



SOGC News

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

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Memorandum of Understanding Canada-Japan

From the EVP's Desk

On November 30, 2004, the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada and the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology signed an agreement of collaboration between the two societies in Ottawa. This will include the exchange of young physicians from both countries as well as mutual participation at our respective Annual Clinical Meetings. The two associations will also



L to R.: Dr. André Lalonde, Dr. Shingo Fujii and Dr. Gérald Stanimir

explore international collaboration. Full text available on our Website at www.sogc.org.

SGEC Research Collaboration Opportunity

SGEC Executive Committee

The Society of Gynaecological Endoscopists of Canada (SGEC) is a newly formed specialty interest committee of the SOGC. All SOGC members can indicate whether they wish to join the SGEC committee on their next SOGC Membership Renewal Application. There is no additional cost of joining this committee over the current SOGC membership dues.

The mandate of the SGEC is to promote awareness, education and research about gynaecologic endoscopy and other minimally invasive surgery for our specialty. One of the research projects we are coordinating and supporting is the development of a multicentre clinical trial to evaluate the role of intraoperative cystoscopy to increase the detection rate and decrease the morbidity of urinary tract injuries at major gynecologic surgery.

The first step for this multicentre clinical trial will consist of interested collaborators meeting

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Full Five Year Accreditation to SOGC

CPD Division

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada granted the SOGC full accreditation for a 5-year period as an Accredited Continued Professional Development (CPD) Provider. This is the longest period possible to be awarded. The SOGC showed exemplary compliance in several key standards including:

attracting external funding, evaluation expertise, technology implementation to meet the needs of participants and development beyond the medical expert role in the area of needs assessment. The SOGC will continue to lead in the area of CPD and is pleased to announce this recognition to its members and stakeholders.

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Seeking Volunteer Ob/Gyn!

The SOGC's International Women's Health Program is seeking an ob/gyn who is comfortable practicing and teaching in French for a short-term technical assistance placement in Oyem, Gabon during March or April 2005. The exact dates will be established according to the volunteer's availability.

The duration of the placement is three weeks with two goals:

- Provide support supervision and training to the ob/gyn at the district hospital;
- Monitor the practice of midwives to ensure the proper integration of the ALARM International course material.

Please express your interest as soon as possible to the SOGC National Office at splourde@sogc.com or via telephone at 1-800-561-2416 x 241.

CMPA Survey... see page 8

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SGEC Research (continued from page 2)

for 3 days in early February 2005 to compile a research protocol and a group application to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Travel costs for this 3-day meeting will be reimbursed. Support for travel to develop this proposal will be cost-shared by the IWK Research Foundation in Halifax and by Karl Storz Endoscopy Canada Ltd.

If you are interested in exploring collaborating with some of our SGEC committee members to develop this multicentre clinical trial, please forward your telephone number and

e-mail address to sseguin@sogc.com. One of our committee members will contact you over the next few weeks to provide you with further details.

Regards,
Dr. Claude Fortin, President
Dr. Guylaine Lefebvre
Dr. Art Ternamian
Dr. John Thiel
Dr. Barry Saunders
Dr. Donna Gilmour

RCPSC 75th Anniversary

Corporate Affairs

A plaque was presented to the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in honour of their 75th anniversary celebrations.

Photo from left to right: Dr. Michel Brazeau, RCPSC Chef Executive Officer, Dr. Stewart M. Hamilton, RCPSC President, and Dr. André B. Lalonde, SOGC Executive Vice-President.



March 3 to 5, 2005
Radisson President Hotel and
Suites Richmond, BC



Western Canada Launch Acute Care of At-Risk Newborns "ACoRN"

ACoRN is a program that provides a sequential team approach for the initial assessment and management of at-risk and unwell newborns focused on: Respiratory, Cardiovascular, Neurological, Surgical, Fluid & Glucose, and Thermoregulation conditions. Participants will be introduced to the ACoRN framework, key concepts and clinical tools.

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Advances and Controversies in Perinatal Care

The conference provides further opportunities for perinatal health care providers in acute care and community settings to update their knowledge in various perinatal topics.

