



SOGC News

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

March 2004



March 8th is International Women's Day

International Women's Health Award... see p. 8

A New Society: SGEC

Claude A. Fortin, MD, Acting President

The first official meeting of Canada's new endoscopy society was held in Toronto on December 4, 2003. Its name: the Society of Gynaecologic Endoscopy of Canada or Société d'endoscopie gynécologique du Canada (SGEC). For the past few years now, the idea of forming an association of Canadian gynaecologists with a special interest in endoscopic surgery, an ever-increasing component in the daily practice of gynaecology, has been taking shape. Our intention is not to create a private club: although few of us could be physically present, many have expressed their support and interest in participating in, and contributing to, the new society's future activities.

What exactly will these activities comprise? Firstly, the SGEC will be an integral part of the SOGC, with a resource person on staff at the SOGC. We are drafting the by-laws and goals of the Society, some of which are to encourage high standards for endoscopic surgery, research and publications for our

members, to take part in conferences and promote our knowledge and expertise, and to create a network of experts in order to optimize patient care and enhance relationships with other health care professionals.

Our first activity as a Society will be the Endoscopy Day, scheduled within the postgraduate courses offered at the SOGC's Annual Clinical Meeting in Edmonton in June. This scientific day will be followed by the Annual Business Meeting, open to all, for the purposes of opening a dialogue and hearing your ideas as to our goals. Elections to the Executive will also take place. Until then, the following individuals will serve as officers of the SGEC:

- President: Dr. Claude A. Fortin
- 1st VP: Dr. Art Ternamian
- 2nd VP: Dr. Guylaine Lefebvre
- Secretary: Dr. John Thiel
- Treasurer: Dr. Hassan Shanessa

We hope many of you will attend the SOGC ACM and take the postgraduate course on endoscopic surgery. Membership applications will eventually become available for those of you who cannot attend and who are interested in becoming a member of the SGEC. Long life to the SGEC!

ACM 2004 Edmonton (June 25-29)



Come and experience our vibrant, warm and friendly city!

The Host Committee for ACM 2004 is looking forward to welcoming all members, special guests, sponsors and exhibitors to Edmonton in June. We have organized a programme to acquaint you with some of the outstanding attractions of our provincial capital and ensure that your visit is enjoyable and memorable.

The Shaw Conference Centre is built on the steep slopes of the hillside overlooking the beautiful North Saskatchewan River valley near the city centre. Nearby is the City Arts Centre, which includes the nationally renowned Citadel Theatre and Winspear Centre for the Performing Arts, the City Library and Art Gallery, as well as many fine restaurants and boutiques, Telus Field (home of the Triple A Champion Trappers) and Commonwealth Stadium (home of the Grey Cup Champion

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From the EVP'S Desk

Provincial Advocacy

André B. Lalonde, MD, FRCSC, FSOGC, FACS, MSc, Executive Vice-President

The SOGC is in great need of contacts at the Provincial level in order to further women's health in areas such as emergency contraception, collaborative practice in obstetrics, and the MORE^{OB} Programme. SOGC needs provincial contacts for these programmes to be effective.

As an individual physician, you have access to colleagues at the Provincial Government and through your own extended family you may have some direct contacts

with decision makers at the provincial level. We need these contacts if we are to further the goals of the SOGC.

As we enter into the membership renewal campaign, we are counting on your collaboration to secure all ob/gyns. During the next few weeks, please ask your colleagues if they have renewed their membership to the SOGC, and if not, please encourage them to do so. Together, we can be very strong and we can become stronger advocates for women's health in Canada.

ACM 2004 (Continued from page 1)

Eskimos). We have organized several activities that will provide a closer look at some of our city's fine amenities: the ukrainian village, the largest shopping mall in the world, Fort Edmonton Park, the Odysseum Museum for Space and Science, a dining out experience, a botanical trip, and much, much more!

The social highlight will be Saturday evening's President's Reception and the 60th Anniversary Gala at the Westin Hotel Ballroom, with proceeds to the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health. An outstanding meal and entertainment will guarantee your enjoyment at this celebration.

