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President's Report

Dr. Jerzy Gajewski ✶ Halifax, NS



My election as CUA President is an honour – thank you to all CUA members! Your contributions to our Association are much appreciated.

Our Annual Meeting in Toronto provided interesting scientific sessions and social events. This year, we experimented with a shorter

meeting format, ending a day earlier than past meetings; this was received positively by registrants and sponsors. Congratulations to Dr. Laurence Klotz, the Scientific and Local Organizing Committees and the Central Office for making this meeting a success!

To address the rapidly changing environment in which we operate, the CUA Executive, under the leadership of Past-President Dr. Laurence Klotz, Secretary Dr. Denis Lavoie, and Treasurer Dr. Stuart Oake, developed a 5-year Strategic Plan. The following 7 objectives were put forward:

1. Develop and implement an education business plan that will meet the life-long needs of members and contribute to overall CUA revenue.
2. Develop and implement an advocacy business plan that will position the CUA as the voice of matters urological in Canada.
3. Develop and implement a publishing business plan that will support the CUA's education and advocacy initiatives and contribute to overall CUA revenue.
4. Develop and implement a practice support business plan that will be of value to the membership.
5. Develop and implement a member engagement/value strategy.
6. Develop a sustainable funding base, working with current partners to identify a broader range of revenue options.
7. Design and implement the appropriate organizational model.

This Strategic Plan was strongly supported and ratified by CUA members. My challenge as your President will be to implement this

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Treasurer's Report

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



Over the last 18 months, the CUA has been facing several new financial challenges, including: global economic retraction, changing industry requirements and our internal expansion. We are adapting to these challenges and are weathering the financial storm well.

The Finance Committee at its June 2009 meeting approved a projected \$50,000 budget deficit for this year, due to many factors relating to revenue and expenses. The preliminary numbers for the Toronto meeting have shown revenue over expenses that were greater than forecast; this, along with very robust revenues generating from the Office of Education, will likely improve our 2009 budget deficit forecast.

The CUA continues to broaden its revenue stream beyond industry sponsorship for our Annual Meeting. Our future financial health is very dependent on initiatives that allow revenue diversification. The Finance Committee views the Office of Education and CUAJ, our two most recent initiatives, as very high priority items for these reasons.

We will continue to expand our offering within our Industry Sponsorship Agreement, allowing us to maintain yearly support with healthy meeting surpluses. The concept of industry being annual sponsors of the CUA in totality, rather than being sponsors of the Annual Meeting alone, will be pursued further.

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

Charlottetown 2010

65th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Urological Association

Prince Edward Island
June 27-30, 2010





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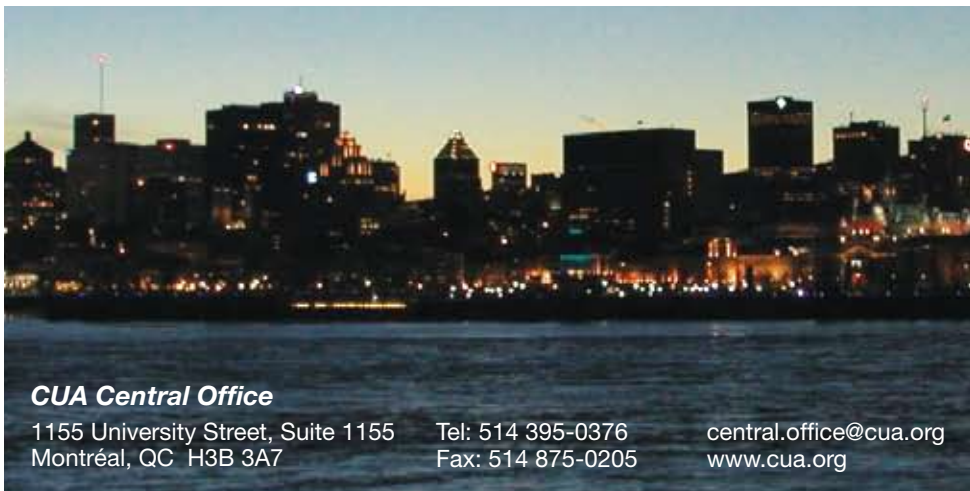
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2009 Summer Executive Meeting

Dr. Denis Lavoie ✿ Vernon, BC



Throughout the year, many CUA members serve in various capacities to develop and address the objectives of our Association. This includes urological education at every level in Canada: our patients (through the Patient Information brochures), the general public (via the UroInfo website at www.uroinfo.ca),

our medical colleagues (through practice guidelines and *CUAJ*) and urologists (through the Annual Meeting and the Office of Education). Our activities are supported by a team of expert administrators working out of our Central Office in Montréal under the leadership of Executive Director Martine Coutu.