For conference information/brochure, contact: BC Reproductive Care Program
F5-4500 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC, V6H 3N1
Tel:(604)875-3737 Fax:(604)875-3747 www.rcp.gbc.ca

Canadian Health Professionals Work to Improve Maternal and Neonatal Health in West Africa

Sara Fryer, IWH
Division

Women continue to die during pregnancy and childbirth due to their inability to access timely and quality health-care services. The SOGC's International Women's Health Program works to decrease maternal and neonatal deaths by providing health care professionals, working in low resource countries, with much needed quality obstetrical risk reduction training. More than 99% of maternal deaths take place in low resource countries and are largely preventable with appropriate health care interventions.

During December 2004, the SOGC had two main activities at the Société Africaine de gynécologie et d'obstétrique (SAGO) Conference in Cotonou, Bénin: the delivery of the ALARM International Program and the Launch of the ICM/FIGO Global Initiative against PPH (post-partum haemorrhage).

The ALARM International Program (AIP) is a mobilizing course with a training component designed for health professionals involved in the delivery of essential obstetrical care in low resource countries. The AIP increases the obstetrical skills of physicians and midwives to address the five main causes of maternal death and injury. Along with the clinical components, the AIP sensitizes and mobilizes health professionals to the social, economical, cultural and legal factors which inhibit women's access to health services and offers solutions for the overall improvement of maternal and newborn health.

The AIP in Bénin was conducted over four days to allow for three days of obstetrical and neonatal risk reduction training and a full day of training on monitoring and evaluation of safe motherhood programs. SOGC members delivered the ALARM International Program to SAGO members. The Canadian Faculty members included Drs. François Beaudoin, Alexandre Dumont and Ms. Suzanne Plourde. Many thanks to our Faculty for their dedication and hard work and to the sponsors and various organizations that made the course possible including: SAGO, AQUASOU (funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Canadian and African Faculty members and technical support



Participants and faculty of the ALARM Course in Benin, December 2004.

from diverse experts and the World Health Organization for the component on the monitoring and evaluation of safe motherhood programs.

Launch of the Joint Statement to Prevent Bleeding after Childbirth

The International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and the International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (FIGO) launched a joint consensus on the prevention of post-partum haemorrhage (PPH) at the SAGO Conference held in December 4 in Cotonou, Bénin. This is the first launch to occur in West Africa as another occurred in August 2004 at a regional ob/gyn meeting in Kampala, Uganda.

Pregnancy and childbirth still pose significant health risks to women, including those without preexisting health problems. More than half of the estimated 500,000 annual maternal deaths occur within 24 hours of delivery, mostly from excessive bleeding. The ICM, FIGO and SOGC understand that where maternal deaths are high and resources are limited, the introduction of low-cost, evidence-based practices to prevent and manage PPH can drastically improve the survival rate of mothers and their infants.

The Launch of the Global Initiative against PPH calls for active management of the third stage of labour to reduce the incidence of PPH, the quantity of blood loss and the use of blood transfusion. The complete ICM/FIGO joint statement on the management of PPH was published in the JOGC in December 2004. The event was sponsored by United States Agency for International Development, ICM and FIGO and was coordinated by the SOGC.

News from



Ms. Bianca Nadeau, Executive Director

AGM 2004 Poster Winners

1st Place: Dr. Debbie Penava, S. Stanojevic, C. Isaacs, P. Shuper, W. Fisher - University of Western Ontario, "Development of an OSCE Evaluation Tool for Communication Skills"

2nd Place: Ms. Sue McElhinney, Dr. A. Cullimore - McMaster University - "Are We Making the Mark? Community vs. Teaching Hospital Placement in Ob/Gyn"

APOG would like to congratulate our winners and thank all those individuals who participated in our annual poster session.