A visit to Edmonton must also include consideration of extending your visit into the rest of Alberta. Don't miss some of the most spectacular mountain scenery and lodges on earth by visiting Jasper or

Banff (or both). Hike the mountains. Visit the Tyrrell Dinosaur Museum. For some suggestions regarding pre- or post-ACM activities, please consult the SOGC Web site at www.sogc.org/conferences/acm/index_e.shtml

We hope to make your visit to Edmonton a highlight of your year and make this one of your most enjoyable and memorable SOGC ACMs. Please come and take advantage of the opportunities to fully explore our city. We look forward to welcoming you in June.

The Host Committee 2004

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

SOGC Past Presidents 1956-1962

1 - Dr. Brian D. Best served as the SOGC's thirteenth President from 1956 to 1957. During his term, part of the Society's attention was focused on the upcoming FIGO Second World Congress to be held in Montreal in 1958. A highly controversial letter had been sent to the Society requesting that \$5,000 be lent to the Federation by the SOGC in order to defray some of the event's expenses. After long deliberations at the 1957 Annual Meeting, the unexpected loan was granted since the Society was to host the Congress. Meanwhile, the SOGC's continuing evolution was reflected in many of its actions and decisions. At the 1956 Annual Meeting, the results of a questionnaire circulated to members brought to light the majority's opinion that the existing membership criteria should be altered in order to facilitate the admission of new Ob/Gyns. At the end of Dr. Best's term, it was reported that the SOGC had been officially recognized as affiliated with the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) and that the Department of National Health and Welfare had asked the Society to appoint a member to sit on its Advisory Board on Maternal and Child Welfare.

2 - Dr. George M. White was the SOGC's fourteenth President (1957 to 1958). Concurrently, he was on the Council of the CMA. During his term, the Society received another controversial request related to the FIGO Second World Congress. The Federation felt that as the host society of the Congress, the SOGC should bear the cost of the opening reception, estimated to range between \$1,500 and \$2,000. According to the minutes of the 1958 Council Meeting, Council was aghast. Two days later, at the Business Meeting, the Society swallowed its indignation and granted the funds to the Federation. Presumptuously, invitations bearing the SOGC's name had been already mailed all over the world and to save FIGO from a potentially embarrassing situation, the Society acceded to the request. This money was to be taken from the original \$5,000 loan granted to FIGO the previous year. The 1958 Annual Meeting was recognized as greatly improved from previous years, with a programme of very high calibre.

3 - Dr. J.S. Henry, the SOGC's fifteenth President (1958 to 1959) and a previous member of the Executive Board of the Canadian Gynaecological Society (CGS) in 1944, was involved with the SOGC since its very beginning. On the eve of his term, the Society's Secretary reported that the membership (originally 94) had reached 207 charter members. This corresponded to a growth in strength: its voice had been called for by the CMA; RCPSC; American College of Surgeons; ACOG; FIGO; Canadian Journal of Surgery; American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Department of National Health and Welfare of Canada. At the end of Dr. Henry's term, it was recorded that the \$3,000 loan had been repaid by FIGO, and that Council was to go on record advising pregnant women that they should receive the polio shot. Also, SOGC's Executive was instructed to make

strong representation to the Minister of National Health to ensure an adequate supply of heroin for obstetrical use, as it was the safest and most effective analgesic.

4 - Dr. Douglas E. Cannell, recognized as having had a great impact in obstetrics and gynaecology in Canada, was elected to serve as the SOGC's sixteenth President from 1959 to 1960. His most important contribution and legacy are the result of his influence in residency education. In the mid-1960s, former residents founded the Cannell Club with the aim of honouring Dr. Cannell and hosting a social gathering at the SOGC Annual Meeting. In 1980, a lectureship was added at the Annual Meeting to uphold the legacy of his contributions. This led to the establishment of the Education and Research Foundation, now known as the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health (CWFH).

