



# SOGC NEWS

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## ALARM International: Reflections from Asia

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My first exposure to ALARM International was in Winnipeg, in 2002 where I attended an information meeting. Dr. Ferd Pauls, Chairman of the ALARM International Committee, introduced us to the ALARM International Programme that had been done in Kosovo, Uganda, Haiti and Ethiopia and where it might be going. At the end of the meeting, he asked interested Canadian ALARM faculty to sign up. Thinking this would be a long shot, I signed the paper.

I received an e-mail from the SOGC office asking if I would be willing to join a team, led by Dr. George Carson, to Indonesia and the

Philippines in February 2002. I accepted and then waited. Due to political unrest in both countries, the trip was postponed in December 2002 and a new date was not identified until Summer 2003. Another e-mail was sent: would I consider going in September? Although the timing was not perfect, I decided to accept. After many e-mails and late nights, I left for my first assignment with ALARM International

on September 11, 2003.

The world has changed and as I cleared American customs in Calgary, we observed a moment of silence, in memory of all those who died two years before in the United States. As I stood in silence, I wondered if I would be safe as both Indonesia and the Philippines have noted ongoing terrorist activity. Quickly, I banished the thoughts as the bagpipes played Amazing Grace and instead of being afraid, I decided to travel with confidence. Our host countries had assured us our safety with careful selection of the venue for the ALARM International Programme.

Upon arrival in Indonesia, and fighting the urge to sleep, I met the rest of the Canadian faculty, Drs. George Carson, Thirza Smith, Ferd Pauls and Eileen Hutton who would also be my traveling companions for the next two weeks. We also met our Indonesian hosts and faculty.

The Indonesians were committed to the programme and the week ended with us as friends. The participants, 36 Ob/gyns, thanked us over and over for coming. The Obstetric residents who had been conscripted to help with the organization of the course said they would wait for the next course when we come back, but they really would

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## National Volunteer Week,

from April 18-24, designates a special time to recognize and celebrate the tremendous efforts of volunteers. The SOGC would like to take this opportunity to highlight our volunteers and to support local, national or international volunteer initiatives in which our members participate. Whether you help build and strengthen SOGC initiatives, those of your community or those abroad, we thank you for your important contributions.

People who donate their time and energy are vital to the identity and values of our country. May the National Volunteer Week inspire and encourage others to follow in your steps.

**We see diamonds as a perfect symbol of volunteers - precious and brilliant. Join us for our Diamond Anniversary Fundraising Gala during this year's ACM in Edmonton to celebrate past and present achievements of those individuals and groups who dedicate themselves to women's health!**

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<b>Corresponding Member</b>	<b>Senator Lucie Pèpin</b> Senate of Canada Ottawa, ON

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have liked to have taken it on this visit. For myself, the value was in seeing the institutions in which these committed physicians work in the context of their communities and beginning to appreciate the challenges faced in trying to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity.

Our next stop was Manila, Philippines. As we filled the van with suitcases and mannequins, I wondered how this experience would compare to our previous week. Both Jakarta and Manila have populations of approximately 12 - 13 million inhabitants, streets filled with cycles, scooters, bike-taxis, and people. But although similar, both cities had very distinct characteristics.

Filipino's are fun loving people and when the work was done each day, they then introduced us to the fun they have. Although maternal mortality is one of the highest in Asia, the Department of Health (DOH) is interested in

attempting to reduce the numbers. In support and maybe out of curiosity, all the physicians in the DOH involved in maternal health were sent to take the course, which had a final enrollment of 42, including midwives, obstetricians and the community health physicians.

Today, I am leaving India, having just completed participating in two ALARM International programmes in Pune and Lucknow. They were truly international courses as our faculty team also included an obstetrician from Sweden and a midwife from Denmark. So with Dr. Pauls as our Canadian co-chair, Ms. Suzanne Plourde from the SOGC office, Dr. Lenka Cerovsky and myself, we joined three Indian faculty from the corners of India, and our Nordic partners. Within a few days, we were a team, and it mattered little from where we had come. Both courses had about 30 participants and again, all were enthusiastic. As in all the other courses, three to four of the faculty are from the host country, who are encouraged to come to Canada and take the ALARM programme. This ensures that they have an understanding of the course content and schedule.

