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EDITORIAL

Contraception Awareness Project – Feedback

Dr. Robert Reid, CAP Chair

The SOGC's Website, www.sexualityandu.ca has yielded much positive feedback from the public about its content and structure via the on-line survey which is provided. The following are excerpts from some of the hundreds of responses the SOGC has received to date.

From a health care professional

"I will use this site regularly for all kinds of research related to teens and teaching about reproductive health."

From an adult

"Congratulate the Webmaster for me and those who worked on its look. It's almost as attractive as sex."

From a teacher

"(I like the) clarity and sensitivity in the descriptions. Congratulations"

"The site is designed very well.

It looks great and it's easy to navigate!"

From a parent

"I'd like to think that I have some of the answers, but with a daughter who's 18 sometimes she leaves me wondering. I've always thought that more info is better, so here I am. I'm impressed with what I've seen so far, I've printed off a couple of articles and will definitely pass along your Website to my children."

From a health care professional

"This will certainly be a very useful tool and one which I will refer clients to on a regular basis. Thanks."

From an adult

"The site is colourful, informative yet brief, interactive - reaches out to a diversity of ages and interests (from teens to health professionals)"

From a teenager

"The writing and explaining makes it seem like someone is actually talking to the reader rather than copying and pasting or paraphrasing a book."

"There's a lot of information and it's good to read, 'cause you become informed and it's better than talking to your parents about it."

From a health care professional

"Nice design, readily available to a wide audience, carries authority coming from the SOGC. The symbols using the mouse are great attention getters."

From an adult

"It is nice to see a Canadian Website that is dedicated to making sure that people are well educated about sex, with the advertising appealing to so many people."

From a teenager

"I really liked the section for gay teens, it's really helpful. I also liked the section about what it means to love someone (love versus infatuation), and how the site incorporated multicultural and inter-racial photos throughout."

"I like this site because it is tailored to specific demographics of people and easy to use."

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The Forks National Historical Site

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FROM THE EVP'S DESK

ACOG's 50th Anniversary

To commemorate the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG)'s 50th Anniversary last fall, the SOGC presented ACOG's Executive Vice-President with an Inuit sculpture.

Sincere congratulations from the SOGC to our sister organization!



Ralph Hale, ACOG Executive Vice-President, Elsa Brown, Administrative Vice-President, and André B. Lalonde, SOGC Executive Vice-President.

Endoscopic Skills Workshop:
A Risk Management Program

Programmes for 2002

*as of March 5, 2002

Programme designed for specialists who want to improve their surgical knowledge and risk management skills

Upcoming dates:

Toronto, April 19 & 20

Vancouver, May 24 & 25

Quebec, October 25 & 26
(French)

Toronto, December 8 & 9

Benefits of the Programme

- ✦ A two-day hands-on course structured on adult learning principles
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- ✦ Clinical skill-testing demonstration stations
- ✦ 1 faculty per 2 participants
- ✦ A maximum of 12 participants per course
- ✦ Eligible for CME credits under Sections 1, 3 and 4 of the Continuing Professional Development Framework, under The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's Maintenance of Certification Program®

For more information, please visit our Website at www.sogc.org or contact Lyne Chrétien at (613) 730-4192 / 1-800-561-2416 ext. 248.



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Donations to the SOGC's International Women's Health Initiatives

Victoria Howe, IWHP Assistant

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada's International Women's Health Programme wishes to take this time to thank all those who graciously donated funds to help the SOGC's Partnership Project (1999-2002), the FIGO Save the Mothers Uganda-Canada Project and the ALARM International Programme.

Thanks to your contributions we will be able to explore the possibility of extending our current programmes to new areas of need. Your contributions also allow us to continue in our efforts to educate and inform nations worldwide on sexual and reproductive health issues and to make changes to the state of maternal mortality and morbidity.

As of March 1st, 2002, \$7,875 were donated to the SIWHP.

Should you wish to learn more about how these contributions are working, please visit the SOGC's International Women's Health Programme at www.sogc.org/intl/ or by contacting the Program Assistant at 613-730-4192 ext. 236.