The CUA Executive meets by teleconference every few months and comes together from across Canada 2 times a year: in late January and immediately preceding the Annual Meeting in June. This year, we met in Toronto for more than 8 hours spread over 2 ½ days, chaired by our President, Dr. Laurence Klotz.

The major initiative of the last year was the 2009-2014 CUA Strategic Plan which was developed through an inclusive and collaborative process that included a survey of members and non-member Canadian urologists. This Plan presents a 7-point action agenda that sets our course for the next 5 years. With this roadmap, we intend to elaborate and implement business plans supporting our objectives in education, advocacy, publishing and practice support while increasing member engagement, ensuring financial

sustainability and establishing the appropriate organizational model. The Plan was adopted wholeheartedly by the Executive and proposed for acceptance by members at the Annual General Meeting.

The remainder of our meeting addressed administrative affairs, including our bylaws, finances, website, patient information, membership and educational affairs. Our Treasurer, Dr. Stuart Oake, will report separately on the state of our finances in the face of new challenges resulting from a changed environment for sponsorship from our partners in industry. The Executive is working hard to ensure the fiscal viability of each of its divisions over the longer term, while seeking to improve the quality and delivery of urological care in Canada.

One item of new business was a proposal for formal affiliation with another CUA, the Chinese Urological Association. This relationship would seek to facilitate educational exchanges between our respective organizations and address other matters of common interest. Dr. Joseph Chin of London, Ontario is taking the lead in exploring this new association tentatively to be named the Norman Bethune Urological Society. A similar exchange program is being explored with our colleagues from the European Association of Urology.

Through Dr. Klotz, the Executive applauded the contribution of our support personnel and many members from across Canada, with special thanks to Dr. Armen Aprikian, who served as Interim Editor-in-Chief of *CUAJ* during his term as President. ✿

Future CUA Meetings

2010 - June 27-30
Charlottetown
Prince Edward Island

2011 - June 26-29
Montréal
Québec

2012 - June 24-27
Banff
Alberta

2013 - June 23-26
Niagara Falls
Ontario

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plan and ensure that our objectives are met in a timely manner.

Under the solid leadership of Dr. Peter Anderson, Tiffany Pizioli and Nadia Pace from the Office of Education (OE) have worked hard to address and exploit new challenges. I encourage members to contact the OE to learn how they can assist in the accreditation and organization of your next meeting.

The continued growth of *CUAJ* remains an important goal of the CUA. While Dr. Klotz served as President, Dr. Armen Aprikian took his place as Interim Editor-in-Chief. During this past year, the Journal had a marked increase in submissions, while it continued to fine-tune its referee process and develop a website (www.cuaj.ca). We welcome Dr. Klotz's return and thank Dr. Aprikian for his strong leadership. Editorial Director Josephine Sciortino, along with the *CUAJ* Task Force, is working hard to make the Journal financially sustainable. We are also pleased to inform

the urological community that the legal dispute with the *Canadian Journal of Urology* has been amicably settled out of court, to the satisfaction of both parties. Both journals will continue to be published under their current names.

The CUA scholarship fund (CUASF) is on solid ground under the shared leadership of Dr. Gerry Brock, Administrative Council Chair, and Dr. Martin Gleave, Research Council Chair.

Plans are well underway for the next Annual CUA meeting to be held June 27-30 2010 in beautiful Charlottetown, PEI. Dr. Ricardo Rendon, the Scientific Program Chair, promises stimulating and enriching presentations, with state-of-the-art lectures, educational forums and abstract-driven sessions showcasing cutting-edge urological research being done in Canada. I, along with Dr. Michael Mulligan and Dr. Ian Reid (our Local Organizing Committee Co-Chairs), look forward to seeing you there! ✿



Prince Edward Island – Proud Host of the 2010 CUA Annual Meeting

PEI has been called a summer vacation paradise, the Garden in the Gulf, the Cradle of Confederation and Canada's golf destination. Next summer, it will be known as the host of the CUA.

This is PEI's first opportunity to welcome Canada's fraternity of urologists, and we plan to do it right. The CUA Annual Meeting has a long-valued tradition of providing a great balance between a solid academic experience and an unforgettable, relaxed social program. This year both aspects will be exceptional.