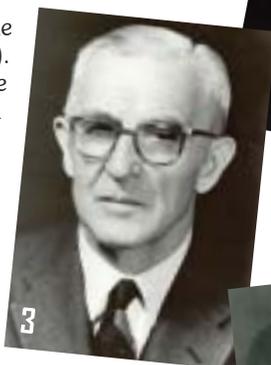
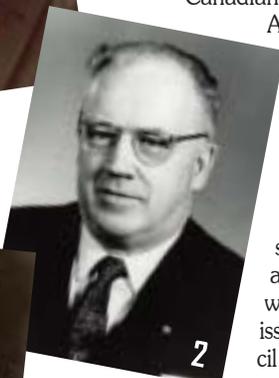
At the 1959 Annual Meeting, when Dr. Cannell became President-Elect, it was noted that two schools of thought were emerging in regards to membership into the Society: those who felt that it should represent all Ob/Gyns and those who felt that the SOGC should remain more select with the honour and distinction of membership being preserved by the presentation of a paper in order to be admitted. Dr. Cannell was of the former opinion. A year later, the issue of press relations was brought up. Council decided that a Press room, with Council present during interviews, should be adopted.

It was also moved and carried that the Society's membership list should never be given to any commercial firm, and that the Society would cover the expenses incurred by Council Members attending a second yearly meeting.

5 - Dr. Elinor F.E. Black was the seventeenth President of the SOGC (1960 to 1961). She was its first female president. The Society had continued to grow and was constantly receiving requests for information from allied societies internationally. It had become the voice of obstetrics and gynaecology in Canada. There remained however a great deal of dissent with regards to the admittance of new members. Dr. Black was worried that to simply admit members by virtue of their interest and credentials would alter

ing its standards and rendering it a mere union. Also noteworthy during Dr. Black's term was the decision that the Society's Annual presidential address and its Annual Meeting programme be published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ), her concerns regarding the lack of representation of obstetricians and gynaecologists on the newly created Medical Research Council and the appointment of a committee mandated to prepare a brief on obstetrics and gynaecology to the Royal Commission of Health Services.

6 - Dr. George B. Maughan, the Society's eighteenth President (1961 to 1962), is especially known for his



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14th West/Central CME Programme in conjunction with ASOG

April 1-3, 2004
The Rimrock Resort Hotel,
Banff, Alberta

The DEADLINE for early bird registration has passed, but we are still accepting registrations for this CME Programme!

Registration: Complete the registration form that you have received with the preliminary programme. Return it to our office accompanied with your payment,

either by fax at 613-730-4314 or by mail to SOGC, 780 Echo Drive, Ottawa, ON K1S 5R7. You may also register online at anytime by visiting our Web site at www.sogc.org/conferences/west_e/index.shtml.

Hotel accommodation: Call The Rimrock Resort Hotel at (403) 762-3356 or 1-800-661-1587. To obtain your special group rate, please mention that you are attending the SOGC conference.

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60 Years! (Continued from page 3)

Maughan Manoeuvre, a procedure he developed to facilitate delivery complicated by arrested occiput-posterior or transverse positions in the second stage of labour. During his term, Dr. Maughan was particularly concerned with the lack of funding for Ob/Gyns in the form of grants allocated by the Medical Research Council and the Department of National Health and Welfare. He also expressed his view that a liaison between the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the SOGC could benefit both societies. A year later, ACOG invited the President of SOGC to its Annual Meeting, indicating that some sort of relationship was being considered. At the 1961 mid-winter Council Meeting, Dr. Maughan led a one-man crusade, communicating to various "drug houses" in regards to the use of compounds containing Apiol as an abortifacient. Council felt Dr. Maughan should be complimented on this matter.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING, Saturday,
June 22 - Monday June 24, 1957.

Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta

Council 1956-1957

PresidentB.D. Best (Winnipeg)
President-Elect..... G.M. White (Saint John, NB)
Vice-President.....J.S. Henry (Montreal)
Secretary F.P. McInnis (Toronto)
Treasurer J.R. McArthur (Toronto)
CouncillorsL.A. Magnan (Montreal)
..... R.H. Horner (Edmonton)
Guest Speaker..Dr R.R. de Alvarez (Philadelphia, PA)

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING,
Thursday, June 19 - Saturday June 21, 1958.

The Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews by the Sea,
New Brunswick

Council 1957-1958

President G.M. White (Saint John, NB)
President-Elect.....J.S. Henry (Montreal)
Vice-President.....D.E. Cannell (Toronto)
Secretary F.P. McInnis (Toronto)
Treasurer J. Mann (Toronto)
Councillors R.H. Horner (Edmonton)
.....F.D. Wanamaker (Saint John, NB)
Guest Speakers
.....Mr. T.N.A. Jeffcoate (Liverpool, England)
..... Dr. Hans Kottmeier (Stockholm, Sweden)

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING, Friday,
September 11 - Sunday September 13, 1959.

Mont Tremblant Lodge, Mont Tremblant, Quebec

Council 1958-1959

PresidentJ.S. Henry (Montreal)
President-Elect.....D.E. Cannell (Toronto)
Vice-President.....E.F.E. Black (Winnipeg)
Secretary F.P. McInnis (Toronto)
Treasurer J. Mann (Toronto)
CouncillorsF.D. Wanamaker (Saint John, NB)
.....F.S. Hobbs (Vancouver)
Guest Speaker
..... Dr. C.L. Buxton (New Haven, Connecticut)

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING, Friday,
June 10 - Sunday June 12, 1960.

Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta

Council 1959-1960

PresidentD.E. Cannell (Toronto)
President-Elect.....E.F.E. Black (Winnipeg)
Vice-President..... G.B. Maughan (Montreal)
Secretary F.P. McInnis (Toronto)
Treasurer R.B. Meiklejohn (Toronto)
CouncillorsF.S. Hobbs (Vancouver)
..... C. Tupper (Halifax)
Guest Speaker.....Dr. C.L. Randall (Buffalo)

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING, Friday,
June 16 - Sunday June 18, 1961.

Chantecler Hotel, Ste. Adele, Quebec

Council 1960-1961

PresidentE.F.E. Black (Winnipeg)
President-Elect..... G.B. Maughan (Montreal)
Vice-President.....A.H. MacLennan (Edmonton)
Secretary F.P. McInnis (Toronto)
Treasurer R.B. Meiklejohn (Toronto)
CouncillorsW.R.C. Tupper (Halifax)
..... P. Meunier (Montreal)
Guest Speakers Dr. John Parks (Washington, DC)
..... Dr. Maurice Mayer (Paris, France)

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING, Thursday,
June 14 - Saturday June 16, 1962.

Minaki Lodge, Minaki, Ontario

Council 1961-1962

President G.B. Maughan (Montreal)
President-Elect.....A.H. MacLennan (Edmonton)
Vice-President..... C. Tupper (Halifax)
Secretary F.P. McInnis (Toronto)
Treasurer R.B. Meiklejohn (Toronto)
CouncillorsP.E. Meunier (Montreal)
..... K.T. MacFarlane (Montreal)
Guest Speaker... Dr. Milton L. McCall (Pittsburgh)

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- SOGC Minutes Vol 2, June 18, 1955 to June 17, 1961.
- SOGC Minutes, Vol 3, December 9, 1961 to June 18, 1967.

SOGC CME EVENTS

PROGRAMMES

14th West/Central CME

The Rimrock Resort Hotel
Banff, Alberta, April 1-3, 2004

60th Annual Clinical Meeting

Edmonton, Alberta,
June 25-29, 2004

17th Quebec 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

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 or at
1-800-56-246

Look for the ACM Preliminary Programme ~ Coming Soon!

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Join us in Edmonton, Alberta this summer for the 60th ACM - June 25-29, 2004
In conjunction with SOGC's 60th Diamond Anniversary (1944-2004) Celebration!



