



SOGC News

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

June 2004

Honorary SOGC Membership

The SOGC will be recognizing three physicians active in women's health internationally. The three honorary memberships will be awarded during the Annual Clinical Meeting in Edmonton. Being recognized are Dr. Andrew Child, President of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ob/Gyn (RANZCOG), Dr. Alessandra Graziottin, Director, Center of Gynecology and Medical Sexology San Raffaele Resnati, Italy and Dr. Vivian Dickerson, President of the ACOG.



Dr. Andrew Child has served on multiple hospital committees and a variety of state and federal health planning and management committees in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. He has had a particular interest in hospital accreditation and review as well as in education and examinations. He is the Chair of The Committee of Presidents of all the Medical Colleges (CPMC) in Australia and New Zealand for a two year term from 2003-2005.



Dr. Alessandra Graziottin is a Consultant Professor, Specialty School of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Florence, and Co-Director of the

Postgraduate Course in Medical Sexology for Gynecologists at the University of Florence, Department of Gynecology.



Dr. Vivian M. Dickerson is Associate Professor and Director of the Division of General Obstetrics and Gynecology and medical director of the Post-Reproductive Women's Wellness Center at the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine. She has also recently been

elected as the new ACOG President.

President's Award Recipient:



Dr. Ken Milne has been nominated to receive the President's Award at this year's ACM Awards Ceremony. In recognition of his years of dedicated service to the Society as A EVP, Past President, Council member and volunteer, SOGC wishes to recognize his continued efforts and his most recent work within the MORE^{OB} Programme. Congratulations, Dr. Milne!

SOGC Receives \$2 M Funding from Health Canada

Working in partnership with the Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM), the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Canadian section of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) and the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC), the SOGC is launching a national initiative to reduce barriers and facilitate the implementation of national multidisciplinary collaborative primary maternity care strategies. The project will include activities in four areas including research, consultation, intervention and communication. Further details will be reported in future issues of the SOGC News.

This two-year project is possible due to a financial contribution from the Primary Health Care Transition Fund, Health Canada.

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National Physician Survey

The SOGC encourages its physician members to participate in this survey, undertaken by the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Canadian Medical Association and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. If you have not yet replied, we ask that you please do so. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Sarah Scott, Project Coordinator, College of Family Physicians of Canada at 1-800-387-6197 extension 289, or by E-mail at sks@cfpc.ca.

The SOGC celebrates 60 years of excellence!

Please see pages 3 & 6 for a tribute to Past Presidents.



Summer Hours - Please note that our offices close at noon on Fridays for the months of July and August. Our regular business hours will resume following Labour Day.

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 - 17:00 EST
Friday: 8:00 - 12:00 EST

Have a great summer!

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SOGC 60th Anniversary - A Celebration of SOGC Members!

*André B. Lalonde, MD, FRCSC, FRCOG,
FSGC, FACS, MSc*

Yes, we are 60 years old! It is time to reflect on what we have accomplished professionally and where we want to go next. During these last 60 years, the Society has grown tremendously. It came close to closing down approximately 15 years ago but with the help of hundreds of volunteers, we have been able to make the Society a vibrant organization that is open to Canadian women and, in the last few years, to women in developing countries.

This did not happen by chance. Countless volunteers across the country have served on clinical and practice committees, regional committees, the Executive Committee and Council. I have been privileged to work with outstanding men and women in this country who gave hundreds of hours of their time and that of their families to pursue a noble cause, one that unites us across the country:

to make the SOGC the best professional society in Canada and to raise the standards of women's health to levels that have never been seen. We advocate for women's health through our offices at the local and community levels but also at the provincial and federal government levels. We have shaken up quite a few governments in moving forward issues such as emergency contraception, family maternity care, cancer detection and treatment, and genetic screening, to name a few.

Come and celebrate with us from June 2004 to June 2005. All of our meetings will have special celebrations marking the SOGC's 60th Anniversary. We will talk not only about medical issues, but determinants of health such as culture, poverty, education, language and social status that have a major influence on the health of the women we take care of.

