



SOGC News

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

Winter 2004

GOC's Inaugural Presidential Medal Awarded to Drs. DePetrillo and Krepart

Dr. Robert Lotocki, June 27, 2004



"Despite the small numbers and being in busy clinical practices, the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada contains a disproportional number of

clinical, academic and administrative leaders. There have been University Deans like David Popkin; current University Deans like Gavin Stuart and Post-Graduate Deans like Jill Nation. There have been numerous Department Heads, Program Directors, and leaders in national and international societies.

There are many Clydesdales in our Society. Mark Carey has brought a fun educational twist to CPD with Survivor, the Weakest Link and the Coach's Corner. He had enlisted Janice Kwon and Peter Bryson to co-host a successful annual component of CPD. For several years, John Mazurka has organized the fellowship orals which have created a friendly interchange and cross-pollination of ideas for our fellows with

gynaecologic oncologists from other centres. Pierre Drouin has promoted our subspecialty at the Royal College, positioning our specialty as a model for other disciplines. Tien Le will be leading the GOC Website to another level of education for our Society. There are many deserving individuals who have made meritorious contributions to gynaecologic oncology in Canada.

The first GOC Presidential Medal is awarded to two individuals, leaders in their communities, nationally and internationally. These two individuals have contributed to patient care, creating gynaecologic oncology programs in their jurisdictions that have been modeled across Canada, and to the national scene with formal training programs in gynaecologic oncology. Between Denny and Garry, they have populated most of Canada with gynaecologic oncologists. They have trained individuals who have returned to Chile, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Great Britain, and Kuwait.

Together, they have both authored and co-authored several books, book chapters and scientific papers. They have presented in 9 of 10 provinces, 17 U.S. states and 26 countries in 6 of the world's 7 continents.

Denny and Garry have contributed to the national scene by fostering the NCIC gynaecologic oncology site group and our Society. Both have been instrumental in giving GOC

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Dr. Garry Victor Krepart



Dr. Amodio Denny DePetrillo

Connecting RNs

Celebrating the Important Work Nurses Do Everyday

Karen MacKinnon RN, Chair, RN Advisory Committee

The RN Advisory Committee would like to thank all the nurses who have been actively involved on SOGC committees. Thank you for helping to ensure that nurses and nursing have a voice in all of this important work. We would also like to welcome Marie-Josée Trépanier, the newly elected Chair of AWHONN Canada, to our Advisory Committee effective January 1, 2005. We look forward to working with you. And a big thank you to Marion Clauson, Past Chair of AWHONN Canada who has continually kept us abreast of the activities of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses.

My term as Chair of the RN Advisory Committee will end on June 30, 2005. This role includes acting as the nursing representative on SOGC Council and provides an opportunity to

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Please note the National Office will be closed officially from December 23, 2004 at 6pm and will re-open on January 3, 2005 at 7:30am.

We wish all our members a happy and safe holiday season.



Nota Bene - In the October issue of SOGC News, Dr. James C. Goodwin should have been identified as the Founding Secretary of the Society in 1944.

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Happy Christmas Season and New Year

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

At this time of the year, we are preparing to take a short break for Christmas and New Year celebrations. However, many of our members across Canada continue to perform critical services at this time, despite the inconvenience to their families due to on-call duties. The National Office staff and the Executive and Council join me in wishing Happy Holidays to all of you and your immediate family, as well as prosperity and good health for the New Year.

The National Physicians Survey, just published by CMA and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, has indicated that our profession is very much challenged. Our numbers are not sufficient to continue to offer needed services in obstetrics. During 2005, we will be pursuing our Multi-Disiplinary Collaborative Primary

Maternity Care Project, in the hope of developing new models that will help individual obstetricians to work in collaboration with other health professionals to provide excellent obstetrical and gynaecological care.

Our challenge in 2005-06 will be to work together to strike a proper balance between our professional and our personal life. The SOGC is committed to working with you in finding solutions to achieve this fine balance.

I ask you to have a thought for the thousands of women in low-income countries that will lose their lives or suffer serious complications during childbirth. We, in Canada, are blessed to have one of the highest standards of maternity care in the world.