PEI is the place to get outside, to walk the beaches and trails, to canoe, kayak, swim or fish the warm summer waters, to watch spectacular sunsets, to unwind and relax, to explore history and to dine on the best seafood in the world.

Transportation

- Air Canada offers direct flights from Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa and Toronto. Similarly, WestJet provides daily direct flights from Toronto.
- PEI is a 12-hour drive from Montréal, 8 hours from Québec City, 3 hours from Halifax, and 90 minutes from Moncton.

Accommodation

The Conference Hotel is the Delta Prince Edward Hotel. It is a four-star hotel on the waterfront. A block of rooms have been reserved, but are expected to sell out early. A host of hotels within walking distance of the Delta have also been contracted. In addition, a multitude of beautiful four-and five-star inns, cottages and bed and breakfasts are available. You can find out more about these options by going to www.peiplay.com.

Once again, book early to avoid disappointment. A tremendous turnout is expected. Many participants will stay a week, rent a cottage and make a vacation out of the trip. Others will be pampered in a beautiful inn.

Fun...Maritime Style!

Our meeting will feature many of PEI's attractions, such as fabulous food from local providers. Chef Michael Smith, host of the Food Network's *Chef at Large* and *Chef at Home* series, will be overseeing the menus for all 3 traditional events of the CUA: the Welcoming Reception, the Fun Night and the President's Banquet.

After a feast of lobster and other seafood delights, participants will be entertained by multiple East Coast Music Award winners Rawlins Cross at the Seaport waterfront venue.

At the President's Banquet, the Singing Strings will entertain during the meal as they meander among the tables. Mr. Lorne Elliot, Canadian comedian and past radio host of the CBC program *"Madly Off in All Directions"* will be our MC, with great Maritime humour.

PEI is proud to host this year's Annual Meeting. We plan to make it CUA's most memorable meeting. Please plan to come and stay a few extra days. Trust the Maritime air to leave you feeling relaxed and rejuvenated.

Mike and Sue Mulligan and Ian and Joan Reid/MacIsaac welcome you to our homes. We will show you Maritime and Island hospitality.

Book early! See you there! 🍁



Sue and Mike Mulligan are looking forward to seeing you in PEI.



Joan and Ian Reid welcome you to wonderful PEI.

Canoeing – another PEI pastime.



PEI's Confederation Bridge.



Cabot beach awaits you!





What's In Store for the 2010 Scientific Program?

Dr. Ricardo Rendon 🍁 Halifax, NS



The Scientific Committee is thrilled about the upcoming CUA meeting. The Scientific Program promises to be at the frontier of knowledge in urology. The program will include keynote presentations, plenary sessions, interactive educational forums, scientific sessions dedicated to the presentation and discussion of original urological research, a resident competition in laparoscopic surgical skills and a staff-based knowledge competition.

The list of guest speakers who have accepted to participate is impressive. They will take part through state-of-the-art lectures and interactive educational forums. This very impressive lineup includes:

- **Dr. David D. Diamond**
Associate Professor in Surgery (Urology), from Harvard Medical School and the Children's Hospital Boston, Boston, MA
- **Dr. Christopher P. Evans**
Professor and Chairman, Department of Urology, Urologic Surgical Oncology, from the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine, Sacramento, CA
- **Dr. Ann Gormley**
Professor of Surgery (Urology), from the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth College, Lebanon, NH

- **Dr. Margaret S. Pearle**
Professor of Urology and Internal Medicine, from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
- **Dr. Mack Roach III**
Professor, Radiation Oncology and Urology, Chairman, Department of Radiation Oncology, from the University of California, San Francisco and the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, San Francisco, CA
- **Dr. Claude Schulman**
Professor and Honorary Chairman, Department of Urology, from the University of Brussels, Brussels, Belgium
- **Dr. Fred Saad**
Professor of Surgery and Urology, University of Montréal, Director of Urologic Oncology, from the Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC
- **Dr. Urs E. Studer**
Professor and Chairman, Department of Urology, from the University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland
- **Dr. Timothy J. Wilt**
Professor of Medicine, from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine and Editor, Cochrane Review Group in Prostatic Diseases and Urologic Malignancies, Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research, Minneapolis, MN

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I look forward to seeing you in Charlottetown!

