



SOGC News

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

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SOGC Purchase of Publishing Rights - Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (JOGC)

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

Due to difficult economic circumstances in the last 2 years mainly from a tremendous decrease in journal advertising, Rogers Communications has offered to sell the publishing rights of the JOGC. The SOGC Council has agreed to purchase these rights. These rights were sold to Ribosome in 1988 and then to Rogers in 1999. The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) Council is committed that the SOGC take over the journal to ensure that we continue to publish this journal on a monthly basis. The publication of the SOGC Journal will come under direct responsibility of the National Office.

The SOGC Council has also decided that JOGC will be a subscription only journal as of January 2004. This will mean that for the first time in 14 years, members will see an increase in their membership dues,

which will include the cost of the JOGC. As you are receiving your membership dues, you will see that we have raised the dues to include the journal. The next year will be critical for the SOGC in terms of organizing the financial aspects of the journal to



ensure that we continue to produce a high quality journal that is appreciated by all of our members.

With a readership of 93% in ob/gyns and other allied health care personnel in Canada, the journal is well positioned to continue to be successful if we can streamline our production and cut our costs wherever possible.

Please take this opportunity to discuss journal support with your pharmaceutical representatives as they visit you in the next few months. We will be conducting a wide-reaching campaign to secure funding from our advertisers for 2004. The SOGC will enter into negotiations with a printing house and we can assure you that you will be receiving your journal as usual in January 2004. Thank you for your support.

Appointment

On August 15, 2003, Dr. Zohra Docrat was elected as National President at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada, for the term 2003-2004.

Dr. Docrat received her medical degree from McMaster University in 1985 and her fellowship in obstetrics and gynaecology in 1990. She currently practises as an obstetrician-gynaecologist in Brantford, Ontario and is a long-standing member of the SOGC.

The Federation of Medical Women of Canada (FMWC) is a national organization committed to the professional, social and personal advancement of women physicians and to the promotion of the well-being of women both in the medical



Dr Zohra Docrat (right) receives the President's Medal from the Past-President, Dr Sajni Thomas.

profession and in society at large. As well, FMWC is a nation member of the Medical Women's International Association.

Congratulations, Dr. Docrat!

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Sexualityandu.ca Spokesperson Wins It All!

Andrée Poirier, Director of Communications and Public Relations

He did it! Our Contraception Awareness Project (CAP) spokesperson, Christopher Guerrieri, captured his first Championship in Formula Ford 1600 racing series on Sunday, September 28th when he won first place in the last race of this season.

Christopher dominated all events on the weekend by qualifying first with the fastest time, putting him in an excellent starting position by capturing pole (first in line to start the race). Christopher never looked back despite the rain that made the track slippery and dangerous in some corners. While many drivers were spinning out of control, Chris kept his focus and showed the racing fans what an excellent and skilled driver he is.

Throughout the racing season, Chris was available for all kinds of events where SOGC staff were present to promote the

sexualityandu.ca Website to young and old. He distributed our various promotional products, signed autographs and spoke with teens and parents about the sexualityandu.ca site. Chris also received a lot of media attention at the races due to this unusual sponsorship



for the racing world. He took the teasing all in stride and made sure the message came through loud and clear that our Web site is the most informative and up-to-date site

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New President Elect

In 2004 the Central Region Manitoba Division will be eligible to submit a candidate for President Elect of SOGC. The candidate must have had extensive experience with SOGC Committees and/or Council or Executive Committee. The physician must be nominated by the Central SOGC Committee, which will meet at the March Executive and Council Meeting.

Elections 2004

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

New Vice-President from Ontario

As well, the Ontario Regional Committee will need to nominate, for the March Meeting, a Vice-President to serve 2 years on the Executive Committee of SOGC. The candidate should have worked extensively on SOGC's Committees in the past and be knowledgeable of the ob/gyn situation in Ontario.

Official notification will be sent to all the members in each of these regions. Please feel free to contact me to discuss any of these issues.

November is Osteoporosis Month *from the Osteoporosis Society of Canada*

The Osteoporosis Society of Canada has worked hard over the past year to update its patient information and provide useful tools to healthcare professionals, following the publication of its 2002 clinical practice guidelines as a supplement to the Nov. 12, 2002 issue of CMAJ.