Board of Directors

The 2004 AGM in November saw many changes at the Board of Directors level. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to those who so generously volunteered their time to improve the quality of education in our field:

- Dr. Carl Nimrod
- Dr. Robert Reid
- Dr. Roger Turnell
- Dr. Helen McNamara
- Dr. Karen Fung Kee Fung
- Dr. Pierre Drouin
- Dr. Paul Bernstein

Please join us in officially welcoming our newly appointed members of the Board:

- Dr. Patrick Mohide, President-Elect
- Dr. Peter O'Neill, Secretary-Treasurer
- Dr. Graeme Smith, Chair - Research Committee
- Dr. Kim Liu, Chair - SOGC Junior Members Committee
- Dr. Jennifer Blake, Member-at-Large

New Website Now Online

The newly developed APOG Website is now available by visiting www.apog.ca. The site has drastically increased in size with much more information and many new tools available at your fingertips. We would love to hear your comments or suggestions for the new site! Simply click on the "Feedback" option located in the Menu Bar to share your comments.

SOGC/AOGQ Conference 2005

Fall under Québec's charm, June 16-21, 2005!

Québec will enchant you with its beauty, but especially with its uniqueness and its hospitality. The Host Committee is proud to welcome you in this magnificent city, where an assortment of activities awaits both young and old. You'll find below a preview of what's in store.

For the fine palate...



The capital of fine dining, Québec offers the opportunity to sample an array of delicious cuisine, as it has the most fine cuisine restaurants per capita in America. Don't miss the dining out experience on Friday, June 17, and

Jean Soulard's culinary techniques during the Companion Programme, which takes place on the afternoon of the 17th.

You can also let yourself be tempted by the tastes of the *Île d'Orléans*, on June 19.

For shopping lovers!



If you're looking for artwork, blown glass objects made on site by an artisan, watercolors, jewelry, or exclusive clothing, we suggest you take a walk down rue St-Jean, the

côte de la Fabrique, the promenades du Vieux-Québec, rue De Buade and rue du Trésor. And no shopping trip would be complete without a visit to the Petit-Champlain, the oldest business district in North America.

For lovers of the great outdoors!



Take in all the splendors of the St. Lawrence from the deck of the Louis-Jolliet, or try your hand at archery or relay running at the Station touristique Duchesnay, on the afternoon of June 19.

Golf aficionados will be able to indulge in their favorite sport at a number of different locales, including the Grand Vallon, in Beauré, and the Club de golf Alpin, in Sainte-Brigitte-de-Laval.

For history lovers!



Steep yourself in history in the city UNESCO named a jewel of world heritage in 1985, the cradle of French civilization in America, with the help of the Six Associés (afternoon of June 19).

For culture lovers!

Discover Le Capitole de Québec, where shows and music blend. And don't miss your chance to visit the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec during the opening reception, which will take place on the 17th!

Enjoy a gala evening, Québec style!

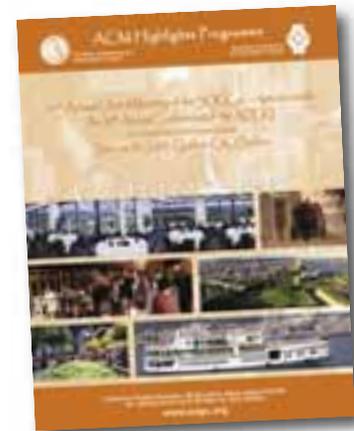
Join us for a gala evening held by the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health, on June 19, where you'll be treated to entertainment "Québec style", guaranteed to be a fun-filled evening.

"In 1608, while sailing up the St. Lawrence, I discovered a place of exceptional beauty. That's where I founded a city by the name of Québec."

Samuel de Champlain

For a night out

The hot spot for entertainment is the Maurice Nightclub, which lies at the very heart of Québec's tourist area. Your stay in the vieille Capitale wouldn't be the same without a visit to the nightclub during the Resident Fun Night on June 20.



Take a look at the scientific programme to get all the highlights of the 2005 ACM, held in conjunction with the 39th Annual Conference of the AOGQ.

**Registration deadline:
May 9th, 2005.**

For more details, visit us at www.sogc.org/conferences/index_e.shtml (click on ACM 2005).

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February
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We look forward to seeing you in Québec from June 16 to 21!