Conference-at-a-Glance (at time of print)

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 - Post-Graduate (PG) & Exhibit Day

PG COURSES

- **PG:** Comprehensive Colposcopy
- **PG:** Fertility: A Two-sided Coin
- **PG:** Pelvic Anatomy: Review for the Ob/Gyn (offsite cadaver course)
- **PG:** Medical Complications in Pregnancy
- **PG:** Perinatal Outcomes: Evolving Issues
- **PG:** Endoscopy Challenges in Management with Minimally Invasive Surgery
- **PG:** Chronic Pelvic Pain
- **PG:** Female Sexuality Across the Life Span
- **PG:** Peri-operative Management in Ob/Gyn

OPENING RECEPTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 - International Symposia (IS) & Exhibit Day

- **IS:** Evolution of Oral Contraception
- **IS:** Adolescent at Risk
- **IS:** Depression

LUNCHEON SYMPOSIUM

Osteoporosis Across the Lifespan – A Matter of Critical Timing

BPS A SESSIONS

- **BPS:** Best Evidence O & G How to Use it?
- **BPS:** Medical Legal 1 OBS
- **BPS:** Assisted Vaginal Birth
- **BPS:** Adolescent Health Issues
- **BPS:** Management of Vulvar Lesions
- **BPS:** Management of Adnexal Mass
- **BPS:** ASC-US? ASK US!
- **BPS:** Challenges in Induction
- **BPS:** Contraceptive Troubleshooting Workshop (2HRS)
- **BPS:** Millennium Technology (2HRS)
- **BPS:** Taxes

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
GALA & SOGC 60th Anniversary Celebration (proceeds to the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health)

SUNDAY, JUNE 27 - International Symposia (IS) Day

- **IS:** (TBD) CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST
- **IS:** Concurrent OBS
- **IS:** Concurrent GOC
- **IS:** Teenage Sexuality

GOC Meeting

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- Golf
- West Edmonton Mall
- Fort Edmonton Park
- Odysseum Museum

MONDAY, JUNE 28 - Concurrent Sessions

(Delegates may attend part or all of these sessions)

- **BS/IS:** CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

CONCURRENT SESSION #1: Research & Poster (All Day Sessions)

- **IS:** Principles of Using Biomarkers or Surrogate Endpoints in Clinical Research

ABSTRACT PROGRAMME

Gynaecology and Obstetrics

Poster Viewing Board
Presentations: Research & International Women's Health

GOC Meeting & Abstracts

BPS B SESSIONS

- **BPS:** Menopause Matters
- **BPS:** Ultrasound Markers Interface with Genetics
- **BPS:** Perinatal Infections

- **BPS:** Vaginal Birth After Caesarean (VBAC)
- **BPS:** Medical Legal 2 Gynaecology
- **BPS:** Hypertension in Pregnancy
- **BPS:** Aboriginal Health Traditions
- **BPS:** Contraceptive Troubleshooting Workshop (2HRS)
- **BPS:** Millennium Technology (2HRS)

CONCURRENT SESSION #2: International Woman Health Symposium (All Day Session)

OPENING PLENARY
Promoting the Professional and Ethical Responsibilities of Health Professionals in International Health Initiatives

AFTERNOON PLENARY:
Strengthening our Association - Keys to Success - The Experience of the SOGC and its Southern Partners

RESIDENT FUN NIGHT

TUESDAY, JUNE 29 - Sub-Specialty Day & Awards Ceremony

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

SUB-SPECIALTY MEETINGS

- **SS:** CSURPS
- **SS:** Maternal Fetal Medicine
- **SS:** SCC
- **SS:** Pediatric and Adolescent Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- **SS:** MORE^{OB}
- **SS:** Endoscopy
- **SS:** SIOGC

- **STUMP THE PROFESSOR**
- **CANNELL LECTURE & FOUNDATION AWARDS**
- **SOGC AWARDS** Ceremony Luncheon: Installation of New President
- **AWARDS Reception**

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Celebrating Success

Dr. Pierre Audet-Lapointe was awarded the medal of the Order of Canada on January 27, 2004. President of the AOGG in 1974-75, he is the Founding President of the "Fondation québécoise du cancer" and medical advisor to the "Direction de santé publique de Montréal Centre" (PQDCS), cancer division. Congratulations, Dr. Audet-Lapointe, on receiving this prestigious award.



MENOPAUSE Information Session

- Objectives:**
- To provide general information about menopause: signs and symptoms, short and long term effects
 - To identify risk factors for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, breast and uterine cancer
 - To emphasize the importance of healthy lifestyle practices
 - To discuss hormone therapy and other treatment options including alternative therapies

Location: The Ottawa Hospital, General Campus
501 Smyth Road - Auditorium

Time: 1845 - 2130 hrs. (6:45 - 9:30 p.m.)