Some of the biggest changes in the new guidelines involve the risk factors and treatment recommendations - see guidelines highlights under the healthcare professional section of our Web site. In particular:

- Men and women over 50 with at least one major or two minor risk factors should have a BMD test.
- Everyone over 65 should have a BMD test.
- HRT is a second-line treatment for post-menopausal women with osteoporosis. The increased risks for cardiovascular events, stroke and invasive breast cancer may lead to an unfavourable risk-benefit ratio with long-term use of HRT when it is taken only for the treatment of post-menopausal osteoporosis.

In addition, daily calcium intake recommendations were increased to 1500 mg. and vitamin D to 800 IU per day for all men and women over 50.

The Osteoporosis Society of Canada provides a myriad of programs and services for patients and healthcare professionals. It is now updating the healthcare professional section of its Web site at www.osteoporosis.ca. The section currently has:

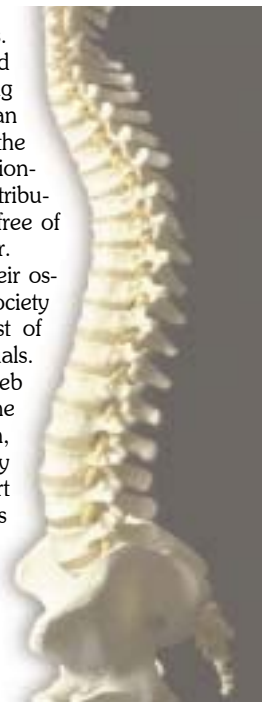
- a link to the CMAJ site of our clinical guidelines, and highlights of the guidelines
- a list of our SAC members
- a calendar of events for health professionals

It plans to add to its Web site (this month) a downloadable PDF of the algorithms from its guidelines for PDAs (Palm pilots etc.). It will also be adding features from its quarterly magazine for health professionals, Osteoporosis Update.

In addition to its Web site, it also published a special guidelines issue of Osteoporosis Update and a laminated Osteoporosis Quick Reference Guide, perfect for pocket, desk

or bulletin boards in exam rooms. Both resources are bilingual and single copies are available by calling 1-800-463-6842. Multiple copies can be ordered, for a fee, by calling the same number. Healthcare professionals can also be added to the distribution list for Osteoporosis Update, free of charge, by calling the same number.

Physicians should encourage their osteoporosis patients to contact the Society for information and support, most of which is free of charge to individuals. It offers the public: a bilingual Web site, bilingual 1-800 information line (above number) for information, support and referral to community resources, including Society support groups, as well as printed fact sheets and brochures and resources such as cookbooks and exercise videos for purchase.



Adolescents' Reproductive Health: A Global Priority

Action Canada for population and development

Enabling the largest-ever generation of adolescents to protect their reproductive health is an urgent priority in the global fight against poverty and HIV/AIDS, emphasizes The State of World Population 2003 report by UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund. UNFPA,

in collaboration with Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD) launched its flagship report in Ottawa and other cities worldwide on Wednesday, October 8th.

This year's report, subtitled Making 1 Billion Count: Investing in Adolescents' Health and Rights, examines the challenges and risks, including early pregnancy and high rates of HIV infection, facing 1.2 billion adolescents

in a rapidly changing world. It makes the case for greater investments and expanded programmes to ensure that young people have the knowledge and means to stay healthy, as both a matter of human rights and an economic imperative.

The report can be downloaded or ordered from: <http://www.unfpa.org/swp/index.htm>.

Menopause Information Session in Ottawa

Objectives:

- * To provide general information about menopause: signs and symptoms, short and long term effects
- * To identify the risk factors for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, breast and uterine cancer
- * To discuss healthy lifestyle practices and the evidence supporting the use of alternative therapies
- * To discuss the risks and benefits of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) and how to make a decision based on personal risk factors
- * To introduce new treatment options

Location:

Ottawa Hospital
General Campus, Auditorium
501 Smyth Road, Ottawa, Ontario

Time:

18:45 – 21:30 hrs. (6:45 – 9:30 p.m.)

Dates:

November 17, 2003 (Mon.)
November 24, 2003 (Mon.) (Session in French)
December 8, 2003 (Mon.)

Cost:

Free of Charge

Format:

Slide presentation followed by a question and answer period.