CUA's 2010 Scientific Committee

Chair:

Ricardo A. Rendon (Dalhousie University, Oncology/Laparoscopy)

Oncology:

Neil Fleshner (Past Co-chair, University of Toronto), Wassim Kassouf (McGill University), Peter Black (UBC) and Fred Saad (University of Montréal)

Pediatrics:

Dawn MacLellan and Peter Anderson (Dalhousie University) and Francois Bénard (Chair of the CUA CPD Committee, University of Montréal)

Female urology, reconstruction and general urology:

Neil Dwyer and Greg Bailly (Dalhousie University)

Endourology and laparoscopy:

Ryan Paterson (UBC)

Erectile dysfunction:

Anthony Bella (University of Ottawa)

Infertility:

John Grantmyre (Dalhousie University) 🍁

CUASF Scientific Committee Report

Dr. Martin Gleave 🍁 Vancouver, BC

3 new applications:

- Dr. Yves Caumartin, Laval University
- Dr. Vincent Fradet, Laval University (award, but no money due to grant overlap with Prostate Cancer Canada salary award)
- Dr. Alp Sener, University of Western Ontario

3 renewal applications:

- Dr. Peter Black, UBC
- Dr. Ethan Grober, University of Toronto
- Dr. Robert Sabbagh, University of Sherbrooke

Current Membership Scientific Council CUASF

Chair	Martin Gleave	2007-2011
Member	Kourosh Afshar	2007-2009
Member	Ken Pace	2009-2011
Member	Ricardo Rendon	2007-2009
Member	Darrel Drachenberg	2009-2011
Member	Robert Nam	2007-2009





Highlights from the 2009 Annual General Meeting

Dr. Denis Lavoie ✿ Vernon, BC

Every year, at the end of the Annual Meeting, we hold the CUA Annual General Meeting (AGM) for CUA members. The Executive reports on the various activities of the Association, presents a budget for the upcoming year and elects our Executive and Committee Chairs. This year's meeting was held Tuesday morning, June 30, 2009, at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto. The focus of the 2009 AGM was the proposed 2009-2014 Strategic Plan. This Plan defines CUA's goals for the next 5 years and was approved at the AGM. Our Strategic Plan can be viewed in the Documents section of the Members Only pages of the CUA website at www.cua.org.

CUA also accepted the applications of 75 new members, bringing our total roster to 838 members. Twenty-four members were struck from our membership for non-payment of dues.

We also took a moment of silence to acknowledge and remember 13 members who died during the past year, including Past-Presidents Dr. Alan Irvine and Dr. Normand Sullivan.

Proposed changes to our Bylaws were accepted. These changes include: changes in Committee membership; the formation of a new Annual Meeting Planning Committee to ensure continuity and quality assurance for future CUA Annual Meetings; and a change to the status of Health Councils to that of Affiliates of the CUA, thereby removing their requirement to provide regular reports on their budgets and activities.

Our Treasurer, Dr. Stuart Oake, updated us on the financial affairs of the CUA. While sponsorship from industry remains the primary source of revenue, the Office of Education is generating significant income over expenses such that it can contribute to other divisions of the CUA. The CUA faces financial challenges on several fronts: decreasing sponsorship revenue, increasing administrative costs and advertising revenue for *CUAJ* that has not yet achieved our target. Your Executive is committed to correcting this in the upcoming year.

The Guidelines and Patient Information Committees remain very productive and the results of their efforts can be accessed on the CUA website. These are 2 of the many CUA Committees comprising members from across Canada who serve the Association to further its broadening mandate. The contributions of these members are appreciated. If you wish to participate in Committees, please contact any Committee Chair or the CUA Secretary.

The AGM concluded with the election of a new Executive and various Committee Chairs under the leadership of incoming President Dr. Jerzy Gajewski, who invited all members to attend next year's Annual Meeting in Charlottetown, PEI, from June 27 to 30, 2010. ✿

CUA 2009 Prize Essay Winners

Dr. Sender Herschorn and Dr. Neil Fleshner, Co-chairs of the 2009 CUA Scientific Program ✿ Toronto, ON



There were 7 submissions for the prize essay. The winners are:

Basic: Sara Bouhout, Laval University

In vitro reconstruction of an autologous, watertight, and resistant vesical equivalent

Authors: Sara Bouhout, Emilie Perron, Genevieve Bernard, Robert Gauvin, David Methot-Langevin, Valerie Cattán, Gabrielle Ouellette, Stephane Bolduc, Université Laval, Québec, QC