THANK YOU

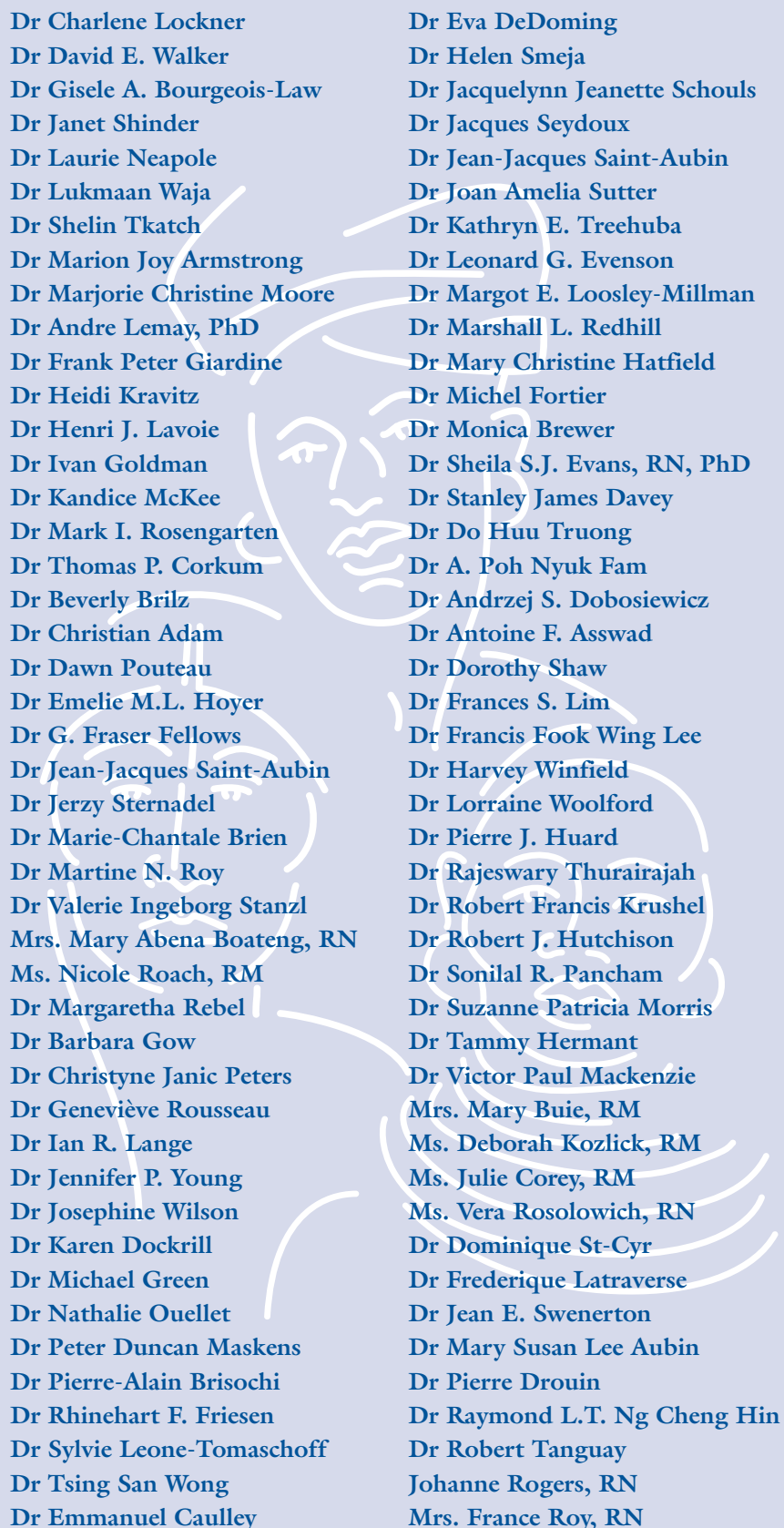
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SOGC CME EVENTS

PROGRAMMES

58th Annual Clinical Meeting

Delta Hotel
Winnipeg, Manitoba
June 20-25, 2002

15th Quebec CME

Fairmont Montebello
October 3-5, 2002

COURSES

ALARM Course (offered in French)
Montréal, QC April 20-21

ALARM Course
Toronto, ON May 3-4

ALARM Course
Winnipeg, MB June 19-20

ALARM Course
Edmonton, AB September 28-29

ALARM Course
Toronto, ON November 17-18

ALARM Course
Toronto, ON December 8-9

Sioux Lookout
May 24-25, 2002 (By special request)