18TH ICME, March 7-11, 2005

**BRING YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FLIP-FLOPS,
AND JOIN US AT THE EXOTIC, "LA JOLLA
DE MISMALOYA RESORT", IN PUERTO
VALLARTA, MEXICO!**



The ICME is fast approaching! YOU CAN STILL REGISTER for the conference and reserve your hotel and flights.

THE CONFERENCE RESORT... All-suites 4-star tropical resort, 20 minutes from the downtown core • Beach front, 3 gigantic swimming pools, 4 international resort restaurants • Visit the La Jolla Resort Website at: www.lajollademismaloya.com

SOGC'S NEGOTIATED PACKAGE RATES... Room rates from \$250 U.S. per night, based on single or double occupancy • Includes breakfast & lunch (applicable **ONLY** to La Jolla Resort guests) • One-bedroom includes fridge, hot plate, Internet access & satellite TV, 1 bathroom • Two-bedroom includes mini fridge, Internet access & satellite TV, 2 bathrooms • Includes **Kids Club**, "JOLLAMIGOS" (arts & crafts, treasure hunt, mini Olympics, piñatas, beach-fun activities, and plenty of fresh air exercises) • Children aged 0-11 stay FREE when occupying the same suite • Children aged 12+ are \$70 U.S. per child, per night when occupying the same suite

REGISTER FOR THE ICME CONFERENCE... Register now by completing the Registration Form & FAX it back to SOGC at (613) 730-4314 • You can register **ON-LINE** at: www.sogc.org/conferences/index_e.shtml

TO SECURE TRAVEL & RESORT RESERVATIONS, CALL... Tanya Dugal at CARLSON WAGONLIT (Ottawa), SOGC's official travel agency Toll-free: 1-800-465-4040 or local: (613) 238-4040 ext. 236 • E-mail Tanya at: tdugal@carlsonwagonlit.ca

15th West/Central CME Programme

In conjunction with ASOG
April 7-9, 2005
The Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff AB



Remember... book your hotel room soon at The Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff, Alberta;
Tel: (403) 762-3356 or 1-800-661-1587

SOGC Special rates:

- **Superior:** \$173.00 per night single occupancy / \$180.00 per night double occupancy
 - **Deluxe:** \$199.00 per night single occupancy / \$206.00 per night double occupancy
- Note:** to obtain the special rate, please advise hotel staff that you are attending the SOGC conference.

Cut-off date: Friday, February 25, 2005

The Preliminary Programme, with complete conference details and registration information, was mailed to you in January. Please continue to visit our Website, www.sogc.org, for updates on our CME events.

SOGC, serving its members with excellence!

new gynaecology

Ontario CME Programme
April 15-16, 2005
Marriott Eaton Centre
Toronto, Ontario



SOGC is pleased to announce a new CME course to be held on **Friday, April 15th** and **Saturday, April 16th, 2005** at the Marriott Eaton Centre in Toronto. In response to a growing demand from the membership, this Gynaecology Conference focuses on the generalist Ob/Gyn and the family doctor providing women's healthcare. The complete program schedule will cover topics such as: Updates in Out-Patient Emergency Gynaecological Care Requiring Medical Therapy, Contraception Troubleshooting, Managing Menopause after WHI and Screening for Cancer. In addition, there will be a variety of small group sessions where case discussions relevant to the realistic practice of gynaecology in the office and out-patient department will be presented, including your personal experiences.

Space is limited. We advise you to book your hotel room soon at the Marriott Eaton Centre (downtown Toronto); Tel: 1-800-905-0667

SOGC special rate: \$139.00 single/double occupancy (**Note:** to obtain the special rate, please advise hotel staff that you are attending the SOGC conference)

Cut-off date: Friday, March 18, 2005

The Preliminary Programme, with complete details and registration information was mailed to you in January. Please continue to visit our Website, www.sogc.org, for updates on our CME events.



And the Award Goes To...

Corporate Services

Congratulations to the following individuals who have received awards of distinction for their commitment and involvement in women's health.

Dr. Claude A. Fortin received the Abbott-Pelland-Brisette 2004 Prize for his distinction in Women's Health. This prize is offered by the Association des médecins de la langue française du Canada.

Dr. Joan Crane received the President's Award for Research from Memorial University.