I am proud to be associated with each and every one of you. We can look forward to a bright future for the SOGC.

International Women's Health Program Update



Sara Fryer, IWH Program Coordinator

The International Women's Health Program's volunteers had a busy spring! Six ALARM International Programs were conducted in four countries, representing two new partnerships.

The ALARM International Program was delivered in Prizren, Kosovo in May with the support of two Canadian Faculty members, Dr. F. Pauls and Ms. L. Lore. It was the final course in Kosovo delivered with support from the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA). The SOGC is proud of the work conducted to date and the gains achieved with the collaboration and support from the CPHA, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the United Nations Population Fund.

The SOGC and the University of Sherbrooke have developed a new partnership to deliver three GESTA International Programs in Bamako and Gao/Mopti, Mali. This is the Society's first experience in Mali, and with the expertise of the four participating SOGC members, it is sure to be a success. The Canadian Faculty team includes: Drs. D. Blouin, G. Brunet, F. Couturier and Ms. S. Plourde (SOGC Staff).

Three SOGC members travelled to Gabon to deliver two GESTA International Programs

in the rural district of Oyem. The Canadian Faculty team includes: Drs. F. Beaudoin, R. Laliberté and K.E. Boisvert. The University of Montréal and SOGC have developed a new partnership to collaborate on this intervention which is a part of an initiative in a Northern district of Gabon.

Dr. R. Cooke and Ms. C. Cameron travelled to Uganda to support SOGC's local partner, Association of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Uganda in the delivery of the ALARM International Program in Masaka District. This activity is conducted within the SOGC Partnership Project, an initiative funded by CIDA.

Lastly, the ALARM International Committee completed a comprehensive review of all of the course material at the end of April 2004. These revisions will be incorporated into the Third Edition of the ALARM International participant's syllabus and will be presented to the Committee at the Annual Clinical Meeting. A word of thanks to all the members who contributed to this enormous task and especially to Drs. F. Pauls, J. Mannerfeldt and F. Couturier whose expertise and commitment are invaluable to the International Women's Health Program.

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

SOGC Past Presidents (1974-1980)

1 - Dr. Douglas C. Ritchie served as SOGC's 31st President from 1974 to 1975. A motion was passed in 1974 whereby the nomination of officers and members of Council was to be made by the Nominating Committee appointed by Council. In 1975, the Perinatal Medicine Committee was established to negotiate the guidelines for perinatal intensive care units and to define the obstetric perinatologist's role. The Canadian Guidelines for the Delivery of Antenatal Diagnosis of Genetic Disease in Canada and the original Prenatal Diagnosis Guidelines were drafted. With four Regional Chairpersons on Council, it was deemed redundant to have two councilors at large. Another concern was the Criminal Code with respect to the procurement of abortions. Many practitioners feared that even if abortions were approved by a Therapeutic Abortion Committee, the provisions in Subsection 4 of Section 251 did not protect them from liability. The SOGC agreed that all legal interventions dealing with inconsistencies in the law should be made through the Canadian Medical Association (CMA). During Dr. Ritchie's tenure as President, an Ad Hoc Steering Committee of the Health Standards Department (National Health and Welfare) was drafting standards on common elective surgical procedures to correct regional variations across Canada.

2 - Dr. Lise Fortier, SOGC's 32nd President from 1975 to 1976, and the second woman elected to this post, was renowned nationally and internationally as an expert on female contraception, family planning and abortion. She was also a strong advocate of the pro-choice option on abortion. She was against the mandatory process of recertification by examination proposed by the Royal College in the early 1970's. During her tenure, 75 to 80% of Canadian specialists (880) were members of the SOGC. Perinatal medicine began to be recognized as a subspecialty in ob/gyn. New contracts signed between the Québec Government and the Federation of Specialists of Québec resulted in budget cuts and hospital bed reductions. Finally, Dr. Fortier focused on SOGC's relationship with affiliate organizations. Due to the legal implications, it was felt then that the SOGC should remain the main association and that affiliated organizations should be invited to become Standing Committees, with affiliate societies' presidents sitting on SOGC Council as ex officio members.