To register or for more information, contact:

Sally Payette – 737-8563

E-mail:

spayette@ottawahospital.on.ca

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SOGC CME EVENTS

PROGRAMMES

22nd Ontario CME

Marriott Eaton Centre
Toronto, Ontario
December 4-6, 2003

17th International CME

Meliá Caribe Tropical, Punta Cana
Dominican Republic
March 1-5, 2004

14th West/Central CME

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

60th Annual Clinical Meeting

Edmonton, Alberta
REVISED DATES: June 25-29, 2004

17th Quebec CME (offered in French)

Fairmont Tremblant
Tremblant, Québec
September 23-25, 2004

COURSES

SCOPE - 2003

Toronto, ON - November 14-15
Mount Sinai Hospital
Surgical Skills Centre

ALARM - 2004

Regina, SK (in conjunction with POGO) - February 7-8

London, ON - February 27-28

Montreal, QC (offered in French only) - 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

To register, please visit our Web site at www.sogc.org/alarm/index.shtml or call (613) 730-4192 or 1-800-561-2416 to obtain a copy of the registration form by fax.

22nd Ontario CME Programme

in association with OSOG

December 4-6, 2003
Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre

"THE WORLD WITHIN A CITY"
toronto

Don't forget the DEADLINE DATE is November 7, 2003!

TO REGISTER for the CME: Complete the registration form (for the early bird registration fee) that you 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/ontario/index.shtml.

TO REGISTER for the ALARM Course and Neonatal Resuscitation Course: Limited space. Register now while space is still available (please refer to registration form for enrollment).

TO BOOK your hotel accommodations: Call the toll-free number 1-800-905-0667. To obtain your special group rate, please mention the SOGC conference.

For more information, please visit our Web site at www.sogc.org/ontario/index.shtml.

We are waiting to welcome you to this conference!

* **Erratum to the Preliminary Programme ***

Affiliate Meeting

Saturday, December 6, 2003
13:30 - 15:30

OSOG Meeting (Richard Johnston)

PUNTA CANA Dominican Republic 17th International CME Meliá Caribe Tropical Resort March 1-5, 2004

MELIA CARIBE TROPICAL is a deluxe five-star all inclusive property situated on the palm-lined shores of Bavaro Beach. Its extensive facilities are set amidst beautifully landscaped tropical gardens. The hotel is adjacent to the 27-hole Cocotal Golf and Country Club. The Melia Caribe Tropical Resort is fabulous for couples, singles, golfers and families.

ICME Credits

This programme is approved, under section 1, as an accredited group learning activity for the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Other credits are pending accreditation approval.

Visit the SOGC Website at www.sogc.org/icme/index.htm for complete details of the scientific programme.

For AIR and/or HOTEL reservations, please call the SOGC official travel agency: **Carlson Wagonlit/Madison Travel in Ottawa at 1-800-465-4040 or (613) 238-4040, fax (613) 238-4747, and ask for Tanya Dugal, ext. 236 or email: tdugal@carlsonwagonlit.ca, or Helen Janes, ext. 230 or email: hjanes@carlsonwagonlit.ca.**

Hotel Costs (U.S. funds)

- Double: \$150.00 per person per night
- Single: \$207.00 per night
- Triple: add \$115.00 per night
- Children (2-11): 1st child is free, 2nd child add \$75.00 per night

Group Flight times (subject to change, prices in Canadian dollars)

28FEB(SAT): TORONTO - PUNTA CANA
06MAR(SAT): PUNTA CANA - TORONTO
\$679.00 + \$160.00 tax

29FEB(SUN): TORONTO - PUNTA CANA
07MAR(SUN): PUNTA CANA - TORONTO
\$679.00 + \$160.00 tax

28FEB(SAT): OTTAWA - PUNTA CANA
06MAR(SAT): PUNTA CANA - OTTAWA
\$699.00 + \$160.00 tax

29FEB(SUN): MONTREAL - PUNTA CANA
07MAR(SUN): PUNTA CANA - MONTREAL
\$699.00 + \$170.00 tax

ICME deadline: January 7, 2004

16th Quebec CME Programme in conjunction with AOGQ

A Resounding Success



Linda Kollesh, CME / ALARM Programme Officer

The 16th Quebec CME Programme recently held at the Fairmont Manoir Richelieu was a huge success. Delegates not only took advantage of the magnificent Charlevoix region, but also mixed business with pleasure. This year, over 161 delegates took part in the conference. Here are a few highlights.

Golf

More than 65 players took part in the Friday afternoon golf in the spirit of camaraderie, in a splendid décor. The winning team was: Luc St-Pierre, Chantal St-Pierre, Claude Fortin and Philippe-Yves Laberge.

New this year

1. Contraception Museum

A new addition to this year's programme was a reception and visit of the "History of Contraception" exhibit. It is the largest

Canadian retrospective ever put together on the subject of contraception.

The SOGC and AOGQ wish to thank Janssen-Ortho for this most interesting exhibit.