Dr. Pierre Audet-Lapointe, as founder and first President of the Fondation québécoise du cancer, received the Medal of Honour from Montreal University.

Dr. Francine Léger was one of the ten recipients of the 2004 Family Physician of the Year by the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Award recipients exemplify the importance of family medicine in Canada.

Mr. Jean Robert Marcotte of Berlex Canada Inc. was honored at the October 2004 Council Dinner for 20 years of dedication and commitment to women's health.

Membership Benefits

SOGC Membership and Subscription Services

Your membership with the SOGC not only entitles you to preferential rates with national suppliers like Grand and Toy, Choice Hotels and Avis Car Rental, but it also helps keep you informed of the latest clinical resources. You have access to on-line services and learning and discounted member prices at our Regional and International CMEs, and Annual Clinical Meetings. Included in your membership is a 12-issue subscription to the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada.

What's new for 2005?

- New affinity partnership with RBC Financial Group and Enterprise Rent-a-Car
- 3 new CME programs, one is offered in both French and Spanish
- The 61st ACM in conjunction with the AOGQ's 39th Annual Conference, in Québec City

Coming Soon...

Exclusive opportunities for members to create their own Website!

For more about Membership benefits, visit our Website at www.sogc.org under www.sogc.org/membership/benefits_e.shtml, or contact the Membership and Subscription Services Coordinator at 1-800-561-2416 ext. 233.

CHSRF Award

Canadian Health Services Research Foundation

Do you know of someone / an organization who has made a great contribution to advancing health services research and evidence-based decision-making in Canada? The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) encourages nominations of decision-makers who fund health services research, work in partnership with health services researchers, or frequently use research to make evidence-based decisions as well as researchers who are doing health services research, communicating research well, teaching about health services research, or advocating for it. **Please submit nominations by 5 p.m., March 31, 2005** to the CHSRF. The winner will be awarded \$10,000 to advance health services research and its use. For more information, visit the foundation's Website at www.chsrf.ca.

SOGC Members Recognized for Promoting Excellence in Health Care

The SOGC would like to congratulate Dr. Albert Yuzpe, Dr. Nicole Racette, Dr. Margo Fluker and Dr. Stephanie Fisher of the Genesis Fertility Centre for its recent recognition in the Canadian Health Accreditation Report, from the Canadian Council on Health Services Accreditation, called 2003 Promoting excellence in the provision of quality health care. For more information visit www.cchsa.ca/pdf/2003report.PDF

SOGC PROGRAMMES

18th ICME - March 7-11, 2005
La Jolla de Mismaloya Resort,
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

**15th West/Central CME
in conjunction with ASOG**
Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff, Alberta
April 7-9, 2005

NEW Gynaecology CME - April 15-16,
2005, Marriott Eaton Centre, Toronto ON

**61st Annual Clinical Meeting
in conjunction with the 39th Annual
Conference of the AOGQ**
Québec City, Québec, June 16-21, 2005

SOGC COURSES

SCOPE - 2005

- **April 22-23** - Centre of Excellence for Surgical Education & Innovation, Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC
- **November 18-19** - Surgical Skills Centre, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Toronto, ON

ALARM - 2005

- **Saskatoon SK** - February 25-26
- **Toronto ON** - April 17-18
- **Montréal QC** - May 1-2 (offered in French only)
- **Peace River AB** - May 27-28
- **Québec QC** - (in conjunction with ACM) June 15-16
- **Moncton, NB** - September 11-12
- **Comox-Courtenay Valley, BC** - Sept. 30-Oct. 1
- **Toronto, ON** - November 27-28 (in conjunction with OCME)

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Obstetric Ultrasound: Setting the Standard for 2005 - February 18-20, 2005, Marriott Eaton Centre, Toronto, Ontario; Tel.: (416) 978-2719 Toll Free: 1 (888) 512-8173; Fax: (416) 971-2200; E-mail: ce.med@utoronto.ca; Website: www.cme.utoronto.ca