During the Christmas season and with the arrival of 2005, we can celebrate the excellence of our work across Canada.



DON'T FORGET!

SOGC member services

This is a friendly reminder to all members (excluding junior members and medical students) that

your membership dues for 2005 are due on December 31, 2004! Second notices have been sent. Thank you to those of you who already submitted payment. If you have not yet done so, you can renew your 2005 membership on-line at www.sogc.org.

2005 Research Grant Competition

Research Funding Available



The Canadian Foundation for Women's Health is preparing for its annual Grant Competition and will be announcing the opportunity for research grants and the amount of research funding available in the near future.

The application deadline is Monday, February 21, 2005. Guidelines for submitting a proposal will be available on the Foundation website or by contacting the Foundation office. Failure to adhere to the guidelines will result in a disqualification. Successful applicants will be announced in June 2005. Researchers who have participated in this competition in the past are encouraged to submit a proposal as are those who have never participated in a

Foundation competition.

You are asked to relay this information to all colleagues performing women's health research.

For more information please contact:

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News from APOG

Our Thanks to our Outgoing President

Dr. Wylam Faught, President-Elect



It is with gratitude that we recognize and thank Dr. William Fraser for his contribution to APOG as President over the last 2 years. Bill further developed and crystallized the strategic direction started under Carl Nimrod's leadership. He has been instrumental in increasing research awareness within APOG as it relates to our university undergraduate and postgraduate education programs. The Strategic Training Initiative in Research in the Reproductive Health Sciences (STIRRHS) – APOG bursary program has been a direct result of Bill's commitment to research in obstetrics and gynaecology.

In addition, over the last 2 years APOG has enhanced its strategic relationships with industry, and in collaboration with SOGC, has established full time administrative executive support in Ottawa. The future is exciting for the Association and much of that optimism is a result of Dr. Fraser's leadership. Thank you Bill!

New APOG President

Dr. William Fraser, President

APOG would like to offer a heartfelt welcome to our new President, Dr. Wylam Faught. Dr. Faught is Professor and Chair for the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the University of Alberta, as well as Chief of Women's Health at Royal Alexandra Hospital. He is also a member of the Royal College Examination Committee for Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

Dr. Faught completed his medical training at the University of Calgary, went on to do his residency in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Ottawa University, and subsequently completed a fellowship in Gynaecologic Oncology at the University of Manitoba. He went on to become Director of the Residency Training Programme in OB-GYN at the University of Ottawa.

During his tenure as President-Elect of APOG, he has taken leadership as Programme Director for the Annual APOG meeting. He has also led an Executive subcommittee responsible for revision of APOG by-laws. Dr. Faught is an active member of APOG and a leader in education in our discipline. APOG's



Executive Committee is very proud to have Dr. Faught as our President.

Award Recipients: Our Congratulations!

Ms. Bianca Nadeau, Executive Director

The Association of Professors of Obstetrics & Gynaecology of Canada presented two new awards at our AGM in recognition of the excellence our members have, and continue, to demonstrate year after year.

Please join us in congratulating the winners of these awards for their outstanding contribution to education and research in our specialty:

APOG Educator of the Year Awards

Sponsored by Organon Canada Ltd.

Dr. Valerie Capstick, University of Alberta; Dr. Denny DePetrillo, University of Toronto; Dr. Marie-Josée Dupuis, Université de Montréal; Dr. Shawna Johnston, Queen's University; Dr. Lucie Morin, McGill University; Dr. Lawrence Oppenheimer, University of Ottawa; Dr. Joan Wenning, Dalhousie University

APOG Research Scientist of the Year

Award - Sponsored by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals

Dr. Mary Hannah, University of Toronto

News from GOC GOC's 25th Annual Meeting

3rd Annual Run for Her Life...

Hélène Soublière, GOC National Coordinator

The 3rd Annual Run for Her Life event, held during the GOC's Annual Meeting and in conjunction with the SOGC's ACM was once again a resounding success. With over 85 registered participants, a total of \$2,510.31 was raised. As is one of the goals of this event, all proceeds are donated to a local organization and directly benefit female cancer patients. This year, the funds were donated to the Royal Alexandra Hospital - Station 18 in Edmonton and will be used to purchase special chairs that turn into beds for the rooms occupied by oncology patients on the gynec ward.