At the final meeting, we were introduced to a new mnemonic for ALARM, Indian style. The Indians said they:

**A** - Accepted the challenge to try to make a difference in maternal and neonatal mortality through the ALARM course.

**L** - Loved the ALARM course.

**A** - Appreciated the content of the course and the Canadian faculty who have come to work with us.

**R** - Reassured that with knowledge, maternal mortality can be improved.

**M** - Mandatory - ALARM should be mandatory for everyone practicing obstetrics.

In reflecting on my experience as a faculty on four ALARM International courses, the Indian mnemonic reflects the experience of participants in Indonesia and the Philippines as well. The course is cooperative within the host countries and is also sensitive to the resource issues they face. That said, they were eager to know what the standards are in Canada, because only then can they lobby their governments for better standards. The ALARM International Programme has proven to be an effective tool and with the International Women's Health Division at the SOGC, more initiatives will be forthcoming.

If you have thought of traveling in the context of International Women's Health, I encourage you to consider becoming involved with ALARM International. Friendships are formed and lives are touched in ways that will change your own life perspective forever. For more information contact Ms. Suzanne Plourde at splourde@sogc.com or 1-800-561-2416, ext. 241.



ALARM International Faculty, Lucknow, India



## Recognition Award

*Congratulations to Ms. Liette Perron, International Women's Health Programme Manager, for five years of dedicated service to the SOGC!*

# The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada: Celebrating 60 Years of Success

## SOGC Past Presidents (1962-1968)

**1 - Dr. A.H. MacLennan** was elected to serve as the SOGC's nineteenth President from 1962 to 1963. A year prior to his term, Dr. MacLennan had been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of preparing a brief on obstetrics and gynaecology for the Royal Commission on Health Services. While he was in office, important developments took place concerning the relationship between the Society and The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). As President of the SOGC, Dr. MacLennan was invited to attend ACOG's Annual Meeting. In addition, not only could SOGC and ACOG members attend each other's meetings, but ACOG would send its newsletter to all the members of SOGC. Dr. MacLennan later reported that Dr. Judd, the President of ACOG, had acknowledged that in the future, the President of SOGC would be invited to attend meetings of a Committee comprising of the presidents of obstetrical and gynaecological organizations. Also noteworthy is a second invitation received by Council, whereby the pharmaceutical company Ortho offered the SOGC a tour of its plant and a cocktail party. However, even though Ortho had been funding the prestigious Society Award for over a decade, Council decided not to accept any invitation from a commercial firm.

**2 - Dr. Carl Tupper** served as the SOGC's twentieth President from 1963 to 1964. During his term, two important government related questions preoccupied the Society. Just prior to the June 1963 Meeting, it was resolved that the Society exhort the Minister of Health and Welfare to extend every effort toward making federal funds available towards research into obstetrics and gynaecology. During the June 1964 meeting, it was moved that if seen fit, members should write to their MP offering their support and approval of the Private Member's Bill calling for the lifting of the law that criminalized the prescription of contraceptives.

On a different note, towards the end of the same meeting, Dr. Tupper suggested that the Society's Programme Committee invite some of the "Charge Nurses" to the next Annual Meeting and that in the future, Council consider inviting a nurse to take part in the programme.

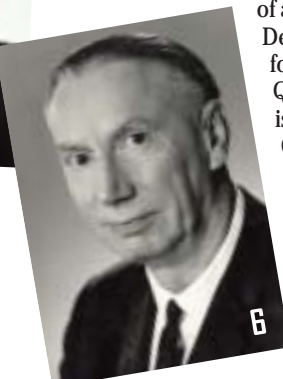
**3 - Dr. K.T. MacFarlane**, who sat on the Executive Board of the Canadian Gynaecological Society (CGS) in 1944 as it was setting the stage for the foundation of the SOGC, served as the Society's twenty-first President from 1964 to 1965. During the June 1965 Meeting, Dr. MacFarlane took a definitive stance in regards to the ongoing question of the impractical rule requiring applicants for membership to submit a paper. He felt that the Society's system of admissions was unsatisfactory, that many of the papers submitted were inadequate and that the SOGC had outgrown the title "socially elite society". The creation of an Admission Committee would be the solution to uphold the notion of membership being worthwhile. A motion was then put forward and carried to the effect that the President be empowered to select a committee to review the criteria for membership. It was also decided that policies concerning the Nominating Committee should be reviewed. This was done in order to preclude situations where certain members of Council held office for what appeared to be an unnecessarily long time. On a historical perspective, it is interesting to note that

when Dr. MacFarlane attended ACOG's Annual Meeting, he did so as a representative of both the SOGC and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and presented the new Canadian flag. It was recorded that afterwards, Dr. MacFarlane received numerous congratulations "to your country for getting a flag."