Clinical: Claudio Jeldres, University of Montréal

A population-based study of skeletal morbidities associated with androgen deprivation therapy for prostate cancer
Author: Claudio Jeldres; Supervisor: Pierre Karakiewicz, Université de Montréal, QC

Clinical: Robert Hamilton, University of Toronto

Statin medication use and the risk of biochemical recurrence following radical prostatectomy: results from the SEARCH Database

Authors: Robert J. Hamilton (Division of Urology, Department of Surgery, University of Toronto, ON); Lionel L. Banez (Division of Urologic Surgery, Department of Surgery, Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, NC); William J. Aronson (Urology Section, Department of Surgery, Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Department of Urology, UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA); Martha K. Terris (Section of Urology, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Section of Urology, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA); Christopher J. Kane (Division of Urology, University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA); Joseph C. Presti Jr. (Department of Urology, Stanford University School of Medicine, Section of Urology, Veterans Affairs Medical Center Palo Alto, CA); Christopher L. Amling (Department of Urology, University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL); Stephen J. Freedland (Division of Urologic Surgery, Department of Surgery, Duke University School of Medicine, Section of Urology, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Durham, NC) ✿





Past Meeting Summary – CUA's Fun Night

Dr. Tony Finelli, Chair, Local Organizing Committee, 2009 🍁 *Toronto, ON*

As Chair of the Local Organizing Committee for CUA's 2009 Annual Meeting in Toronto, I have to admit that planning the social aspects of this meeting was both exhilarating and challenging! It all came together with the great work of Patty Djan and support of the CUA Central Office.

CUA's Fun Night definitely lived up to its reputation – and then some! Held at Toronto's historic Distillery District in the Fermenting Cellar, CUA Fun Night 2009 had all the ingredients for a memorable

evening: mardi-gras necklaces, great food stations in Toronto and a light and entertaining ambiance enhanced with music and entertainment by the MoTown Boys. Having partied on the dance floor myself, and looking at the pictures I know all of us had a great time!

Thanks for joining us in Toronto and we look forward to the upcoming meeting in PEI! 🍁





CUAJ: The Journal That Could

Dr. Laurence Klotz, Editor-in-Chief 🍁 Toronto, ON

On behalf of the *CUAJ* editorial board, we are pleased to announce that the legal dispute between the *Canadian Journal of Urology* and *CUAJ* is over. We are satisfied with this settlement and are continuing our “business as usual” motto.

Our Journal is thriving. We are still experiencing some challenges in our advertising revenues. One of our mandates this year, in conjunction with the CUA Strategic Plan, is to increase Journal revenue. In keeping with this aim, we are looking into expanding *CUAJ*'s advertising reach to include non-pharmaceutical firms. Our subscription and reprint business are also growing.

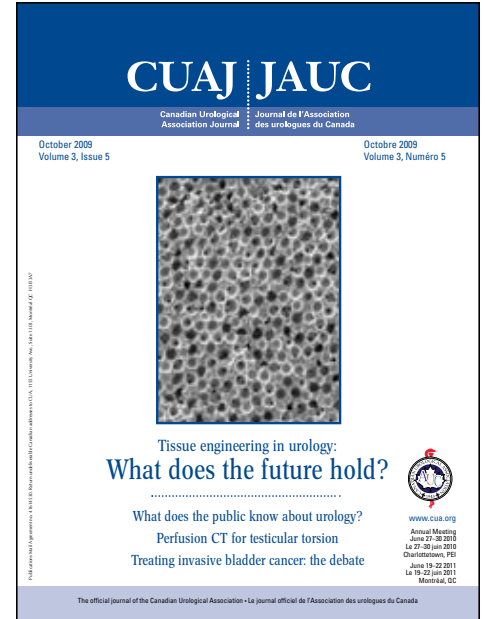
We are also revamping our existing website (www.cuaj.ca) to make it more interactive and dynamic – this will improve its usability and potential for web advertisements.

In addition to diversifying our revenue base, we have also decreased our expenses. The Journal is now published in-house, in collaboration with our scientific editor and desktop publisher.

This shift from contracting these services to the Canadian Medical Association to bringing the work in-house has been very cost-effective for the Journal.

Another item on our *CUAJ* agenda is the improvement of our peer-review process – both in quality and timeliness. We are in the process of developing a peer-review workshop with the Canadian Diabetes Association. We are planning to introduce the workshop at the CUA Annual Meeting in PEI in 2010. Stay tuned for more information.