Special thanks to everyone involved in this year's success - our Edmonton colleagues, Drs. Wylam Faught, Helen Steed, Val Capstick; the Running Room; Larry Mudge and GlaxoSmithKline for their support of this annual event; and all participants including GOC and SOGC members, industry representatives, local gynec-onc staff and patients.

Dr. Michael Fung Kee Fung, GOC Secretary-Treasurer

There was once again an outstanding GOC meeting, in June 2004, the 25th annual meeting, leading to our 25th anniversary in 2005. It had a record number of abstract submissions (a total of 33), impressive in their quality and the number of new domains discussed within the free communication sessions. These included:

1. Quality of life data
2. Evaluation of the gynaecological oncology Alternate Payment Plan
3. The use of a decision analysis tool in gynaecological cancer
4. Two systematic reviews in a) hormonal replacement therapy and b) coping with ovarian cancer
5. Alternative care modalities in gynaecological oncology
6. Population comparisons of outcomes.

Congratulations to the winners: Dr. Al Covens (first place), Dr. Drew Barreth (second place) and Dr. Frédéric Goffin (best poster).

Dr. Alan Gordon gave us an in-depth review of the Role of Liposome-Encapsulated Chemotherapy and discussed the issues surrounding the benefits of that mode of delivery. He also updated us on the long-term outcomes of Topotecan/Doxil Phase III Trial in Recurrent Ovarian Cancer.

As it is our commitment to SOGC, the International Symposium 7 was chaired by our President Dr. Diane Provencher and Course Director Dr. Janice Kwon. This involved an impressive lineup of specialists (Dr. Shailendra Verma, medical oncologist, Dr. Richard Boroditsky, gynaecologist and Dr. Janice Kwon, gynaecologic oncologist) on the best cancer management and the role of oophorectomy, both medical and surgical. The course was well attended and provided insight in the understanding of the role of prophylactic oophorectomy in the management of hormonal breast cancer, the different ways of accomplishing oophorectomy both medically and surgically and the advantages and disadvantages. Also addressed were the issues of management of menopausal symptoms in women having undergone oophorectomy. This year's Royal College speaker, Dr. Walley J. Temple, Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology and Professor in the Departments of Oncology and Surgery at the University of Calgary and Tom Baker Cancer Centre, gave an in-depth discussion on the role of different radical debulking techniques in pelvic exenteration, hemorrhage control and reconstructive surgery. It was definitely a call for all of us to continue to focus on the development of surgery within the specialty.

The meeting was further highlighted by

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23rd Ontario CME Programme SOGC's Largest Regional CME!

Linda Kollesh, CME / ALARM Programme Officer, CPD Division

Once again, the SOGC was privileged to host the Ontario CME Programme on November 25-27, 2004 at the Marriott Eaton Centre. We not only increased the total number of participants but received loud applause from all who attended. Participants exercised their minds with the Scientific Programme, and took in the sights of Canada's largest Metropolitan Centre. Toronto has definitely earned its renowned slogan: "A World within a City".

The SOGC and OSOG wish to extend their sincere gratitude to the Ontario Regional Committee mem-

bers, Faculty Members, sponsors and participants for their continued support and contributions to the success and excellence of this CME Programme.

Mark your calendars for next year's conferences at the Marriott Eaton Centre in Toronto:

1. New Gynaecology Conference
on April 15-16, 2005

2. 24th Ontario CME Programme
on November 24-26, 2005

Please continue to visit our website, www.sogc.org, for updates on our CME events.

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

**15th West/Central CME
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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
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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

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

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SOGC Abstract Programme

From the Bench to the Bedside and Back

CPD Division

You are invited to submit an abstract as an oral or poster presentation in the following categories:

- Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility (REI)
- Obstetrics (OBS)
- Gynaecology (GYN)
- The Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada (GOC)
- The Society of Canadian Colposcopists (SCC)
- The Canadian Society of Urogynaecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (CSURPS)

- International Women's Health (IWH) (POSTERS ONLY)

All can also be identified as Junior Member, Medical Student, Nursing or Midwifery submissions within each category.