**4 - Dr. P.E. Meunier**, served as the twenty-second President of the SOGC from 1965 to 1966. At the end of his term, during the June 1966 business meeting, a motion eliminating the mandatory submission of a paper was finally carried. This motion, which was presented in the form of an amendment to Bylaw 7 (c), required changes to the Society's constitution. The SOGC continued to grow financially. Increasing sums of money required management and it was therefore decided to acquire the services of a firm of chartered accountants to conduct yearly audits and prepare yearly statements.

**5 - Dr. Frank P. McInnis**, was the SOGC's twenty-third President from 1966-1967. He immediately declared that he would represent all members, "from Red Deer to Saint John." Dr. McInnis had been a particularly active member of the SOGC having held for a decade the very crucial position of Honorary Secretary. It was stated at the 1964 meeting, that the SOGC owed Dr. McInnis a great debt of gratitude for his tremendous work and in many ways he had been instrumental in the growth and success of the Society. As it had been previously decided that with the exception of the Ortho-funded Society Award, SOGC would not accept funds from pharmaceutical companies, Dr. McInnis rejected an offer by the Hoffman, Delroche pharmaceutical firm to hold a wine and cheese party at the SOGC's 1967 Annual Meeting. He did however, suggest that they be approached to finance a simultaneous translation service for the following year's annual meeting. Eventually, the Elliot Marion Company accepted this offer.

**6 - Dr. E.S. Hobbs** was elected to serve as the twenty-fourth President of the SOGC, from 1967 to 1968. During his term, two particularly important Committees were appointed, one with the aim of advising the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) on the need for paramedical personnel in the area of obstetrics and gynaecology in Canada, and a second, the Development Committee, with the objective of defining the role of the Society and the specialty in Canadian medicine as well as the establishment of a direct link with the federal government. The Development Committee would be divided in four regional committees, the West, Ontario, Québec and the Maritimes. Also noteworthy is the decision to set-up a research registry. On a controversial note, the topics of contraception and therapeutic abortion and their related legislation were of great interest at the June 1968 Meeting. It was moved and carried that the Society go on record as in favour of the removal of the section of the Criminal Code that made it illegal to sell or offer contraceptive advice.



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# Annual Clinical Meeting (ACM) 2004 – June 25–29 Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence in Edmonton!

## 60 reasons to attend the ACM 2004

**60 Scientific Programme Sessions are offered to you** (at time of print)!

- 9 International Symposia
  - 2 Breakfast Symposia
  - 2 Luncheon Symposia
  - 9 Post Graduate Courses
  - 20 Best Practice Sessions
  - 7 Sub-Specialty Meetings
  - 2 Concurrent Sessions: International Women's HealthDay or Abstract Day
  - 2 days of GOC Sessions
  - 2 Exhibit Days presenting the recent pharmaceutical innovations, products and services
  - Annual Business Meeting
  - Stump the Professor
  - Cannell Lecture
  - AWARDS Ceremony
  - ALARM Course (preconference course)
- Please consult the Preliminary Programme or the ACM Web site ([www.sogc.org](http://www.sogc.org)) for more details and to register.

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60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 26

## For Women as Precious as Diamonds!



Alberta food, entertainment, great memories, networking and fun will highlight this wonderful evening where we will celebrate together 60 years of SOGC's successes. The proceeds of this event will be remitted to the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health.