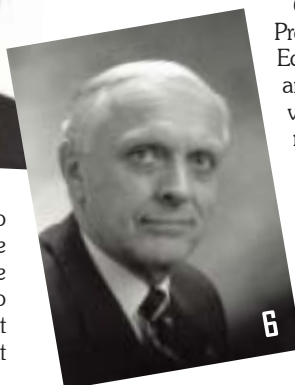
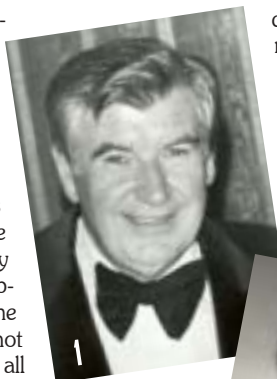
3 - Dr. Otto A. Schmidt served as SOGC's 33rd President (1976-1977). At that time, the Associate Memberships By-law was revised to include applications from allied health professionals in ob/gyn. In 1976, the Task Force on Periodic Health Examination suggested that the annual, routine examinations for all age groups be replaced by periodical examinations in order to prevent and detect disease and to manage it differently and more effectively. Attention was also focused on the National ManPower Committee's recommendation of the number of obstetricians required per capita (a ratio of 1:19,300) and the SOGC decided to plan for future needs. The FIGO asked the SOGC to consider hosting the 1982 World Congress Meeting. After deliberation, it was agreed that Canada was not prepared to manage a meeting of that

magnitude. The effects of the Badgely report, which underlined inequities in the application of the abortion law, created concern.

4 - Dr. John L.M. Bean took the reigns as the 34th President of the SOGC from 1977 to 1978. At the time, the Society created a Canadian Registry of licensed Ob/gyns of Canada, mainly for continuing medical education purposes. At the 1978 Winter Council Meeting, it listed 1,361 Ob/gyns of which 825 were SOGC members and 536 were not. Other relevant issues during his presidency included the standardization of terminology and definitions of perinatal statistics and mortality; the quality of nutrition during pregnancy and its effects on the fetus' growth and health; the continued rise of the rate of emigration of physicians to the U.S.; and the Québec government's interest in creating schools of midwifery in order to remove Ob/Gyns from primary care. The Ontario Minister of Health placed a moratorium on the sterilization of the "mentally unfit". In 1978, SOGC Council passed a resolution, sent to the CMA for inclusion in their Resolutions Book, opposing home births because of the potential hazards involved. Finally, the By-law change approved at the Annual Council Meeting in June 1977 which stated that we publish the By-Laws of the Society for the membership in the form of a small booklet was approved by the Federal Government by June 1978.

5 - Dr. Stuart C. Robinson served as SOGC's 35th President from 1978 to 1979 and as Council Chairman from 1963-1966. Due to overwhelming demand, a change in the Life Memberships By-laws was accepted, ensuring the Society's future and its financial health. At the time, Canada was one of the few countries without formal and legal recognition of midwives; there were diverging trends in the management of obstetrical cases in Ontario, from women requesting minimum medical intervention, to the increasing trend towards intensive care for high-risk patients, which only a few centres could handle. The situation called for educational solutions such as refresher courses provided at annual meetings. It was seen as the Society's responsibility to undertake a scientific study of issues such as population growth, abortion, single parents and teenage parents. Obstetrical nurses were accepted into the health care field. Very little training was provided to them despite their numerous functions. Dr. Robinson was also the Chairman of the Committee on Medical and Surgical Standards in 1984.