Eligibility for participation requires that you:

- be a current member in good standing of SOGC
 - complete the Application Form by Friday, January 21, 2005
 - comply with the Guidelines for Submission.
- For more information, please consult the flyer enclosed in this issue.

Continued Education & Volunteering Grants

Planning on acquiring further technical knowledge or skills in the areas of obstetrics, gynaecology or sexual and reproductive health? Considering volunteer ob/gyn clinical work in developing countries? Financial assistance is available for SOGC members. Call (800) 561-2416 or visit www.sogc.org (under the CME Activities menu) for further details or application forms.

Winter Application Deadlines - February 15, 2004

- Millennium Fellowships for Community Physicians
- Millennium Fellowships for University/Hospital Based Physicians
- Millennium Fellowships for Nurses and Midwives
- Junior Member Elective Grant in International Women's Health
- SOGC International Development Award for Volunteers

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the inaugural presentation of the GOC Presidential Medal to Dr. Garry Krepart and Dr. Denny DePetrillo. The GOC social event was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Wylam Faught

who welcomed us at their home for a reception, followed by dinner and entertainment at Fort Edmonton Park. We are extremely grateful to Dr. Faught and the team in Edmonton for hosting us. An extraordinary time was had by all.

This meeting was probably one of our best attended and will continue to grow as we prepare for celebrations for our 25th anniversary year, beginning with the CPD meeting in April 2005.

2005 ICME

18TH ICME, March 7-11, 2005

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- Register now by completing the Registration Form & FAX it back to SOGC at (613) 730-4314
- As of Thursday, November 11th, 2004 you can register ON-LINE at: www.sogc.org/conferences/index_e.shtml
- Early Bird rates applicable **before** Friday, February 4, 2005

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Introducing Dr. Diane Provencher

13th President of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada

GOC Executive Council



Dr. Robert Lotocki, GOC Past-President and
Dr. Diane Provencher, GOC President

Dr. Provencher was inducted as the 13th President of the GOC at the annual business meeting on June 27, 2004.

Dr. Diane M. Provencher obtained her medical degree from the Faculty of Medicine of the

University of Montréal. Following residency training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at McGill University, she worked at the Montreal General Hospital and at St-Mary's Hospital from 1984 to 1986 as an Assistant Professor from McGill University. She then completed a two-year Gyn-Oncology Fellowship at Jackson Memorial Hospital, University of Miami, under the supervision of Dr. Henry E. Averette, one of the founding members of Gyn-Oncology in the U.S.A. During this time, she received her certification from the American Board of Obs-Gyn Sub-specialty Boards.

From 1988-1990, she pursued fundamental research training in Immunology within the Avon Program for Ovarian Cancer at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Centre in New York with Drs. John L. Lewis and Kenneth O. Lloyd. This experience was instrumental to Dr. Provencher's conviction for the necessity of linking clinical work to fundamental research. Upon her return to Montréal, she initiated a strong clinico-fun-

damental collaboration with Dr. Anne-Marie Mes-Masson at the Montréal Cancer Institute to study the genetic and epigenetic events implicated in ovarian cancer. They co-direct a research team that includes several post-graduate students and medical residents who receive top-notch training in gyn-oncology.

Dr. Provencher is a surgeon and she heads the Division of Gynaecologic Oncology at the CHUM Notre-Dame Hospital. She is a member of numerous medical societies and participates in several national and international committees. Dr. Provencher is a recipient of the *Fonds de la Recherche en Santé du Québec's* Senior Clinical Researcher award and her research is funded by several granting agencies. She is also the author of several peer-reviewed articles on her work on ovarian cancer.

In 2004, Dr. Provencher was bestowed the Woman of Distinction Award from the Women's Y in recognition of her extraordinary involvement in the advancement of healthcare for women. In parallel and in total harmony with her outstanding career, Dr. Provencher is the mother of seven children.