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

10th Annual Symposium: New Developments in Prenatal Diagnosis and Medical Genetics

May 15, 2002
Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario
Credits: MAINPRO-M1, CFPC
Maintenance of Certification Program,
RCPCSC Cat. I credits, AMA + CSDMS
Information and Registration:
Continuing Education, Faculty of
Medicine, University of Toronto
Tel: 416-978-2719 / 1-888-512-8173
Fax: 416-971-2200
E-mail: ce.med@utoronto.ca
Website: www.cme.utoronto.ca

11th World Congress on Human Reproduction June 1-4, 2002, Montreal

Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel,
19 CME credits
Congress Secretariat:
687 Pine Ave. West, Room F4.29
Montreal, QC H3A 1A1
Tel: 514-843-1729 Fax: 514-843-1673
www.HumanRep2002.com
info@HumanRep2002.com

13th World Congress: International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy

June 2-5, 2002
Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto
For Information and Call for Papers:
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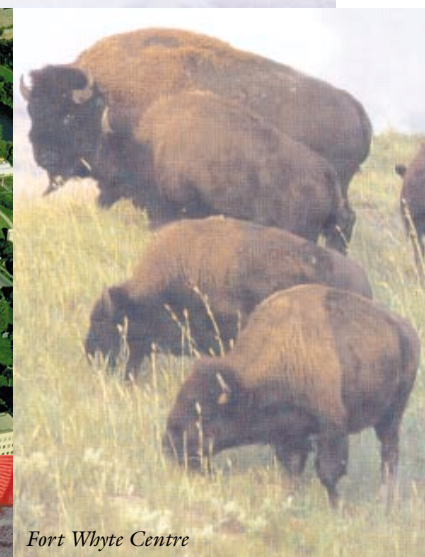


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Manitoba Legislative Building



Fort Whyte Centre



Lower Fort Garry



Casino

ICME Draw Winners

Sylvie Paquette, Director of Events Management and QA

As is customary at SOGC CME meetings, we had three draws for the evaluations that were handed in. The lucky winners are:

Dr. S. O'Toole won a sun mirror

Dr. D. Bircham won a vase

Dr. C. Watke won a bottle of Kahlúa

The winner of the **Carlson Wagonlit** draw is **Dr. M. Bow**, who received a **\$1,600** voucher towards another trip. Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to everyone who participated in this meeting!

We await you in Winnipeg for the ACM 2002

Isabelle Denis, Meeting Coordinator

The Planning Committee, Host Committee and SOGC staff are looking forward to welcoming you in Winnipeg for its 58th Annual Clinical Meeting from June 20-25.

10 International Symposia, 10 Post Graduate Courses, 2 Breakfast Symposia, 20 Best Practice Sessions, 3 Luncheon Symposia and more are offered during this six-day conference. Not to mention social, leisure and spousal activities that are planned just for you!

May 13 - Important Date to Remember

It is the deadline for

Early ACM Registration

Save money by registering early.

Hotel Reservations

Take advantage of the special rates offered by the host hotels, which are the Delta Winnipeg, Sheraton and Place Louis Riel. Make sure you have a hotel room for the convention!

Social, Leisure and Spousal Programme Registration

Don't miss your chance to take part in these programmes. Play golf, try a western experience, see bison, relive the fur trade era, discover the culinary treasures of the host region and much more... Register early to ensure your participation at these events!



Louis Riel

Daycare Service

Bring your family with you to combine work with pleasure!

For more information regarding registration, hotels, Social, Leisure and Spousal Programmes and daycare service, please refer to the



Preliminary Programme or consult the ACM 2002 Website at www.sogc.org/conferences/acm/index_e.shtml.

Don't miss the Social and Leisure Activities during the ACM 2002!

It's a perfect opportunity to:

- Meet your colleagues in an informal environment during the President's Opening Reception on Friday, June 21. Last year, 600 delegates took part in this event.
- Treat your taste buds to a Dining Out Experience on Friday, June 21.
- Enjoy a special evening of delectable dining and masterful musicianship with the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health on Saturday, June 22.
- Relax and have fun on Sunday afternoon while golfing, taking a train ride, visiting a national historic site or exploring the nature in Winnipeg.
- Have a good time during the Resident Fun Night on Monday, June 24.

Bring your family with you!