6 - Dr. Harry Hugh Allen, SOGC's 36th President (1979-1980) also served as Associate Editor for the Canadian Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. In 1976, he was officially invited by the government to serve as the SOGC representative for the Committee on Medical and Surgical Standards. In those days, Canadian OBs' responsibilities were changing and the SOGC had to adapt to these changes. Much attention was addressed towards the Canadian Nurses' Association's responsibility to define the role of nurses in the reproductive care cycle, including neonatal care and their ability to establish a curriculum.



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Treat Yourself to the 2004 ACM in Edmonton and to the SOGC's 60th Anniversary Gala!

Chantale Wall, Director, Events Management, CPD Division

If you have not already done so, there is still time to register for the Annual Clinical Meeting (ACM) in Edmonton, Alberta to be held on June 25-29, 2004! Visit the SOGC Website at: www.sogc.org/acm/index_e.shtml for complete details on the conference, travel and hotel reservations. You may also consult the ACM Preliminary Programme which was mailed to you.

The **60th ANNIVERSARY GALA** on the evening of June 26 holds many pleasant surprises and we encourage you to register for this "once in a lifetime" event to join us in the celebration of SOGC's 60 years of Excellence. Tickets are \$125 per person for dinner, music, and prizes of incredible value. Junior Members have a special rate of \$62.50 per person.

It is with pride that the SOGC acknowledges the ACM 2004 Sponsors and Exhibitors (confirmed at the time of print):

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For those of you who have already registered for the ACM, we are waiting to welcome you to the beautiful and friendly city of Edmonton! See you at the 2004 ACM and the SOGC's 60th Anniversary Gala!

ACM Annual Business Meeting

June 29, 2004, 7-8 a.m.
All voting members welcome!

SOGC CME EVENTS

PROGRAMMES

60th Annual Clinical Meeting

Edmonton, Alberta
June 25-29, 2004

17th Québec CME (offered in French)

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

23rd Ontario CME

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

61st Annual Clinical Meeting in conjunction with the 39th Annual Conference of the AOGG

Québec City, Québec
June 17-21, 2005

COURSES

SCOPE 2004

- **Toronto, ON**
September 10-11
Surgical Skills Centre, Mt. Sinai Hospital
- **Toronto, ON**
December 10-11
Surgical Skills Centre, Mt. Sinai Hospital

ALARM - 2004

- **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 or at

1-800-561-246

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June

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3rd Annual Run for Her Life™

What is Run for Her Life™? It is a 5km run/3 km walk organized by the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada and held during the Annual Clinical Meeting of the SOGC. Proceeds will be donated to a local initiative for cancer patients.

Goals of the Run for Her Life™

- to increase awareness of ovarian cancer
- to demonstrate commitment to wellness and fitness
- to enjoy the local environment with our GOC & SOGC colleagues

When and where is the Run for Her Life™? On Monday, June 28, 2004 at 6:30 a.m. at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. We will enjoy Edmonton's river valley, be refreshed to start a day of professional development and take away a useful and attractive souvenir.

How do I register?

- download the registration and waiver forms from www.g-o-c.org/conferences/agm.asp.
- by telephone at 1-800-561-2416 ext. 250
- by E-mail at hsoubliere@sogc.com
- on-site at the Shaw Conference Centre June 27 and 28

There is a \$25 registration fee. Pre-registration is strongly advised! This is a GOC initiative supported by GSK and The Running Room – but the most important support will come from you, our members and friends. Families and friends welcome.



The 17th Quebec CME Programme

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

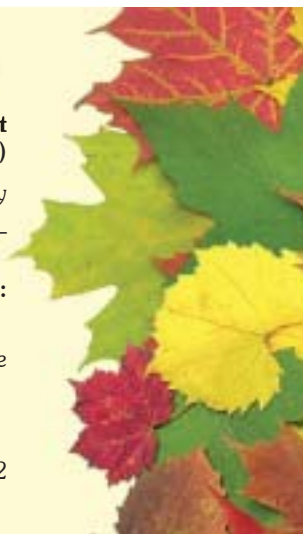
Scientific Programme and Social Activities: Consult the Preliminary Programme and the SOGC website at www.sogc.org/conferences/quebec/index_e.shtml for complete details and registration information on this programme.