**More than 60 social activities are available in the Edmonton area**

- 4 restaurants are awaiting you on June 25 for the Dining Out Experience: Madison's, Chance, La Ronde and Sorrentino's Restaurant
- 3 famous Edmonton attractions are part of the Sunday afternoon activities on June 27: West Edmonton Mall, Fort Edmonton Park and Odysseum Museum
- 18 holes of fun for the Golf activity on June 27
- 2 companion activities: one Botanical Trip on June 25 and one at Ukrainian Village on June 26
- One Resident Fun Night on June 28 or more if you want...
- 10 days of Jazz City Music Festival (from June 25 to July 4)
- 6 museums that could be visited: Alberta Aviation Museum, Alberta Railway Museum, Edmonton Art Gallery, John Walter Museum, Reynolds Alberta Museum and the Provincial Museum of Alberta
- A tour on the Edmonton Queen Riverboat
- A family activity at the Valley Zoo
- A visit to the Strathcona Historic Area
- River Valley Parks and trails to jog, hike and bike
- 12 suggestions to visit the mountains:
  - (Near Jasper): Maligne Canyon, Athabasca Falls and Canyons, Sunwapta Falls, Maligne Lake, golfing at Jasper Park Lodge, Columbia Icefields.
  - (Near Banff and Lake Louise): Banff Avenue, Johnson's Canyon, Lake Louise, Silvertip Golf Course and Stewart Creek Golf Course in Canmore as well as Kananaskis Golf Club in Kananaskis

## Book your hotel room soon!

### Westin Edmonton – Host Hotel

- Standard room: \$139 S/D occupancy
- Deluxe room: \$184 S/D occupancy
- Phone Number: 1-800-WESTIN1 (1-800-937-8461)
- Group Code: SOGC

### Fairmont Hotel MacDonald - Limited number of hotel rooms

- Fairmont: \$145 S/D occupancy
- Fairmont View: \$165 S/D occupancy
- Deluxe: \$185 S/D occupancy
- Deluxe View: \$195 S/D occupancy
- Phone Number: 1-800-441-1414
- Group code: SOGC

### Sutton Place (formerly known as Sheraton Grande Edmonton)

- Limited number of hotel rooms**
- Deluxe Room: \$129.00 S/D occupancy
  - Club Floor Level: \$164.00 S/D occupancy
  - Phone Number: 1-866-378-8866 and local phone 780-428-7111
  - SOGC group code: SOOG062104

### Don't miss the May 14 deadline

- For the hotel reservations
- For the early bird registration
- For the social/leisure and companion programmes

# The 17<sup>th</sup> Quebec CME

September 23 - 25 at Hotel  
Fairmont Tremblant (in collaboration  
with the AOGQ)



## Scientific Programme

The scientific programme is being developed with the specific goal to meet the needs of specialists, family physicians, nurses and midwives who offer healthcare services to women. The topics to be presented are being chosen from members' needs assessments, completed at previous SOGC CME meetings.

Details of the scientific programme will be outlined in the Preliminary Programme which will be sent to you in June. You will also be able to review this information on the SOGC Web site at: [www.sogc.org/conferences/quebec/index\\_e.shtml](http://www.sogc.org/conferences/quebec/index_e.shtml) at that time.

**For hotel reservations at the Hotel Fairmont Tremblant, please call 1-800-441-1414. Remember to quote SOGC Group Code: SOGC 4**

## Rates:

- Fairmont Room: \$199.00 S/D occupancy
- Fairmont Deluxe Room: \$249.00 S/D occupancy

Hotel cut-off date:  
August 16, 2004

Hotel cancellation policy: Cancellation of individual reservations up to 72 hours prior to arrival is accepted.

Be sure to check your mail in June for the programme and mark your calendars!

# Bringing Awareness to Cancers of the Reproductive Tract

*Dr. Robert Lotocki, University of Manitoba,  
President, Society of Gynecologic  
Oncologists of Canada (GOC)*

April is the Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Month, part of a year-round attempt to decrease the incidence of and mortality from cancers for Canadians. Cancers of the female genital tract are devastating to Canadian women, taking them from their families and away from productive futures. As Ob/Gyns, irrespective of our clinical interest, we are charged with the diagnosis and management of these cancers. The GOC, in collaboration with the SOGC, has remained focused in working with local, provincial and national groups to address these issues.