- Dates:** Choose **one** of the following:
- ~~January 16, 2004 (Thursday)~~
 - ~~February 9, 2004 (Monday) (Session in French)~~
 - ~~February 18, 2004 (Wednesday)~~
 - March 23, 2004 (Tuesday)
 - April 19, 2004 (Monday)
 - May 12, 2004 (Wednesday)
 - May 13, 2004 (Thursday) (Session in French)
 - June 10, 2004 (Thursday)

Speakers: Registered nurses credentialled as Certified Menopause Educators and Menopause Practitioners by the North American Menopause Society

 **FREE**

To register or for more information contact:
Sally Payette: (613) 737-8563
 E-mail: spayette@ottawahospital.on.ca



Vancouver Island Regional Perinatal Conference

March 25-27, 2004, Harbour Towers, Victoria, British Columbia
 Info: BC Reproductive Care Program
 Tel.: 604-875-3737
 Fax: 604-875-3747
 Web site: www.rcp.gov.bc.ca

12th Annual Symposium: New Developments in Prenatal Diagnosis and Medical Genetics

May 12, 2004
 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
 Web site: www.cme.utoronto.ca

Biomarkers and Preterm Delivery

June 5, 2004
 Hotel Comwell Middelfart, Denmark
 Registration: www.ptdmeeting.org
 E-mail: jm@soci.au.dk

Nordic Federation of Societies of Obstetrics and Gynecology XXXIV Congress

Helsinki, Finland - June 12-15, 2004
 Info : www.nfog2004.com
 Congress office:
 Tel.: + 358 9 5840 9344
 Fax : + 358 9 5840 9555
 E-mail: nfog2004@congreszon.fi

30th British Congress of Ob-Gyn

July 7-9, 2004
 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

XIX European Congress of Perinatal Medicine, Athens, Greece

Athens Hilton Hotel,
 14-16 October 2004
 Tel. (+) 30 210 68 89 100
 Fax (+) 30 210 68 44 777
 E-mail: perinatal2004@cnc.gr
 Web site: www.cnc.gr

Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting

Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta
 November 24-27, 2004
 Info: 514-524-9009
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 E-mail: info@cfas.ca
 Web site: www.cfas.ca

Junior Member News

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

University of British Columbia

Joshua Press and Joelle Dennie

Over the past year, the UBC Ob/Gyn programme has experienced both achievement and unexpected tragedy. As well, the environment has changed, staff positions have been altered, and new technology has been acquired.

Changes in the programme include the transfer of the gynaecology ward at Vancouver General Hospital to a monstrous new tower, which has a great view of downtown Vancouver. Dr. Elisabet Joa has been appointed as the Site Coordinator of St. Paul's Hospital and Dr. Mark Rosengarten has become the Site Coordinator of B.C. Women's Hospital. Scott Lewis, the new Residency Programme Assistant, has done a great job at maintaining the organization of the residency programme.

The annual residents' ski retreat took place at Whistler/Blackcomb Resort at the end of January. All residents were relieved from clinical duties to enjoy dinner on the evening of the 29th and a day of skiing/snowboarding on the 30th. The 44 centimetres of fresh snow that fell on Blackcomb overnight made for an excellent day on the mountain. We are still cleaning snow from our ears.

The annual Resident Research Day will be occurring on March 11 this year. Dr. Peter von Dadelszen will again be hosting this event which gives residents an opportunity to present research pursued during their residency. We are excited to have Dr. Gavin Stuart, Gynecological Oncologist and UBC Dean of Medicine, as our guest speaker.

We are pleased to welcome five new residents: Tara Singh, Marketa Gogela-Spehar, Genevieve Eastabrook, Susan Sadeghi, and Kirsten Grabowska. They are currently completing their rotating PGY-1 year, and will be joining us for core Ob/Gyn in July. We

also have five chief residents completing the residency programme this year: Aude Beauchamp, Chantal Mayer, Beth Taylor, Julie Stone, and Jenny Muir.