This has been a challenging era for the medical publishing business, and the *CUAJ* is no different. The passion of the editorial team is alive and well, and we are moving forward with a combination of optimism and pragmatism. 🍁



PIC Brochures Can Now Be Downloaded!

Dr. Ben Chew, PIC Chair 🍁 Vancouver, BC

The Patient Information Committee of the CUA now offers patient information on the internet. Please direct your patients to www.uroinfo.ca. The website provides distinctively Canadian content written and reviewed by CUA members without input or funding from outside sources. We have included useful links to external sites that have been reviewed by the Committee and deemed to provide unbiased information representing views compatible with those of most CUA members.

The print versions of our patient brochures are still available free to members for distribution in your offices, clinics and hospitals. These brochures can be ordered online at www.cua.org in the Patient Information section. Given the many requests from members who wish to download and print CUA brochures, these brochures are available by logging into the Members Only section of the CUA website and clicking on “view documents.”

We are developing 5 new brochures on BPH, PSA, prostatitis, prostate cancer prevention and active surveillance of prostate cancer – these are scheduled for release in 2010.

We trust that you continue to find this CUA service beneficial to your patients. As always, your comments and suggestions regarding our products are welcome. 🍁

News from the OE: Access to Education on the CUA website

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



The newly appointed Annual Meeting Planning Committee (AMPC), managed by the Office of Education (OE), met for the first time in June 2009 during the Annual Meeting; a subsequent teleconference was held in September. The main purpose of these meetings is to fine-tune the existing procedures and logistics for the organization of the CUA Annual Meeting. A standard operating procedures manual will be developed by the Central Office; this will formalize procedures and ensure that the same

high meeting standards are met from year to year for each of CUA's departments: Central Office, OE, Scientific Program Committee, Local Organizing Committee and Local DMC (Destination Management Company).

This year, for the very first time during the CUA Annual Meeting in Toronto, the OE had complete jurisdiction over the Patron Sponsor Symposia, referred to as Educational Forums. The OE coordinated the planning committees for each of these events without any involvement from the pharmaceutical companies or their agencies, in accordance with the Royal College guidelines concerning accredited learning activities.

Another first for the CUA: Patron Sponsored Educational Forums, from the CUA Annual Meeting 2009 in Toronto, were recorded and are now webcasts posted online on the CUA website at www.cua.org. Members who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting are able to view these presentations, which are accredited activities within the Royal College Maintenance of Certification program.

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting, the OE also organized and accredited a symposium entitled "Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis: A Guide for Urologists," chaired by CUA member Dr. Luis Guerra from the University of Ottawa.

The OE successfully organized (for the second time), the Canadian Senior Urology Residents (CSUR) Meeting. This year the event was held at The Kingbridge Centre near Toronto and the course, chaired by Dr. Jerzy Gajewski and Dr. Greg Bailly, dealt with urodynamics. Course participants also had a chance to experience the thrill of Nascar.

Also in Toronto, the OE organized a course on Basic and Advanced Urology Laparoscopy Skills, which was chaired by Dr. Ken Pace and Dr. Walid Farhat.

More activities are in development with Science and Medicine Canada, under the guidance of Dr. Gerry Brock. These plans include the accreditation of three online modules focused on prostate cancer, erectile dysfunction and premature ejaculation. Each module will be offered in English and French. The programs are designed to challenge primary care physicians and urology residents (years 3 to 5).

The OE encourages you to seek accreditation through our office and to consider us as the starting place for the organization of your local or regional meeting. Please note that CUA members benefit from an exemption of taxes on these professional services. To learn about these accreditation options or how we can facilitate the organization of your future meetings, please contact: Nadia P. Pace, Project Manager, at nadia.pace@cua.org. 🍁



Dr. El-Hout at the Laparoscopy Course.



Dr. Diego Barrieras supervising Dr. Katherine Moore at the Laparoscopy Course.



CUOG: Collaboration at Work

Dr. Fred Saad ✶ Montréal, QC

At the CUA Annual Meeting in Toronto, the 2009 Canadian Urologic Oncology Group (CUOG) presented summaries and updates of many exciting clinical trials, both ongoing and upcoming. The field of research in urologic oncology is in full swing and CUOG members are extremely active on the local, national and international scenes.