Building on Success: A Pan-Canadian Forum on Cervical Cancer Screening was attended by members of several Canadian societies including the GOC, the Canadian Society of Cytology, the SOGC, the Society of Canadian Colposcopists, the College of Family Physicians of Canada, several provincial screening programmes and other groups interested in the prevention of cervical cancer. The forum, co-chaired by Health Canada and the Cervical Cancer Prevention Network (CCPN), focused on two new technologies in cervical cancer screening: Liquid-based Cytology and HPV DNA Testing. Consensus on five issues was obtained using published science and the

expertise of the attendants. They consisted of: HPV Testing as Primary Screening, HPV Testing as a Triage Tool for the Management of the Abnormal Smear, Liquid-Based Cytology versus Conventional Pap tests for Screening, HPV Education and Cervical Cancer Screening Delivery Mechanisms. This national discussion was facilitated for the first time by a web-based discussion-board software co-developed by the GOC and hosted on its Web site. This resulted in both position papers and recommendations, currently posted on the GOC Web site ([www.g-o-c.org](http://www.g-o-c.org)) and to be published in the near future, that will serve as a template for cervical screening programmes across Canada.

The second Canadian Conference on Ovarian Cancer Research is scheduled for May 16 to 18 in Ottawa. The meeting will be a dynamic forum for all physicians, scientists and trainees (residents, fellows, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students) in Canada who have an active programme in any aspect of ovarian cancer research. It will bring together researchers with interests in basic, clinical, sociologic and epidemiologic studies in ovarian cancer to exchange scientific information and ideas and current concepts on the prevention and diagnosis of ovarian cancer, treatment of ovarian cancer patients and the research endeavors currently in progress to improve our understanding of this disease. This collaborative and multidisciplinary group will be able to identify priorities for ovarian cancer research

## SOGC CME EVENTS

### PROGRAMMES

60<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Meeting  
Edmonton, Alberta  
June 25-29, 2004

17<sup>th</sup> Quebec CME (offered in  
French)

Fairmont Tremblant, Mont-Tremblant,  
Québec, September 23-25, 2004

23<sup>rd</sup> Ontario CME

Marriott Eaton Centre, Toronto, Ontario  
November 25-27, 2004

### COURSES

#### SCOPE 2004

- **Vancouver, BC** - May 14 & 15  
- Centre of Excellence for Surgical  
Education & Innovation, Vancouver  
General Hospital
- **Toronto, ON** - September 10 &  
11 - Surgical Skills Centre,  
Mt. Sinai Hospital
- **Toronto, ON** - December 10 &  
11 - Surgical Skills Centre,  
Mt. Sinai Hospital

#### ALARM - 2004

- **Montreal, QC** (offered in French)  
- April 17-18
- **Vancouver, BC** - May 7-8
- **Edmonton, AB** (in conjunction  
with ACM) - June 23-24
- **Midland, ON** - October 15-16
- **Abbotsford, BC** - October 29-30
- **Toronto, ON** (in conjunction with  
ON CME) - November 28-29

Register online at:  
[www.sogc.org](http://www.sogc.org) or at  
1-800-561-2416

in Canada for the next five years. The GOC is proud to be an integral part of the planning and support for this meeting.

The GOC has developed formal partnerships with patient advocacy groups - The National Ovarian Cancer Association (NOCA) and Ovarian Cancer Canada (OCC) which will help develop awareness strategies for Canadian women and healthcare providers, facilitate their care and help raise funds for research and clinical care. These groups are important allies in the fight against cancer. As we continue to grow and influence the issues surrounding cancer care in women, the GOC also wishes to acknowledge the ongoing support of the SOGC in these endeavors.

# Members' Corner



**Just a reminder** to those of you who have not sent in your membership dues for 2004 (excluding medical students, junior members and junior family practice residents): second notices have been issued!



## JUNIOR MEMBERS!

It is almost that time again. Your membership expires June 30, 2004. Membership renewals will be coming soon to your mailbox! Watch for them May 1, 2004!