Update in Gynaecologic Cancer Prevention: Management of Cervical Neoplasia and Familial Ovarian Cancer - February 25, 2005, The Old Mill, Toronto, Ontario; Info: Tel: 416-978-2719; Fax: 416-971-2200; Toll-Free (N. America): 1-888-512-8173; E-mail: ce.med@utoronto.ca; Website: www.cme.utoronto.ca

Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society Conference - October 15-19, 2005, Palais des Congrès, Montréal, Québec; Info: Tel: 514-524-9009; Fax: 514-524-2163; E-mail: CFASoffice@cfas.ca

Junior Member News

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

University of Western Ontario Update

Angelina Chan, PGY-3, Junior Member Services

Happy New Year from the University of Western Ontario! We hope you had a happy holiday season with your friends and family... with any luck, away from the hospital!

2004 was a busy year for both staff and residents, academically and personally. We would like to congratulate Dr. Brian Richardson on his new appointment as Department Chair. We are confident that the UWO Ob/Gyn Department will flourish under his guidance. We welcome Dr. Monique Bertrand to the Division of Gynaecologic Oncology and Dr. Saima Ahktar to the LHSC Ob/Gyn Department, and look forward to working with them both. Last year, our residents presented research projects at SOGC, Edmonton and further away at SMFM, New Orleans, AAGL, San Francisco, and IGCS,

Scotland. As the PGY-2s embark on their research projects this year, we anticipate many more interesting presentations to follow. Finally, congratulations to Dr. Chou, Erin, and Hayley on their marriages.

The Annual Resident's Retreat held in early December was a success. We reviewed the latest improvement to our program, the "Windsor Rotation". For three months in the PGY-3 year, residents will have the opportunity to complete a core junior Ob/Gyn block in Windsor, Ontario. The purpose of this rotation is to increase operating room experience and clinic time, without the presence of fellows or senior residents in a community setting. Two students have completed their rotation so far with only positive feedback.

As we enter the New Year, our best wishes are for the PGY-5s who have been busy studying for their upcoming exam. After graduating,

Dr. Natale with Patricia (PGY-3) and Naiema (PGY-4)



Our PGY-1's: Caroline, Meivys and Aaron

they will not be far from each other, as they have all attained fellowships or jobs in the Toronto area. We are also looking forward to CaRMS interviews later this month. We have four PGY-1 positions to fill and eagerly wait meeting the new applicants.

Best wishes to all in the New Year! We hope 2005 is a good one for you!!

SOGC/CNGOF Award

Greetings from the University of Saskatchewan! This past year, I was the lucky recipient of the SOGC/CNGOF Award which is granted to a resident presenting research at the SOGC ACM. I had the privilege of travelling to Paris and attending the Collège National de Gynécologues et Obstétriciens de France Annual General Meeting from December 3-5, 2004. I also had the opportunity to attend the Junior Member meeting on December 2, 2004 and present my retrospective case study on outpatient laparoscopic hysterectomy. This was a daunting task for an anglophone such as myself, however the research was well received by the residents and panel. During the AGM, I

Adrian Gamelin, PGY4, University of Saskatchewan, Junior Member Services

attended sessions on techniques for hysterectomy, general obstetrics and ultrasonography. It was exciting to gain some insight on some of the different practices and techniques used in other parts of the world. There was also much lively debate over certain contentious issues, such as breech delivery, as there is at any good scientific forum. Of course, a stay in Paris would not be complete without some recreational activity. I had the chance to enjoy some of the art, architecture, culture and fine wine during my visit. This exchange was a great experience and I am most grateful to the SOGC and my hosts from the CNGOF for providing residents with this opportunity.

Elective Grant Winners

Junior Member Services

Congratulations to the following Elective Grant Winners, Fall iteration:

- Janssen-Ortho Inc. - Lillian Gien
- Duchesnay Inc. - Britt Moore
- Berlex Canada Inc. - Jennifer Nicholson

A certificate will be awarded to the winners at the ACM 2005 Awards Ceremony on June 20, 2005.

Human Assisted Reproduction Live Birth Rates

CFAS Press Release, December 5, 2004

The Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (CFAS) recently released the fourth annual nation-wide results on assisted reproduction success rates in Canada, which are on par with other national registries, including the United States.