2. Dinner and dancing

For the very first time, an evening of dinner and dancing was organized on the Friday. More than 155 delegates attended this unforgettable evening, where country cooking, music and pleasant company abounded.

The SOGC wishes to thank Berlex Canada Inc. for sponsoring this event.

The SOGC and AOGQ wish to thank the Quebec Organizing Committee, sponsors, speakers and delegates for their contributions to the success of this 16th Quebec CME Programme.

It's a date for the 17th Quebec CME Programme, from September 23-25, 2004 at the Fairmont Tremblant.

Atlantic Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Angus Gardner, MD, President, ASOG

We had a wonderful meeting in the most magical of locations - The Inverary Inn, Baddeck, Cape Breton. The weekend started on Thursday evening with a reception at the Convention Centre, where all the official activities were held. Members were treated to a first class scientific programme all day Friday and Saturday morning. The rest of the family spent time at the Inn Spa or hiking the Ische Ban Falls, or visiting the Alexander Bell Museum, or driving the most scenic St. Anne's Arts and Crafts Loop along the Cabot Trail, or shopping at some of the small boutiques in the village.

Friday evening, we were taught the art of the square dance by a caller and fiddler at the Inn.

Even those with two left feet joined in the frolic. Saturday after-



noon was devoted

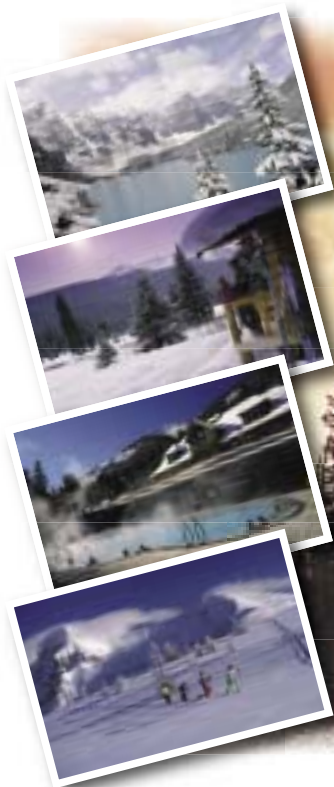
to sailing the Bras D'Or lakes in a sixty foot schooner, the Amoeba. Land Lubbers preferred the hacking and putting on the Best New Course of 1998 at Bell Bay Golf Course in Baddeck. That evening, we let it all hang out at the Convention Centre to the good old rock 'n' roll sounds of the best band in the East, the Accents. Unlike other years when the "old folk" left after the first set, most were still present at the closing bell. They all cut a great rug on the dance floor!

At the Annual Business Meeting of the Society, the incoming President, Peter Bethune, was elected, as the next meeting will be held in Prince Edward Island. Donna Fedorkow represented the SOGC, giving an update on recent activities at the national and international level. The Society was grateful to Bob Reid and Doug Bell, the CFA's (Come From Away's) for their timely and elegant

presentations. We really do know how to combine science and camaraderie!



Dr. Ian Dale, Mrs. Judy Gardner, Dr. Angus Gardner and Dr. Donna Fedorkow



14th West/Central CME Programme in conjunction with ASOG

April 1-3, 2004

The Rimrock Resort Hotel
Banff, Alberta

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MIRU Conference - Pregnancy and Birth: What Is Best for Mothers and Babies?

Centre for Research in Women's Health, Toronto, Ont. - November 28, 2003

Info: Judy Cardwell, 416-323-6501, ext.3781

E-mail: miru@sw.ca.

Web site: www.utoronto.ca/miru

Vancouver Island Regional Perinatal Conference

March 25-27, 2004, Harbour Towers, Victoria, British Columbia

Info: BC Reproductive Care Program at:

Tel.: (604) 875-3737

Fax: 9604) 875-3747

www.rcp.gov.bc.ca

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

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Two New Membership Benefits

The SOGC is proud to introduce two new partners to its Affinity program.

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Celebrating Success

Daniel Morier, Public Education & Media Relations Coordinator

Dr. Morrie M. Gelfand of Montréal, Québec, was awarded the newly created 2003 NAMS/Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals Leadership Award in Androgen Research at the recent

North American Menopause Society (NAMS) Annual Conference in Florida. Dr. Gelfand was recognized and acknowledged for his lifetime body of research that has advanced the understanding of the role of androgen (endogenous or exogenous) in postmenopausal women.



Congratulations, Dr. Gelfand!