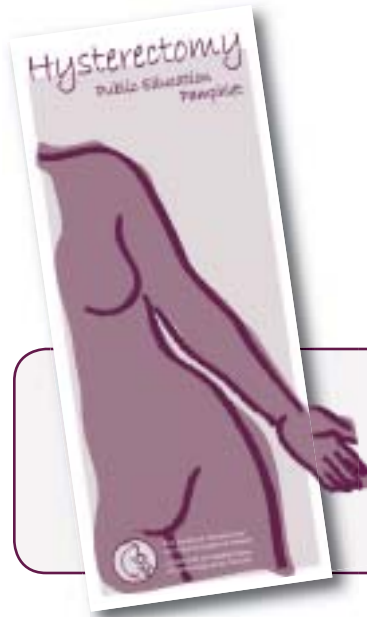
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We want to know what you want to see on the MEMBERS ONLY side of the SOGC site. This is your opportunity to let us know. Do you want to know more about SOGC's committees or see improvements to our forum? E-mail your suggestions no matter how big or small to: [swilliams@sogc.com](mailto:swilliams@sogc.com). It's your side of the site...how can we improve it for you?

## Congratulations to Stéphanie St-Pierre

Stéphanie St-Pierre, daughter of Dr. Luc St-Pierre of Victoriaville, ranked in 1st place at the World Cup at Tremblant, Quebec on January 10. The 18 year-old free-style mogul skier won the Bronze Medal at the World Championships in 2003. She is among her discipline's best hopes for the 2006 Olympic Games in Turin and the 2010 Games in Vancouver. Best of luck, Stéphanie!



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## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS - 2004

**2004 Refresher in Primary Care Obstetrics** - April 30, Victoria College, University of Toronto; Info: 416-586-4800 x2489; E-mail: [egan@mtsinai.on.ca](mailto:egan@mtsinai.on.ca); Website: [www.mtsinai.on.ca/seminars/ce](http://www.mtsinai.on.ca/seminars/ce)

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium: New Developments in Prenatal Diagnosis and Medical Genetics** - May 12, Medical Sciences Building, Toronto, Ontario; Info/Registration: Tel.: 416-978-2719/1-888-512-8173; Fax: 416-971-2200; E-mail: [ce.med@utoronto.ca](mailto:ce.med@utoronto.ca); Web site: [www.cme.utoronto.ca](http://www.cme.utoronto.ca)

**Finding a Balance in Determining our Future - Association of Ontario Midwives Conference** - May 12-14, Kempenfelt Centre, Barrie; Info: 416-425-9974 or 1-866-418-3773; E-mail: [admin@aom.on.ca](mailto:admin@aom.on.ca)

**Events of the Year in Obs/Gyn 1<sup>st</sup> Euro-Asian Congress** - May 20-22, Hotel Saint Petersburg Convention Centre Saint Petersburg, Russia; Info: +33.1.42.86.55.86; E-mail: [congres@eska.fr](mailto:congres@eska.fr)

**2004 Canadian Symposium on Prenatal Screening** - June 4, Delta Chelsea Hotel; Info: 416-586-4800 x2489; E-mail: [egan@mtsinai.on.ca](mailto:egan@mtsinai.on.ca); Website: [www.mtsinai.on.ca/seminars/ce](http://www.mtsinai.on.ca/seminars/ce)

**Biomarkers and Preterm Delivery** June 5, Hotel Comwell, Middelfart, Denmark; Registration: [www.ptdmeeting.org](http://www.ptdmeeting.org); E-mail: [jm@soci.au.dk](mailto:jm@soci.au.dk)

**The 11-14 Week Scan Course** - June 5, The Hospital for Sick Children - Main Auditorium; Info: 416-586-4800 x2489; E-mail: [egan@mtsinai.on.ca](mailto:egan@mtsinai.on.ca); Website: [www.mtsinai.on.ca/seminars/ce](http://www.mtsinai.on.ca/seminars/ce)

**Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology - XXXIV Congress** - Helsinki, Finland - June 12-15; Info : [www.nfog2004.com](http://www.nfog2004.com) Congress office: Tel.: + 358 9 5840 9344; Fax : + 358 9 5840 9555; E-mail: [nfog2004@congreszon.fi](mailto:nfog2004@congreszon.fi)

**30<sup>th</sup> British Congress of Ob-Gyn** - July 7-9, Glasgow, UK; Tel: + 44 (0) 141 331 0123; Fax: + 44 (0) 141 331 0234; E-mail: [info@bcog2004.co.uk](mailto:info@bcog2004.co.uk); Web Site: [www.bcog2004.co.uk](http://www.bcog2004.co.uk)