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

Rates are: 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.



To Everest and Back: Ms. Sharon Wood

*Dr. Michael Fung Kee Fung,
GOC Secretary-Treasurer*

On April 16, 2004, Ms. Sharon Wood presented **The Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada Canadian Leadership Lecture**, held at the GOC's 4th Annual Continuing Professional Development Meeting in Toronto. Ms. Wood is the first North American woman and the fifth woman in the world to have reached the summit of Mount Everest. Her talk was extremely fascinating, and focused on the theme of "surviving or thriving". Ms. Wood captivated the whole audience, taking us through the challenges of the ascent to the summit and the comparison between the Canadian team and an American team climbing at the same time. What was clear from her experience was that the Canadian team functioned as a group, working on each other's strengths and prioritizing according to each other's ability. Of the 14-member team who ascended, only two



were eligible, because of their physical stamina, to make the final push to the summit. Ms. Wood was one of them. What was amazing is that at each challenge, the team had to decide whether to accept their difficult situation (i.e. "survive") or to move beyond that and "thrive" and go to the next level up the mountain. This theme resonated with all of the members in attendance and was extremely motivational. In comparison, the American team making a similar ascent had no leader and was not functioning in a team fashion. As a result, their ascent was eventually aborted.

Focusing on one's strength, using each team member to the best of their ability and going for a team goal (i.e. making sure at least one person reached the summit) was similar to the conference's theme of Leveraging Partnerships. The GOC continues to have its annual CPD meeting, attended by medical, radiation and surgical oncologists, nurses and scientists. It is hosted in conjunction with the National Cancer

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PREGNANCY AND BIRTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Maternal,
Infant &
Reproductive
Health
Research
Unit**



**December 10, 2004, 07:15 – 16:00,
Marriott Toronto Eaton Centre**

SPEAKERS: George Carson, Jan Christilaw, Dan Farine, Maureen Heaman, KS Joseph, Kellie Murphy, Colm O'Herlihy, Nan Okun, Mark Walker

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Judy Cardwell, Maternal, Infant & Reproductive Health Research Unit, 790 Bay Street, 7th Floor Toronto, ON M5G 1N8; Tel: (416) 351-3773 Fax: (416) 351-3771; E-mail: miru@sw.ca; Web: www.utoronto.ca/miru

SOGC Regional Achievement Award

Daniel Morier, Public Education and Media Relations Coordinator

The Society is proud to announce a new and exciting award celebrating the outstanding contributions of our members who volunteer at the local, regional or provincial levels. The annual SOGC Regional Achievement Award was created to highlight the efforts and the admirable qualities of our healthcare educators and practitioners.

The SOGC invites you to get involved and notify your Regional Representatives of your colleagues' contributions. Recipients are selected on a yearly basis by their respective Regional Committee (Central, Atlantic, Western, Ontario

and Québec) by February 15.

We're looking for individuals fitting the following criteria:

- Member of the SOGC (any membership category);
- Made significant contributions and achievements to the advancement of women's health in his/her community through education, practice or community involvement;
- Active member in the community;
- Contributions reflect goals and objectives of the SOGC;
- Advocate of the SOGC.

For more information, contact the SOGC Corporate Division at (613) 730-4192 or toll free at (800) 561-2416, ext. 237.

The Marion Powell Award

honours leadership, commitment and dedication to the advocacy of women's health.

The 2003 Award recognizes Dr. Édith Guilbert, Associate Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Laval University and physician at the Family Planning Clinic of the University Hospital of Québec.

Congratulations Dr. Guilbert!