A programme has been developed to welcome the spouses during the ACM 2002. Three days of activities have been planned for the benefit of the spouses: there's a visit to The Forks National Historic Site, an island tour and an excursion to the French quarter in Winnipeg.

A daycare service is also available to the delegates upon registration.

A list of family activities is also available on this site at www.sogc.org/acm/family_e.shtml.



Winnipeg

SOGC JUNIOR

Message from the Chair

Dr. Kevin Wiebe

Spring is finally here and it will be appreciated more at some geographical locations than others. Spring is a time for rebirth, growth, warmth and exam anxiety.

The Junior Member Committee is vibrant and strong. We are excited about the many projects that have been initiated. We have implemented monthly teleconferences for the junior and senior members of the committee. These teleconferences are increasing communication to, and within our committee. We believe that with more communication, the committee will be stronger and more effective. This should trickle down and mean increased communication and awareness about SOGC opportunities to all residents.

One thing that always strikes me is the number of opportunities for residents. There are numerous grants available both for national and international electives. The application format is changed so that there will be two deadlines; one in spring, one in fall. This should increase the flexibility for planning the electives and give more residents the opportunity to use the available grants. Some of these grants have, in the past, gone unused. We have personal testimonies that these grants can facilitate an otherwise expensive or impossible elective. The application process is simple so check out the SOGC Website for details.

This year there will be a Medical Student Symposium at the ACM. The Junior Member Committee as well as the Promotion of the Specialty Committee and a local Winnipeg committee are planning this. Our main target will be medical students from Manitoba but perhaps some students from neighbouring provinces will be able to attend. Billeting will be provided and the symposium as well as the ACM will be accessible to them. We look forward to meeting the students and telling them why we have chosen to do what we do.

Circumstances led me to have dinner with the group who are making up the endoscopy course for SOGC. Once I found out that they were planning the course and not just taking the course, I was able to have an informal "discussion with the experts" about various issues and techniques in endoscopy. It was a wonderful time. They are putting a lot of effort into preparing a solid, evidence-based practical course. You may want to look into it (see page 2).

For now, stay dry, keep warm and I hope to see you at the ACM. And don't forget about International Women's Health Day on the day prior to the ACM. Plan to attend.



Resident Representatives at Two Upcoming ACMs

Denise Desautels, Junior Member Coordinator

The SOGC offers congratulations to the residents who have been chosen to represent their university at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (ACOG) Annual Clinical Meeting in Los Angeles, May 4-8, 2002 and at the SOGC Annual Clinical Meeting in Winnipeg, June 20-25, 2002. A very sincere thank you to Wyeth-Ayerst for their generous support of these programs.

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Dr Marijo Odulio,
Dr Chantal Mayer (ACOG);
Dr Jeremy Green,
Dr Julie Stone (SOGC)

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Dr Musbah Abouhamra,
Dr AbdelAbdulfadif (ACOG);
Dr Sue Baranowski,
Dr Jocelyn Donnelly (SOGC)

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Dr Ahmed Geumei (ACOG);
Dr Blair Butler,
Dr Michelle Suga (SOGC)

Fellowship Grants

Junior Member Elective Fellowship Grants will be sponsored this year by Berlex Canada Inc., Duchesnay Canada Inc. and Janssen-Ortho Inc. There are a total of six (6) grants available. The competition deadlines are May 10th and September 27th, 2002. There will be no extensions of these deadlines. Information on the fellowships and application forms are available on the SOGC Junior Members Website. They are also available from the office of the Residency Program Director at your local university.

MEMBER NEWS



ABOG NEW REGULATIONS

Interval from Residency to Certification to be Shortened and Examination Dates Established through 2011

Denise Desautels, Junior Member Coordinator

Commencing with residents graduating in June 2002, the length of time between successful completion of the written examination and the oral examination will be shortened by one year. Specifically, after completion of the written examination on the last Monday in June, the candidate may begin collection of cases on July 1. Individuals who have not completed their residency prior to August 31 will not be allowed to begin case collection until the following July.

The implementation of this new policy will require a transitional phase-in period of three years. For the winter year examinations for 2003-2004, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, one additional oral examination session will be scheduled for February. Unfortunately, it is not likely that all candidates wishing to accelerate their

certification process can be accommodated. Therefore, up to one-third of residents graduating in the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 will be allowed to enter this accelerated process each year. Of those eligible, that is, those who pass the June written examination, the application process is the same as other candidates, but case collection should begin immediately after completion of the written examination.