Having fine-tuned the CUOG research model, we are also proud to see that this model is being adopted in the United States. With the collaboration of CUOG, the Society of Urologic Oncology (SUO) has created a clinical trials consortium largely based on our experience. CUOG has also become more involved in advocacy and education initiatives. CUOG collaborated with the patient support group, the Canadian Prostate Cancer Network (CPCN), in preparing and endorsing interactive patient education material in prostate cancer.

The organization has also worked with Canadian experts in kidney cancer to address issues in recognizing progression-free survival as a valid endpoint for approval of new therapies. This work was done in conjunction with the Canadian Oncology Society, which has worked on a similar project in colorectal cancer. CUOG will also be more involved in multidisciplinary continuing medical education (CME) and collaborate with planning the Issues & Controversies in Prostate Care (ICPC) meeting in February 2010. We hope that CUOG will eventually become a valuable source of CME in urologic oncology and a vehicle for increasing multidisciplinary interaction and collaboration in patient care. CUOG also worked with the Canadian Urology Research Consortium (CURC) on another successful CUOG and CURC retreat (C2R) that was both informative and thought-provoking on many important issues in urologic oncology.

Finally, as a follow-up to the surgical wait times initiative that was undertaken a couple of years ago, CUOG has now embarked on addressing issues related to improving outcomes in genitourinary cancer management. The first meeting was held in September 2009 with the participation of urologic oncologists from across Canada.

Several awards in urologic oncology were presented during our Annual Meeting in Toronto – see the recipient list below. These awards were made possible due to the collaboration with our industry partners. CUOG would like to thank AstraZeneca and Abbott Canada for their support. We congratulate all the grant and fellowship recipients for their excellent work and we encourage all CUOG members to submit awards for next year's round of awards. CUOG continues to work actively to generate more funding for innovative research in Canada. ✶

Recipient of the CUOG AstraZeneca Fellowship award of \$40,000 to support a fellow for post-graduate training in prostate cancer research:

Dr. Zeid AbuGhosh, UBC

Supervisors: Dr. Peter Black, Dr. Martin Gleave
Evaluation of a novel microfluidic device for the detection and isolation of circulating tumour cells (CTC) in patients with castrate resistant prostate cancer (CRPC)

Recipient of the CUOG AstraZeneca \$10,000 award to support research projects in prostate cancer:

Dr. Ingrid Labouda, University of Montréal

Supervisors: Dr. Fred Saad, Dr. Anne Marie Mes-Masson
Importance of the NF-κB alternative pathway in prostate cancer

Recipients of the CUOG Abbott \$10,000 awards to support research projects in prostate cancer:

Dr. Mariama Henry, University of Toronto

Supervisors: Dr. Neil Fleshner, Dr. Susan Done, Dr. Joan Sweet, Dr. Ted Brown

The importance of stromal-epithelial interaction in prostate cancer

Dr. Adrian Ishkanian, University of Toronto

Supervisor: Dr. Robert Bristow
Identification of candidate predictive biomarkers specific to intermediate risk prostate cancer, which may aid in prognostication and prediction of individual response to therapy

Dr. Harry Quon, University of Toronto

Supervisor: Dr. Andrew Loblaw
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Remembering Dr. Ted Elliott

Frederick George Elliott was born on September 27, 1951, and died May 5, 2009, at the age of 58, after his morning run.

Ted attended medical school at the University of Alberta, graduating in 1975, followed by a urology residency in Edmonton, which he completed in 1981. He then travelled to Indianapolis for his fellowship in urologic oncology. In 1982, Ted began practising urology in Calgary at Foothills Hospital, later moving over to Rockyview Hospital. For a number of years, he served as Division Chief for urology, and, for at least the past 20 years, he was also the Division's Director of Undergraduate Education.

Ted was a quiet and self-effacing pillar of wisdom, competence and integrity for the Calgary urology group, and truly for the many other physicians in Calgary who leaned on him for professional and personal guidance, and assistance in the operating room. He was an elegant and gifted surgeon, and completely unshakeable in the face of adversity or conflict. As a colleague, he was that special person who, when he was around, kept your blood pressure low and your spirits high. He had a terrific sense of humour, and was always keen to quote a line from Monty Python or Mel Brooks. Ted was a mentor to many of his colleagues and kept an open-door

policy for anyone wanting to discuss a case. Ted was also an inspiration to generations of medical students over the years. In recognition of his mentorship and achievements, the Ted Elliott Memorial Scholarship was established to honour his legacy. Donations have poured in from around the province and from numerous hospital departments.