RE&I Fellowship

The Division of Reproductive Sciences, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Mount Sinai Hospital, University of Toronto is accepting applications for the position of clinical fellow in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, starting July 1, 2005. This funded, 2-year fellowship is accredited by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada. This programme is designed to provide clinical and research training in the Reproductive Sciences for candidates who are committed to an academic career.

Necessary qualifications include completion of specialty training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Prior research experience, including a working knowledge of molecular biology, is preferred.

The Division is closely affiliated with the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute located adjacent to Mount Sinai Hospital. As such, basic science research is a strong component of the division.

For more information or application, please contact:

Ms. K. Ly

Kly@mtsinai.on.ca

416-586-5046

New Genetic Screening Tests now available and recommended

Carrier screening for Canavan Disease and Familial Dysautonomia (FD), both severe neurological diseases, is now available and recommended for the Ashkenazi Jewish population of childbearing age. This is in addition to testing for Tay-Sachs disease, which is already standard of care for this high risk population. The carrier rate for FD is as frequent as that of Tay-Sachs disease in the Ashkenazi Jewish population (approximately 1 in 30). The FD carrier test was only discovered in 2001. The Canavan disease carrier test was discovered in 1993 but has only recently become readily available to the population at risk in Canada.

In collaboration with The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, a group of interested organizations has arranged for carrier testing for FD, Canavan and Tay-Sachs disease to be easily available now at no charge to the patient. Doctors in Ontario should offer screening to their patients who are high risk for these 3 diseases by providing them with The Hospital for Sick Children Molecular Genetics requisition (available along with sample requirements online at www.sickkids.ca/molecular) as well as the standard OHIP blood requisition. With these 2 requisitions, patients can then be sent for blood samples to be

drawn at the local private laboratory to which their physician sends routine blood samples or directly to The Hospital for Sick Children (call 416-813-5779 for appointment.)

Although this project was piloted in Toronto and surrounding areas, these tests are also available for doctors to order for their patients in high risk populations in Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Montreal, although not necessarily at no cost to the patient at this time. Doctors should enquire about testing availability from the genetics department of their local pediatrics hospital.

More information about these diseases and about genetic screening is available for patients and physicians at www.what sinyourgenes.com. Brochures for patients can be ordered through any of the contacts listed on the Web site. These screening tests should complement the screening that is currently standard for various ethnic groups that are at higher risk for specific genetic conditions. For example, testing for thalassemia in the Mediterranean and Southeast Asian populations, sickle-cell disease in the Black African and Caribbean populations, and Tay-Sachs disease in the Ashkenazi Jewish and French Canadian populations is currently standard.



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Sachs and Allied
Diseases of
Ontario



Jacob's Ladder
The Canadian Foundation for Control
of Neurodegenerative Disease



National Council
of Jewish Women
of Canada

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where teens, adults, parents, teachers and health care professionals alike can get information on sexual health and well-being. His involvement with our programme more than tripled our investment in free publicity.

"We are very proud of Christopher's accomplishments and look forward to another year of partnering with the Guerrieri Racing Team", said Lisa Spencer, Coordinator of the CAP programme. We would like this opportunity to thank Chris, his team and most of all his family: his father Carman, his mother Denise and sister Trista for dedicating a lot of their time in helping us distribute information and supporting all our efforts in promoting sexualityandu.ca. Thanks to all the other sponsors who came on board by believing in our message: Gary and Debra Coburn, Canadian distributors of Trustex condoms, thank you for all the free condoms (they were a hit at most events); to Brymark Promotions, for guiding us in our choice of promotional items and your sponsorship, to Virtual Learning, for the front page exposure of the sexual health page on the Medbroadcast.com site for two years; to Northstar Promotions for the team shirts, t-shirts and the pictures taken at all events for our photo library. It was quite the year and we hope you'll all be there again next year.

Christopher and his family wish to thank all the SOGC members and staff and their families who supported him throughout the season by either coming to the races or through email.

American Hospital Directory

The new 2004 edition of the American Hospital Directory is out. It includes comprehensive and updated information on hospital ownership, beds, employees, discharges, admissions, senior staff listings, specialized services and much more.

It is also available exclusively on CD for easy merges, downloads, copy and searches. For a limited time, the cost of the directory is \$345.

To order, call: 905-751-0919.

JM Committee to Meet in December

Sony Sukhbir Singh, PGY-4 University of Western Ontario, Chair, JM Committee

Because you're busy with a hectic call schedule, rounds presentations and time with family and friends, your JM Committee has some friendly reminders of upcoming events.