(Part of a document published by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Inc. Dallas, TX)

If you require further information on dates of principal written and oral examinations as well as subspecialty oral examinations, you may contact Denise Desautels, SOGC National Office.

In Support of Annual Resident Research Day

Robyn Harris, Canadian Foundation for Women's Health

The Canadian Foundation for Women's Health is proud to announce its participation in the Annual Resident Research Day of the 16 medical schools across Canada. A \$200 prize will be awarded to one resident from each of the universities with the best research project related to women's health.

The winner of each prize will be chosen by the university Ob/Gyn department. The Foundation will then forward the prize in time for the Annual Resident Research Day of that university.

For further information please contact Robyn Harris, Executive Director, Canadian Foundation for Women's Health at 1-800-561-2416, by fax (613) 730-4314, or e-mail rharris@sogc.com.

Ob/Gyn Presentation

The Promotion of the Specialty Committee has produced yet another useful tool which can be used at medical student career nights. This venue is an excellent way to highlight a career in Ob/Gyn. Dr. Lynne McLeod, Past Chair of the Junior Member Committee, has developed a 20-minute presentation which is catchy and fun. Its goal is to provide a tool/template for Ob/Gyn residents and staff to use at career fairs which would also include talking points and answers to frequently asked questions. The presentation was focus tested with medical students and has been well received. It is in PowerPoint format and will be small enough to be downloaded from the SOGC Website or e-mailed to an individual presenting the information. It is meant to be followed by a panel composed of the local program director, subspecialty physician, community obstetrician and residents.

Look for the presentation to appear on the SOGC members' site soon!

Junior Member University Corner

Dr. Jocelyn Donnelly, University of Calgary

Things in the currently cold and snowy city of Calgary are going extremely well at the present time.

The department was excited to welcome Dr. Magnus Murphy to the Rockyview Hospital last summer. In January, Dr. Liane Belland, a 2001 graduate from our program, joined the staff at the Peter Lougheed Hospital....after spending a few months working in Nepal and travelling. We're extremely lucky to have them both as they are excellent teachers. Dr. Paul Gibson has also joined our department. He is an Internal Medicine specialist with extra training in diseases in pregnancy. He has already done numerous grand rounds and academic half days and is a great new resource for us. We'd also like to say welcome aboard to Don Wilson. He saw the light and made the switch from Family Medicine to our program, and has joined our 1st year residents. As someone who did the same thing, I have to say, "Good move!"

Our 5th year residents are currently busy preparing for the exams ahead. We wish them the best of luck although we know they'll do a great job without it.

Congratulations go out to Sherri Gibbons, a PGY-4 who has recently gotten engaged. Maybe she's the one we should be wishing good luck, as she is planning a wedding in 5 months while doing an Ob/Gyn residency!

We've recently made a few minor changes to our training. One of the most popular is the new rule allowing residents to go home at 8:00 am post-call.

Everyone is thrilled with this and it seems to make a busy night on call a little easier. It's amazing what a little sleep can do!

CARMS interviews have come and gone and we're anxiously awaiting the results. We had very strong candidates this year and look forward to meeting our new colleagues.

I hope everything is going well across the country and that things are as smooth elsewhere as they are here. Good luck to all of the 5th year residents who will be writing their exams in the spring! Maybe we'll be working with you as staff sometime in the future.

Foundation News

Robyn Harris, Executive Director

Thank you for your continued support!

In 2001, the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health distributed a record number of grants to support research in women's health. It is thanks to donors like you, that the Foundation is able to fulfill its mandate. To all who have contributed to the health of Canadian women in 2001, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude. To those who have not yet pledged their financial support or renewed their support, I welcome you to do so. If you have made a donation, but do not appear on the list, please contact the Foundation office.

*Canadian Foundation
for Women's Health
supporting research
for the health of women*



Mrs. Una Davidson

mother of Terry Davidson.

With deepest sympathy from
the Society of Obstetricians
and Gynaecologists of Canada,

Kevin and Darlene Lang
of Barrie, Ont.,

Barbara Somers
of Thornhill, Ont.,

Penny Darragh of Barrie, Ont.,

Evan Ferguson of Innisfil, Ont.,

Richard and Darlene Wood
of Waterloo, Ont.,

Joe Anderson of Barrie, Ont.