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Junior Member News

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

Greetings from your New Junior Member Executive Committee

Message from the Chair

*Junior Member Services, Dr. Kimberly Liu,
University of Alberta*

This year promises to be an exciting year for the SOGC Junior Member (JM) Committee. As we continue to increase the voice of residents and resident representation throughout many facets of obstetrics and gynaecology across the country, the JM Committee is building on the committee's strong work over the last few years. In particular, I'd like to acknowledge last year's Chair and Chair-Elect Dr. Sony Singh (UWO) and Dr. Michelle Suga (Memorial) for the fantastic work that was accomplished.

The SOGC Junior Member Committee consists of two resident representatives from each university across Canada. From this committee, an Executive is elected. This year's Executive Committee are: Chair: Dr. Kimberly Liu (U of A), Chair-Elect: Dr. Tiffany Wells (U of A), Atlantic: Dr. Michelle Suga (Memorial), Québec: Dr. Violaine Marcoux (McGill), Ontario: Dr. Vicky Martin (Queen's), Central: Dr. Heather Ring (Manitoba) and West: Dr. Jillian Coolen (U of A). Executive Committee members also sit on their respective Regional SOGC Committees.

One of this year's projects is the development of a Resident Section on the new APOG website. This website will include education information such as the APOG Training Objectives, educational tools such as the Royal College Bioethics Curriculum, awards and grants, resident well-being and financial articles. Be sure to check it out! Also, the SOGC Junior Members website includes information on elective grants, career planning and the Canadian Guide to Postgraduate Training (a guide to all available Canadian fellowships). Just log-on to the SOGC website and click on Junior Members.

We also continue to work towards increasing resident involvement in APOG. Last year, great strides were made to increase the interaction between Junior Members and the JM Committee and APOG, and bylaws have been created which will ensure resident representation on the APOG Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Research Committees.

Finally we are looking forward to the ACM in Québec City and the 2nd SOGC-Wyeth Canadian Junior Member Leadership Programme. Each year, two residents are supported to attend the Annual Clinical Meeting (ACM). In addition to the regular clinical sessions, this programme includes sessions developed for residents and medical students such as career and financial planning. Finally, the ACM also means Stump the Professor, so start collecting interesting cases.

If you have questions or would like to get in-

volved, contact your university's representative, or Lise Newton at the SOGC National Office: newton@sogc.com.

Message from the Vice-Chair

*Junior Member Services, Dr. Tiffany Wells,
PGY 2, University of Alberta*

I am excited to join the SOGC Junior Member Committee as Vice-Chair for the 2004-2005 year and I look forward to continuing the exceptional work of previous SOGC Junior Members. From the JM Leadership Programme to the development of an APOG resident web page, this year holds incredible potential for growth and development. I am privileged to be working with the diverse and talented resident leaders that comprise the JM Committee and am excited to be given this opportunity to contribute to the development of the committee's long term vision. I hope to further my dedication to resident and medical student reproductive health education throughout my time with the JM Committee. I look forward to hearing from you in the future!

New Junior Member Executive Committee Members

My name is Heather Ring and I am a fourth year resident at the University of Manitoba. This is my second year as a JM Representative and I am really enjoying it! I am the Central Region representative on the Junior Member Executive Committee. My interests are to represent the residents on the APOG postgraduate committee this year. I hope to present a resident view to this committee and ensure continued resident input on it. I am also interested in the promotion of resident research projects and faculty support of it.

Heather Ring, Central Region Representative

The Junior Member Committee has come a long way over the past few years, and I hope to help bring it further, through the Website, AGM, fellowship manual, and more. I welcome this opportunity to continue to serve the SOGC Junior Members and represent the obstetrics and gynaecology residents in the Atlantic Region.

Michelle Suga, Atlantic Region Representative

As Past Chair of the SOGC JM Committee, I have now been involved with JM activities for almost 4 years. I began as a University Representative followed by Chair-Elect and then Chair. It was an exciting opportunity and I look forward to working with this year's new executive. My personal interest is in cultivating

future leadership within our specialty through the Junior Membership including residents and medical students.

I am currently in my final year of Ob/Gyn training at UWO in London, Ontario. Next year, I will be doing a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto, Ontario.