The programme has instituted a new method of tracking procedures. T-Res is a Palm and Web-based system which allows residents to record their ambulatory and procedural experiences in both obstetrics and gynaecology. Also in use by some urology programmes across the country, we are the first Ob/Gyn programme to test it. The T-Res can generate a report for the Programme Director which facilitates the tabulation of residents' activities and, therefore, indicates their exposure to required procedures and experiences. It is user-friendly and has alleviated the need for the numerous patient labels that once filled our pockets. With the capability for revisions to improve efficacy and accuracy, it will no doubt assist residents in the acquisition of comprehensive training.

Unfortunately, tragedy has clouded our recent successes. We are all still coping with the loss of Dr. George Earle Mitchell, who passed away in 2003. Dr. Mitchell was a long-time member of the Vancouver Ob/Gyn community, and a vital part of the residency programme. He was model for us, exemplifying many of the best attributes of a physician, teacher and person. His jovial attitude was present regardless of the time of day or night, and his cheerful personality brightened the working environment. Many residents were taught how to perform new skills for the first time by this excellent teacher, whose patience was only overshadowed by his supportive manner. He had an ability to instill confidence in developing residents, and his dedication to patient care was an inspiration to all. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

University of Alberta

Kimberly Liu and Vivian Cheng

Greetings from Edmonton! The residents and staff at U Alberta have just returned from Jasper Park Lodge for a weekend retreat of rest and relaxation. The focus of the resident retreat was "Creative Collaboration in Practice." Two consultants were brought in to discuss team-building and lead us through team exercises (how do you balance eight people on a milk crate?), and talks included collaboration with anesthesia and other surgical specialties. It was not all lectures though. Most residents found time to play hockey, ski or enjoy nature walks. Lots of elk were spotted, and everyone visited the hospitality cabin.

We welcomed a new resident, Dr. Clayton Tuffnell into our PGY II year, and we have a dynamic class of PGY I's, Drs. Tannys Vause, Jillian Coolen, Tiffany Wells, and Amanda Kirkham. Several of our residents also had new additions to their families: congrats to Drs. Sarah Halleran and Drew Barreth, and soon to be mom Dr. Kjerstin Gustafson. This year, we are hoping to start a laparoscopy course for residents and we have rescheduled our academic half day around Clinical Practice Guidelines. Other changes to our programme include mandatory rotations in ICU and Advanced Laparoscopy. Finally, the residents are looking forward to beating the staff in the annual resident/staff hockey game.

Preparations are in full swing for the ACM, and we look forward to welcoming you all to our great city. See you here in June!

Elective Grant Winners

On behalf of SOGC, the Junior Member Committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following Elective Grant Winners and to thank the respective sponsors:

- Elective Grant Sponsor: SOGC/Duchesnay Inc. - Grant Recipient: Dr. Michelle Suga
- Elective Grant Sponsor: SOGC/Berlex Canada Inc. - Grant Recipient: Dr. Melissa Comette
- Elective Grant Sponsor: SOGC/Janssen-Ortho Inc. - Grant Recipient: Dr. Andrea Lausman
- SOGC Millennium Fellowship Grant, Elective in International Women's Health - Grant Recipient: Dr. Dan Reilly

Next deadline for SOGC to receive Elective Grant applications at the National Office: **May 10, 2004.**

International Women's Health Update

SOGC Elective

SIWH Programme



Members of the International Women's Health Division with Medical Student Noor Ladhani. L to R: Dr. A. Lalonde, N. Ladhani, S. Plourde and S. Fryer.

The International Women's Health division (IWH) was pleased to welcome Ms. N. Ladhani from the University of Western Ontario's medical school to the SOGC National Office to conduct research for the division. This was the first time the IWH division had the opportunity to collaborate with a medical student during the course of her studies. Ms. Ladhani was a welcome addition to the IWH team and her elective culminated in a research article entitled "Poverty Alleviation and Safe Motherhood." The SOGC benefited from the time Ms. Ladhani spent with the association in December 2003 and welcomes similar opportunities to collaborate with medical students in the future. The following comments are from Ms. Ladhani.