With all of these accolades stated, Ted's identity was first and foremost defined by his dedication to his family. He was a devoted husband to his wife Bev, to whom he was married for 26 years, and a doting father to his 3 wonderful kids— Kevin, Graham and Meaghan. He spent time helping with homework, coaching, refereeing and watching countless hockey, soccer and ringette games; he was happy just being with his family. Ted was an active sports enthusiast, whether it was playing hockey or cheering on his Calgary Flames. Ted and his siblings shared a cabin in Jasper, and this was a family sanctuary for them. One of their joys was just spending time together with nature.

Ted will be missed by all of those who knew and loved him.

Warmly and respectfully, Kevin Carlson 🍂

Tribute to Dr. Hjalmar Johnson

Witty. Clever. Caring. Shy. Honest. Collegial. Pioneer. Devoted. Respected. Kind. Prankster. Mentor. How often does one have the privilege to know an individual with all of these attributes? We were blessed with such a man, Dr. Hjalmar W. Johnson. Sadly, he passed away on May 13, 2009, at the age of 78.

Hjalmar was born October 18, 1930, in the Icelandic community of Riverton, near Lake Winnipeg. He was very proud of his Icelandic heritage. He graduated from the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine in 1956 and became a family doctor on Saltspring Island, where he began a lifetime friendship with Dr. John Ankenman. It was John who eventually convinced Hjalmar to pursue a career in urology; Hjalmar joined the residency program at UBC under the chairmanship of Dr. John Balfour. After completing his residency in 1964, he was one of the first physicians in Canada to pursue additional fellowship training in pediatric urology at both the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children in London, England.

Dr. Johnson was appointed Clinical Instructor in 1968 and was the first Head of the Division of Pediatric Urology for

UBC. Under his leadership, UBC established the care of childhood urological diseases as a distinct subspecialty in BC. He served dutifully as the UBC Department of Surgery Director of Research and Director of the MSc program and interim chairman of urology during 2 periods in the history of our division. Dr. Johnson retired from active clinical practice in 1996, but continued to contribute as mentor and teacher to students and residents, and always attended urology's social and academic functions.

Dr. Johnson's dedication to his profession went beyond UBC. He was a founding member of the Pediatric Urologists of Canada (PUC) and of the Pacific Rim Association of Pediatric Urologists (PRIAPUS). He was actively involved in the CUA, the Western Section of the AUA and the Northwest Urological Association.

Through all this, his first and foremost priorities were his family, whom he dearly loved – wife Lorna, daughters Lynn and Karen, son Jeff and his 2 grandsons, Kris and Jorgen. He was a true friend and always sincere. When he was not busy in medicine, he loved to follow his beloved Canucks hockey team



From left to right: Zeke Perler, John Ankenman, Hjalmar Johnson, Gerry Coleman, Lorne Sullivan and Roger Sutton.

and spent as much time as possible pursuing his love of golf at Shaughnessy Golf club.

Many of us will remember Hjalmar as a joker! John Ankenman wrote the following after the memorial service: "His pranks were legend and some I could tell you privately but not put on paper. I will never forget the rainy day when John Balfour walked out of the hospital with the director of nursing, put up his umbrella and showered her with condoms. Like the Queen she was not amused."

Hjalmar, thanks for the memories! You will be deeply missed by your family, friends, colleagues and so many former patients who benefited from your care and skills.

Warmly and respectfully, Larry Goldenberg 🍂



Looking down at the city of Davos, Switzerland, site of the European Urology Forum 2010.

Upcoming Meetings of Interest in 2010

January 8-9, 2010

AUA LESS in Urology: A Comprehensive Course on Laparoendoscopic Single-Site Surgery
Los Angeles, CA
1-800-908-9414
www.AUAnet.org

January 21-23 2010

AUA Robotic and Advanced Laparoscopic Urologic Oncology: Curing Cancer through Technology and Skill
Orange, CA
1-800-908-9414
www.AUAnet.org

February 13-17, 2010

European Urology Forum 2010
Davos, Switzerland
davos2010.uroweb.org

May 29- June 3, 2010

AUA Annual Meeting
San Francisco, CA
www.aua2010.org

June 10-16, 2010

AUA Basic Sciences for Urology Residents
Charlottesville, VA
1-800-908-9414
www.AUAnet.org

August 23-27, 2010

Joint Annual Meeting of the International Continence Society (ICS) & the International Urogynecological Association (IUGA)
Montréal, QC
www.ics-iuga.com

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