed below:

1. **Prostate Biopsy Methodology - Dr. Assaad El-Hakim**
2. **Renal Cystic Disease - Dr. Tom Whelan**

3. **Multicystic Dysplastic Kidney in the Neonate - Dr. Karen Psooy**
4. **ADT and Prostate Cancer - Dr. Martin Gleave and Dr. Fred Saad**
5. **Recurrent UTIs in Women - Dr. El-Dib and Dr. Anil Kapoor**
6. **BPH - Dr. Ryan Paterson, Dr. Tom Whelan and Dr. Hassan Razvi in collaboration with the Canadian Prostate Health Council**

In response to CUA members' requests, the Committee will also begin the process of developing draft guideline documents on **post-vasectomy care** and the **metabolic work-up of patients with recurrent urinary stone disease**.

I, along with the rest of the Committee (Dr. Marie-Paule Jammal, Dr. Anil Kapoor, Dr. Ryan Paterson, Dr. Tim Wollin, and Dr. Tom Whelan) wish to thank the many CUA members who have devoted their time and expertise to the drafting of these guidelines.

We welcome feedback from CUA members on these guidelines or suggestions for new guideline topics. ❁



Upcoming Meetings of Interest in 2009

April 25–30, 2009

American Urological
Association Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois
www.aua2009.org

May 29–June 2, 2009

American Society of Clinical
Oncology Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
www.asco.org

September 29–

October 3, 2009

International Continence
Society Annual Meeting
San Francisco, California
www.ics-meeting.com

October 25–29, 2009

Western Section of the
American Urological
Association
Las Vegas, Nevada
www.wsaua.org

November 1–5, 2009

30th Congress of the Société
Internationale d'Urologie
Shanghai, China
www.siucongress.org

Normand Sullivan MD, FRCSC (1941–2008)

We lost a Prince

Dr. Mostafa Elhilali ✶ Montréal, QC

We have been mourning the passing of a great friend and Past-President of the CUA. He had such a presence for over the past 3 decades that we still cannot believe he is gone. I was fortunate to know and work with Norm during all those years and, for that, I am very thankful. I tried to recruit him to academic urology at Sherbrooke University upon his return from a fellowship with Dr. Gil Vernet and Dr. Richard Turner-Warwick. I thought he would be a great asset to our department. He thought about it seriously, but told me that his calling was to serve the community in Sorel, which he did extremely well for 30 years.

Coming from a poor French farming family, Norm was recruited to enroll in the seminary to become a priest. "What a joke," he would say. He was too much of a "*bon vivant*" to go that route. Instead, he went on to become a doctor. He served in the army, stationed in Victoria B.C., to pay for his education. While in Victoria, he was able to learn English. After his 3 years of service, he moved to Montréal and started his training at McGill, which is where he met Ms. Marjorie Watts. Love became real for him and Norm and Marjorie embodied the perfect love story... right up until his very last breath.

Norm left his mark on every urological association he ever worked for. When I became President of the CUA in 1993, I gave him and Dr. Jack Sales the task of raising \$1 million for the CUA Scholarship Foundation (CUASF) over the next 3 years. They accomplished this before the deadline and this triumph was the beginning of the impact this program would have on many bright young Canadian urologists. We have him to thank for that! In addition to serving as President of the CUA, Norm was also President of Quebec Urological Association (QUA).

Although he had many successes, Norm could not just sit on his laurels while there was still a job to be done. Following the meeting of the Northeastern Section of the AUA in Cairo, Egypt, which we organized together in 1995, he decided, along with Dr. Datta Wagle and Dr. Jack Sales, to start a scholarship foundation for this NE section. Again, they were successful in achieving their goal. Since then, many scholarships have been awarded to young



Canadian and American urologists thanks to their efforts.

The last big hurrah was when Norm approached me and Dr. Luc Valiquette with the idea of hosting the 1997 meeting of the Société Internationale d'Urologie (SIU) in Montréal. Although we all worked very hard to make this happen, Norm was the real dynamo behind this initiative. Thanks to Norm and Marjorie, this meeting is still remembered as one of the best meetings ever of the SIU. The impact of this meeting was the turning point for the SIU – which has since been headquartered in Montréal for the past 10 years, with close ties to the CUA. The net profit of the 1997 SIU meeting (\$1 million) was donated to the CUASF (two-thirds of the amount) and the remaining third went to the QUA. We felt this was the best way to disperse the profits, and we were very pleased to do so.

We can be sure that all of these achievements earned him more than enough wings to be able to watch over us with his big smile and wonderful sense of humour. As president of the SIU and Past-President of the CUA, I would be very delighted to see one of the CUA scholarships named in his honour. I hope the CUA will consider this.

Finally, Norm was the life of any party and many of us have enjoyed being with him and Marjorie in many parts of the world, over the past 30 years. We have had lots of fun together – it was like a dream we never wanted to end. Alas, we cannot always get what we want. We lost our Prince Charming – but we have gained a Guardian Angel. ✶

Future CUA Meetings

2009 - June 28-July 1

Toronto
Ontario

2010 - June 27-30

Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island

2011 - June 19-22

Montréal
Québec

2012 - June 24-27

Banff
Alberta

2013 - June 23-26

Niagara Falls
Ontario

CUA members are invited to attend the following meetings:

Annual General Meetings of the CUA and the CUASF

Tuesday, June 30 at 7 am at
the Westin Harbour Castle
Hotel in Toronto