Live birth rates were reported for 6502 IVF treatment cycles (including intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI)) undertaken in 21 IVF centres in 2002:

- the overall live birth rate was 24% per cycle started
- 65% of live births were singletons
- 91% of the multiple births were twins
- the live birth rates by age of the mother were:
 - for women under 35 years old, the live birth rate was 31%
 - for women aged 35-39 years, the live birth rate was 22%
 - for women 40 years old and over, the live birth rate was 11%
- The number of babies with congenital anomalies was not different than the natural population
- Preliminary results were reported for 7106 IVF treatment cycles (including ICSI) undertaken in 23 IVF centres in 2003:
 - the overall pregnancy rate was 31% per cycle started, an increase of 5% since 1999 when data collection was first performed
 - complications occurred in fewer than 3% of treatment cycles
 - only 1-2 embryos were replaced in the uterus in 65% of cycles with embryo transfer
 - 68% of pregnancies were singletons
 - 91% of the multiple pregnancies were twins
 - as expected, the woman's age has a strong influence on pregnancy rate:
 - for women under 35 years old, the pregnancy rate was 37%
 - for women aged 35-39 years, the pregnancy rate was 30%
 - for women 40 years old and over, the pregnancy rate was 18%

A list of the participating IVF centres is available on request through the CFAS.

CMPA Survey

The Canadian Medical Protective Association will be surveying its members in the near future to determine the collective interest of CMPA membership for a non-CMPA commercial malpractice solution for legal actions outside Canada arising from the treatment of non-residents in Canada. When contacted by CMPA, we encourage you to complete the mail survey and forward your response back to CMPA. A substantial aggregate response to the survey will encourage CMPA to proceed further in addressing this important issue.

Manitoba Plans Aboriginal Midwifery Education Program

Manitoba Health News Release

The \$1.6-million training program will combine traditional Aboriginal and Western methods of practice, and will include both classroom and clinical components allowing midwives to provide culturally appropriate birthing services primarily to remote and northern Aboriginal communities in Manitoba and in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories. Early in 2005, the Northwest Territories will introduce the profession of midwifery to provide mothers the choice of giving birth in their home communities.

See next issue of SOGC News for full article.

Registered Midwife Advisory Committee Report

Michelle Kryzanauskas, Chair

The RM Advisory Committee met in Calgary in September 2004. The second Annual Clinical Symposium of the Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) and the American College of Nurse-Midwives was very well attended by midwives from across Canada and the United States. The symposium title, Bridging Midwifery Borders: Evidence to Build Best Practice, described well the two continuing professional development days. We were honoured by the presentation and sharing of two of Canada's aboriginal midwives, Brenda Epoo and Aileen Moorhouse from Inukjuak, Nunavik (Québec).

The RM Advisory Committee is composed of midwife members from each of the regions, a midwife Chair who is an elected member of SOGC Council, and ex officio members from SOGC staff. The committee meets once a year and holds at least three teleconferences. The agenda is set by the Chair and the members from each region. Committee members sit on their respective Regional Committees and the Chair works on the Nominations, Membership and ACM Planning Committees.

Other activities and committees in which midwives are involved at the SOGC include the Multidisciplinary Collaborative Primary Maternity Care Project, of which the CAM is a partner, the ALARM Committee and the Clinical Practice-Obstetrics Committee. Two registered midwives that are currently working on projects at the SOGC are Betty Ann Daviss (FIGO's Safe Mother and Newborn Project) and Anne Maranta (Multidisciplinary

Collaborative Primary Maternity Care Project).

The committee is currently seeking to increase midwife membership in the SOGC across Canada and heighten the involvement of midwives at the national level. It would like to reach out, in particular, to midwives in unregulated provinces and territories and encourage them to bring forward their names and issues, concerns and needs.

Our committee would like to encourage each of you, as midwife members of the SOGC, to consider identifying and presenting relevant issues to your regional representative. The following is a list of committee members and the regions they represent.

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In closing, the Committee would like to extend its thanks to Dr. Eileen Hutton, the outgoing (and founding) Chair of the RM Advisory Committee. She has given the committee structure and an excellent beginning at the SOGC.