60 Years (Continued from page 3)

Dr. Allen submitted to the SOGC a 250-page report by the Committee on Medical and Surgical Standards concerning hysterectomy surgical care. Council declined to support the report stating that it limited the doctor's freedom of action. The initial guidelines for the use of diagnostic ultrasonography were included in a November 1979 report, after an 18-month study. SOGC Council had appointed a Subcommittee of the Perinatal Medicine Committee to ensure that the effects of ultrasonography weren't the same as revealed by the use of X-ray pelvimetry. The guidelines were revised many times thereafter. Obstetricians were therefore encouraged to get involved in pre-natal diagnosis programs in their centers.

31st ANNUAL MEETING, June 19-22 1975, Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper - **Council 1974-75**
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 Sir J. Stallworthy (Oxford, England)

32nd ANNUAL MEETING, June 8-12, 1976, Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel, Toronto - **Council 1975-76**
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 Guest Speaker Prof. C. J. Dewhurst (England)

34th ANNUAL MEETING, June 15-18, 1978, Winnipeg Inn, Winnipeg - **Council 1977-78**
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 Ontario Tom Robson (Windsor)
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 Maritimes V. D. McLaughlin (Moncton)
 Guest Speaker Mr. R. M. Feroze (England)

35th ANNUAL MEETING, June 6-9, 1979, Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax - **Council 1978-79**
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30th 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;
 Web Site: www.bcog2004.co.uk

5th 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

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; Web site: www.cnc.gr

FIGO-IFFS Joint Conference on Recent Progress in Reproductive Medicine - November 5-6, Barcelona, Spain; Registration: www.eventsintl.com/figo-iffs2004; Info: (514) 286-0855; E-mail: info@eventsintl.com

Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society 50th 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; Web site: www.cfas.ca

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 Guest Speaker Dr. Geoffrey Dawes (England)

36th ANNUAL MEETING, June 10-14, 1980, Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper - **Council 1979-80**
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 Maritimes V. D. McLaughlin (Moncton)
 Guest Speakers Dr. A. D. H. Browne (Ireland)
 Dr. R. Meyer (Maryland)

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Junior Member News

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University of Toronto Update

Andrea Lausman, PGY-4

Hello from Toronto! We are happy to report that the 1-year anniversary of SARS has come and gone without event. I want to extend a thank-you (again) to all of the residents in the programme: your dedication and work ethic did not go unnoticed.

We are pleased to confirm that we have successfully matched all of the spots in our programme, and will be welcoming eight new PGY-1's on July 1. We plan to hold a welcome social in order to introduce them to the other residents and faculty at the University. We are also beginning a formal mentorship programme

for the PGY-1's which will allow the senior residents to volunteer to mentor a junior resident throughout their first couple of years.

At the other end of the spectrum, and although at the time that this will be read, the Royal College Examination will have already been written, we want to wish all of the PGY-5's the best of luck – you are all superbly trained, and I have no doubt that you will all be successful... Good luck!

Finally, there are several upcoming weddings within the programme... Congratulations to you all, I hope for all of you that your "special day" is just as you dreamed. Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Dalhousie University Update

Shaun Ferguson, PGY-2

It has been a year to remember for Halifax. Hurricane "Juan" rolled through in September causing prolonged power failures and the Victoria General Hospital roof to blow off. The city is still cleaning up the mess of fallen trees and debris. A record snowfall in February (nicknamed "White Juan") forced labouring women to travel to the IWK Health Centre via snow-plows and firetrucks. One of our senior residents, Winnifred Lee, battled the storm to deliver her beautiful baby, Jessica Grace, February 19. Needless to say, we are very glad that Spring has arrived. That is, except for the seniors (Christa de la Cruz, Winnifred Lee, Sheri-Lee Samson and Kirsten Smith) who are busy preparing for their exams. Good luck to all candidates across the country.

Our annual resident research day was held on May 7. Many residents, researchers and staff had interesting projects on the go. We have also recently hosted our Alumni Day, an update for Ob-Gyn's across the Maritimes and Canada. The visiting professor for this event was Dr. Nicolas Leyland from the University of Toronto.