"I was fortunate to have the opportunity to

spend some of my 4th year elective time with the IWH division at the SOGC. I worked on a research project looking at the effects of Safe Motherhood initiatives on poverty alleviation. I learned much about maternal mortality and all the ongoing work to reduce it. The elective gave me an opportunity to see what organizations like the SOGC and the WHO are doing to alleviate women's suffering internationally. I was exposed to the ALARM International course and the essential obstetrical care projects being implemented by the SOGC and its partners. The clinical and non-clinical reasons for the staggering maternal mortality statistics became very clear to me, as did the means by which we can reduce these large numbers. Most important, I learned about the impact physicians have made outside of the traditional clinical setting. Policy formation, fund collection, and project implementation are topics I had not yet been exposed to in my medical education. These are, however, the tools we will need if we are to effect change and contribute our clinical skills to whole populations. Learning about the technicalities of maternal mortality was beneficial; starting to learn how to navigate my way through the system so that we might help reduce maternal mortality was invaluable. The time I spent at the SOGC, with the great help and encouragement of the IWH team, and the very welcoming staff, was an excellent addition to my other clinical rotations. Thanks to everyone for this great opportunity!"

The IWHP Award

The SOGC's International Women's Health Programme (IWHP) is committed to pursuing excellence in international women's health and to working toward the reduction of maternal mortality and morbidity. The success of IWHP's many programmes is contingent on the professional contributions of SOGC members who generously give their time and expertise to the IWHP.

Objective: The purpose of this annual award is to recognize and celebrate the outstanding commitment and excellence of an SOGC volunteer for his/her contribution to SOGC's IWHP. This award will be granted at the SOGC ACM's International Women's Health Symposium.

Criteria for selection: The International Women's Health Award will be granted to

a member who has made an outstanding contribution of time, ideas and expertise to the SOGC's IWHP. The following criteria must be met:

- Is a member of SOGC;
- Involved in IWH over at least a two-year period;
- Contributed to the projects and/or programmes of IWHP.

Selection process: An SOGC Member Jury composed of the following individuals will select the recipient from nominations received: the Executive Vice-President and the current President of SOGC and two members of the International Women's Health Committee.

Please forward your nominations to Sara Fryer, Programme Assistant, IWH, by April 1, 2004 (sfryer@sogc.com). Be sure to include a short description of the individual's experience in SOGC's IWHP and the reason(s) why he/she should receive this award.

Midwifery in Quebec: Update

Claude A. Fortin M.D., Obstetrician-Gynaecologist, President AOGQ

After countless discussions, numerous meetings and tireless negotiations involving all parties, the obstetrical world witnessed a first in Quebec on February 13. Indeed, the *Centre hospitalier La Salle* and the *CLSC Saint-Louis* came to a partnership agreement that allows midwives to manage low-risk deliveries in the hospital setting. The bilateral agreement, a pilot project with a predetermined duration and periodic re-evaluation, could serve as a model for all other interested hospitals and CLSCs in the future.

It took much perseverance on the part of the committee overseeing the project to convince the medical community of its necessity and of the possibility of welcoming a profession with which relations have not always been smooth.

The *Association des obstétriciens et gynécologues du Québec* (AOGQ) was open to the project, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Quebec then followed suit, after ensuring that the collaborative practice would follow the rules of the art. Originally, the College was in favour of integrating midwives into the Council of Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists (CMDP), but Quebec law requires their integration by the CLSCs who are in fact their employers. In keeping with the current law and according to the mutual agreement, a methodology for consultation and transfer of care for high-risk patients was developed by which the obstetrician-gynaecologist remains the ultimate resource person. The current hospital chart will continue to be used and a review committee for problem cases will be established.

The Ministry of Health agreed to the project and was present at the agreement's signing, as were the chief administrators of the *Centre hospitalier La Salle* and the *CLSC Saint-Louis*, midwives and various medical representatives. Let us hope that this initiative will be successful, for the greater good of patients who wish to have a choice of health care professionals while benefiting from the numerous medical resources available.