The JM Committee will be holding its annual meeting in Toronto again to coincide with the SOGC Ontario CME. Each university is expected to send one representative who will be present at the half day meeting and have an opportunity to attend CME events. Please notify Denise Desautels of the representative who will be attending from each university.

This year we are also encouraging all interested Residents to attend the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (APOG) meeting during the same weekend. A critical issue to be discussed will be Resident intimidation and harassment. The plenary sessions on Saturday, December 6 will include discussions of the topics of Obstetrics in Literature and Improving Quality in Research Translation to Practice, followed by breakout sessions on Student Mentoring and Evaluating Professionalism. Featured during lunch on Saturday will be the 10th Annual Poster Session. This session represents an important opportunity for members of Canadian academic departments in obstetrics and gynaecology to showcase their research. Awards will be given for first and second prize. Also included is a presentation by Dr. Frank Ling, President of the APOG Medical Education Foundation. Sunday will include the APOG Annual Business Meeting, followed by plenary sessions on the topics of Professionalism and Resident Well Being (including intimidation).

Click on these links to obtain the Preliminary Programme, Registration Form and Poster Submission information. <http://sogc.org/special/PreliminaryProgram_APOG.doc>; <http://sogc.org/special/APOG_AGM_RegistrationForm.doc>; <http://sogc.org/special/APOG_CallForPosterSubmissions.doc>

Everyone should be aware of the benefits of being an SOGC Member. They include a subscription to the JOGC, Website access for members, copies of guidelines, discounted rates for meetings and a chance to become a Resident Reporter to the ACOG or SOGC ACMs. We have had an amazing response over the past year including the most medical student members ever! Remember to JOIN or RENEW your membership ASAP if you haven't already.

There's a lot more going on with the SOGC JM Committee so ask your local representative for more information or contact myself (sony605@rogers.com) or Michelle Suga if you would like to get involved. See you in December!

Attn: JM Committee Members

JM Annual Mid-Year Meeting 2003

Where: Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre (SOGC Ontario CME)

When: Friday, December 5th, 2003 at 12 noon

Who: JM Committee Representative from each university

To Do: Book Flight, Hotel & Register for CME

University of Manitoba Resident Update

Heather Ring and Michael Boroditsky

The residency program at the University of Manitoba is going strong currently. Our annual golf day was held recently with a number of residents and attendings participating. A good time was had by all. We also had a full day's workshop on adolescent sexuality that was very informative and useful. The residents would like to thank Dr. Bill Fisher from the University of Western Ontario and Dr. Richard Boroditsky for presenting and organizing the event.

Our programme will be looking for a new programme director in the near future as our current one, Dr. Mark Heywood, was recently announced as our new Department Head. Congratulations! We also welcome a new resident from McGill, Dr. Fadwah Tahir. She will be a welcome addition to the programme.

The other areas of discussion recently have been the promotion of resident research in the programme and potentially changing our call schedule format. All are ongoing.

Cheers!

Junior Member Update

*Université du Québec à Montréal
Marie-Hélène Aubé*

Hello to one and all!

I would like to welcome our six new residents who joined us in July. They are very enthusiastic and motivated. Also, our four graduating residents successfully completed their exams. Congratulations to Marie-Soleil Wagner, Andrée Sansregret, Pascale Beauregard and Anne LeBouthillier. Two of them are continuing their training through post-doctoral studies in the fields of planning/contraception and education.

Actually, the Université de Montréal offers three post-doctoral studies programmes: perinatology, fertility and gynecology. Dr. Klam is presently among us and will soon finish his perinatology specialty, following which he will work at McGill University. Also with us are Dr. Kadoch working in the field of fertility and Drs. Goffin and Al Obaid in gyn-oncology.

Since last year, we have the benefit of one academic half-day a week, which allows the opportunity for speakers, interesting case-based presentations and subject reviews. Moreover, the Continuing Medical Education Department continues to offer resident presentations from invited speakers who are experts in various areas of interest. Last spring, a "Case-Report" contest was organised and several residents took part. The presentations were fascinating and Nathalie East won first prize, a \$500 scholarship! Her article will very likely be published in the coming months.

Finally, I would like to mention the arrival of two new professors: Dr. Stéphane Ouellet, who joined the Hôpital St-Luc team last year after having completed specialty training in uro-gynaecology, and Dr. Rania Bou-Habib who recently finished laparoscopy training. And let's not forget two newcomers to Hôpital Ste-Justine, directly from Paris: Dr. Audibert and Dr. Dumont. A multitude of new people who will share with us their wealth of knowledge.