We are pleased to welcome Drs. Rittenberg (Paula and David) to our staff at Dalhousie University. Dr. Paula Rittenberg has recently returned from a maternity leave and is quickly settling in to the Gynecologic Oncology team. This year also brings the retirement of two long-time faculty members: Dr. Russell Webster of the Saint John Regional Hospital and Dr. William Wrixon of the IWK Health Centre. These two physicians have been vital components of residency training and teaching for many years. They will be missed.

With the help of Dr. Catherine Craig, we have implemented a new resident call schedule format. Instead of 24-hr shifts, the weekend will be divided into 5 X 12 hour shifts (8:00 –

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Saturday, June 26, 2004

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Toronto, Ontario
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8:00). The schedule requires three residents per weekend:

- Resident 1 : Friday night and Sunday day
- Resident 2 : Saturday day and Sunday night
- Resident 3 : Saturday night

Thus far, the feedback has been very positive. We look forward to seeing everyone in Edmonton.

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Institute of Canada semi-annual Clinical Trials Meeting. This year's meeting also included numerous international and national speakers and forms an integral part of the Society's professional development. Ms. Wood joins a series of well-known speakers who have participated in the GOC Canadian Leadership Lecture. Previous speakers include Lt.-Gen. (Ret.) Roméo Dallaire and Marc Garneau. We look forward to another exceptional Canadian leader presenting to the group in 2005, the Society's 25th anniversary.

STIRRHS Mentors Meeting

On April 24 of this year, a group of obstetrics and gynaecology, family medicine, nursing, and sociology professors from various Canadian universities met in Ottawa. The goal of the meeting was to implement transdisciplinarity into the Strategic Training Initiative in Research in the Reproductive Health Sciences (STIRRHS-ISFRSR) training programme.

Dr. Mark Bisby had been invited to share the CIHR perspective on transdisciplinarity in

research programmes. The following themes, among others, were discussed with much enthusiasm: the development of transdisciplinarity within various training initiatives in reproductive health, the evaluation of transdisciplinarity in grant applications, the role of mentors and co-mentors in student supervision, which led to the establishment of an action plan for the programme.

The STIRRHS is a programme initiated of



Drs. Maria DeKoninck and Mathieu Albert

the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (APOG), in response to tenders by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.



In Memoriam



Dr. Josef Z. Scott
October 5, 1939 to April 1, 2004

Dr. Josef Z. Scott was born in Poland and was educated in the United Kingdom. He attended the University of Birmingham, Eng-

land, graduating in 1962. After a seven-year period of general practice in Newfoundland, he obtained postgraduate training in obstetrics and gynaecology at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia and in reproductive endocrinology at LAC USC Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Dr. Scott's main clinical research interests were infertility, endometriosis and menopause. He directed undergraduate teaching in obstetrics and gynaecology at the University of Alberta and was involved in national CME programs. He was a professor of obstetrics and gynecology and medicine in the Division of Endocrinology at the University of Alberta and director of the infertility clinic at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton.

A member of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, Dr. Scott was also a founding member of the board of directors of the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health, where, since his retirement from the Foundation board in 2002, he has served as an advisory council member and a reviewer for the annual research grants competition. His volunteer contributions and his support and dedication to the Foundatin will always be remembered with appreciation.

Dr. Scott is survived by his wife, Chris,

and their three children, Andrew, David and Kathryn. He will be sadly missed by all whose lives he enriched with his compassion, kindness and humour.

The Canadian Foundation for Women's Health receives memorial donations in memory of those close to us. If you would like to have a special message of condolence published on the Foundation page, please contact the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health. The Foundation will notify the family of your memorial gift. To those who have suffered a loss, please accept our deepest sympathy.

The members of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada were extremely saddened with the recent and sudden passing of our colleague. Josef was a very popular member and was known for his joviality.

— Dr. André Lalonde, Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, Ottawa

Our most sincere condolences to his family. Josef will be greatly missed.

— Garry and Lynn Krepert, Winnipeg

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