**5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Society for Chlamydia Research** - September 1-5, Budapest, Hungary; Tel. / Fax: + 36 62 545959; E-mail: [cong@mlab.szote.u-szeged.hu](mailto:cong@mlab.szote.u-szeged.hu)

**XIX European Congress of Perinatal Medicine**, Athens, Greece, Athens Hilton Hotel, 14-16 October; Tel. (+) 30 210 68 89 100; Fax (+) 30 210 68 44 777; E-mail: [perinatal2004@cnc.gr](mailto:perinatal2004@cnc.gr); Web site: [www.cnc.gr](http://www.cnc.gr)

**Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting** - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta, November 24-27; Info: 514-524-9009; Fax: 514-524-2163; E-mail: [info@cfas.ca](mailto:info@cfas.ca); Web site: [www.cfas.ca](http://www.cfas.ca)

# Junior Member News

The Junior Member News section of SOGC News is funded by a grant from Wyeth Pharmaceuticals

## Junior Member Update

### ACM 2004

This year's ACM, to be held in Edmonton, Alberta from June 25 to 29, has a great Junior Members' Programme that includes:

- a Resident Seminar on Selecting and Starting a Practice;
- the ever popular Stump the Professor;
- a Resident Fun Night;
- the Resident Career Workshop;
- a Resident/Medical Student Mixer; and
- the Junior Member Committee meeting.

### Elective Grants

Please note that the next deadline for the SOGC Junior Members Elective Grants is May 10, 2004. Be sure to get your applications into the National Office soon! For further information, please contact Lise Newton at [lnewton@sogc.com](mailto:lnewton@sogc.com).

### Fellowship Manual

Be sure to watch for the first ever... "Junior Members Fellowship Manual". It will list all the current available scholarships at all participating universities across Canada. The manual will be available on the SOGC Web site later on this spring.

### Call for Nominations

The SOGC Junior Member Committee is calling for nominations for the Vice-President Position. This position involves a two-year commitment during which time one takes the role of Chair of the pro-active and exciting committee focused on resident issues in obstetrics and gynaecology across Canada.

Nominations are to be forwarded to Lise Newton at [lnewton@sogc.com](mailto:lnewton@sogc.com). Any resident may be nominated across the country but must be present at the SOGC ACM in Edmonton this year as a resident representative for his or her respective university.

If you require anything further information on these or any other Junior Member activities, please do not hesitate to contact Sony Sukhbir Singh at [sony605@rogers.com](mailto:sony605@rogers.com) or Lise Newton at [lnewton@sogc.com](mailto:lnewton@sogc.com)

## "How Time Flies"



**A Message from the Chair** - Sony Sukhbir Singh, Resident, UWO Dept. of Ob/Gyn

As I near the end of my term as the Chair of the SOGC Junior Member Committee, I find it hard to believe how quickly time has passed. At our upcoming JM meeting in Edmonton, held concurrently with the ACM, we will have a new Chair and elect a new Vice-Chair.

Our incoming Chair is this year's Vice-Chair, Michelle Suga. Michelle is currently a PGY-4 at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Within our committee, she has been

working on publishing our very first "Guide to Canadian Postgraduate Opportunities". She is also very active with the Canadian Association of Interns and Residents. Her enthusiasm and experience will certainly benefit our goal as an advocate for Junior Members across the country.

As for the incoming Vice-Chair, it is time for a call for nominations (see below). The Committee is looking for someone interested in taking an initiative at the national level to lead issues important to the "future of ob/gyn", including medical students, residents and fellows.

I would like to thank all the dedicated JM Committee Members and to our executive for their hard work this year. A special GOOD LUCK to our PGY-5's who will be writing the annual "quiz" next month! Take care and

## 60 Years! (Continued from page 3)

**NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING,**  
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Guest Speaker... Dr. R.A. Ross (North Carolina)

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Guest Speaker..... Dr. S.L. Israel (Philadelphia)

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Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia

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..... Professor C.A.H. Gemzell (Sweden)

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Friday June 17 - Sunday June 19, 1966.  
Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta

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Guest Speakers ... Dr. N.S. Assali (Los Angeles)  
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Guest Speaker..... Dr. W.G. Cosbie (Toronto)

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