*Sony Sukhbir Singh, Resident Year V,
Past Chair, SOGC JM Committee*

Stump the Professor 2005

The SOGC Junior Member Committee is calling for entries for the 2005 ACM in Québec City. All residents who are members of the SOGC are invited to submit a detailed summary of an interesting case. The winning entries will be selected by a committee. The individuals whose entries are selected will be invited to present their case to a panel of distinguished Ob/Gyn professors. The residents whose entries are selected will receive a stipend of \$750.00 to help defray the cost of attending the ACM.

Please forward entries to: Stump the Professor 2005, c/o SOGC, 780 Echo Dr., Ottawa ON K1S 5R7; jrmembers@sogc.com;
Deadline: March 10th, 2005

JM Elective Grants

Sylvie Paquette, Director, Corporate Affairs

Application Deadline: February 15, 2005

Elective grants are provided to defray expenses incurred while participating in an elective programme.

Eligibility Criteria/Obligations:

- Applicants must be SOGC Junior Members.
- The elective must start within 6 months of the award and must be completed within 12 months after the start on the elective.
- A final report with a short summary (and list of expenses) is required within 3 months of the completion to receive the final payment. The summary will be published in SOGC News.

Application forms are available on the Junior Members pages of our website: www.sogc.org. If you have any questions regarding the application process, contact Sylvie Paquette by e-mail: spaquette@sogc.com or by telephone at 1-800-561-2416 ext. 237.

GOC Presidential Medal (Continued from page 1)

international credibility, not only by maintaining their connections with their parent training sites but also by developing new international ties.

I have had the honor of completing a fellowship in Gynaecologic Oncology with both recipients of the GOC Presidential Medal. Although I had an opportunity to head south for a fellowship in gynaecologic oncology, I elected to stay in Canada. Denny had recently returned from California and Garry from Texas. Their approaches were different and even their clinical practice differed. For me, it was a win win. My only regret about my year in Hamilton was that it wasn't two. That is not to say that training with Garry was anything but great, but I have had the opportunity of training with Garry for the last 22 years in a partnership that has been a professional marriage." **Congratulations to Denny and Garry.**

Connecting RN's (Continued from page 1)

learn about all of SOGC's activities. As this is an elected position, look for the upcoming "Call for Nominations". If you think you might be interested in this leadership position but don't feel you know enough about how SOGC operates, consider putting your name forward for one of the positions on the RN Advisory Committee. This three-year position also allows you to learn more about SOGC's regional committees and participate in planning regional education events. This year, we will have at least two vacancies on the RN Advisory Committee as both Ann Holden (Ontario Region) and Sandra Christie (Atlantic Region) will have completed their terms. Thank you Sandy and Ann for all your hard work and leadership!

The RN Advisory Committee also recommends nurses for appointment to SOGC Clinical

Committees. Upcoming vacancies include: Aboriginal Health Issues, ALARM, Breast Disease, Public Education, and Social and Sexual Issues. We will try to publish more information on the work RNs do on these committees in forthcoming editions of this newsletter. If you have questions about a specific committee please do not hesitate to contact any member of the RN Advisory Committee.

We are also planning a joint specialty session with the midwifery associate members at the Annual Clinical Meeting next June. We are hoping to stimulate a lively discussion about how nurses and midwives can work together and explore collaborative practice models. Please check the SOGC website for more information on this conference as it becomes available.

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- **Western Region** - Margaret Quance, RN; Tel: (403) 944-4896; margaret.quance@calgaryhealthregion.ca
- **AWHONN Canada** - Marion Clauson, RN; Tel: (604) 822-7470; clauson@nursing.ubc.ca

On the Move... Changes at the SOGC

Ms. Kathy Lapointe-Morency has left the SOGC to work as an executive assistant for a government agency. We wish her luck in her future endeavours. SOGC has employed Ms. Sylvie Cadrin to fill the position of Executive Assistant to the EVP.

Mrs. Robyn Harris is no longer working for the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health. Ms. Karen McGowan has assumed her responsibilities and you may contact her for any requirements (kmacgowan@sogc.com).

Sylvie Paquette, Director, Corporate Affairs

Mr. Daniel Morier has been appointed the Project Manager for the Contraception Awareness Project. Congratulations!

SOGC has also begun the process of interviews for the position of Director of Communications and Public Relations.