In Memoriam

The Canadian Foundation for Women's Health receives memorial donations in memory of those close to us.

If you would like to have a special message of condolences published on the Foundation Page, please contact the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health.

We will notify the family of your memorial gift.

To those who have suffered a loss, please accept our deepest sympathy.

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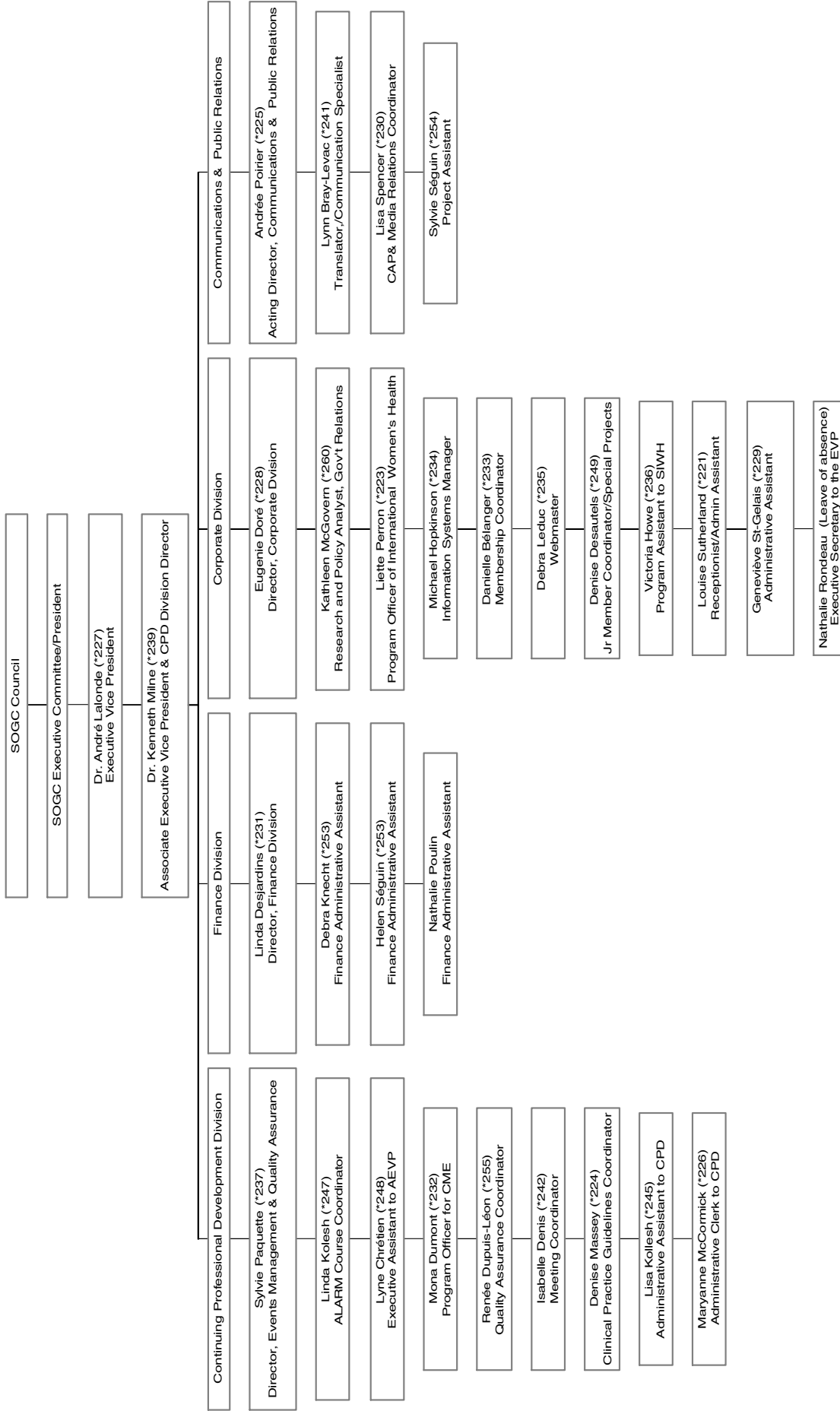
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