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EDITORIAL Abstract Programme 2003

High Expectations, Great Disappointment

Dr. André B. Lalonde

The Romanow Commission has created great expectations among specialists across Canada. It is very surprising that after a number of presentations from our specialty (Dr. Jan Christilaw, Past President) and other national specialty organizations that Mr. Romanow failed to deliver any recommendation on specialty care reform, organization and challenges in Canada.

Considering that 50% of the physicians in Canada are specialists, and that specialty care is held very highly by the Canadian population, it is difficult to understand why the Commission had no recommendations on the human resource issues facing various specialties. No discussion about the organization of work, the availability of operating room equipment, time and facilities as well as the provision of support staff to alleviate the work load of various specialists across Canada was made. Over \$800 million

dollars is available for primary care reform in Canada, but not a single cent is budgeted to look at the problems of specialty care.

The SOGC applauds the response of the President of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, which outlines the great deception of specialty medicine in Canada towards the Romanow report.

It is, therefore, extremely important that all of you express your concerns to your local member of parliament and send a copy to the National Office so that we can build momentum to seek an urgent meeting with the Minister of Health and the Prime Minister of Canada to request their attention to this matter. Failure to respond to the challenges and problems of specialty care in Canada will lead to further deterioration of the medical care system and the health of Canadians.

From the Bench to the Bedside and Back

The deadline for abstract submissions, which was extended to January 10th, has now passed. We have received well over 100 submissions in the various categories of Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility (REI), Obstetrics (OBS), Gynaecology (GYN), The Gynaecologic Oncologists of Canada (GOC), The Society of Canadian Colposcopists (SCC), The Canadian Society of Urogynaecology & Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (CSURPS) as well as our newest category for poster presentations, International Women's Health (IWH).

The primary author of an accepted abstract will be invited to present at the 59th ACM in Charlottetown during Abstract Day, which is being held on Sunday, June 29th. It would be prudent for the primary authors to book their hotel accommodations as soon as possible, even if they haven't been advised of their abstract acceptance, since space is limited in Charlottetown.

The oral papers will be presented in concurrent sessions the morning of June 29th and the posters will be available for viewing throughout the day. The afternoon of June 29th is dedicated to sub-specialty meetings.

We hope to see you in PEI!

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Application Deadlines

SOGC/FPRSH Millennium Fellowships - Continued Education Grants

Our 2003 Millennium Fellowships application deadlines are:

SOGC/FPRSH Clinical Professional Development

- Spring: March 30, 2003
- Autumn: September 30, 2003

SOGC/APOG Clinical Professional Development

- September 30, 2003

Nurses' Clinical Professional Development

- March 30, 2003

Junior Member Electives in International Women's Health

- Spring: March 30, 2003
- Autumn: September 30, 2003

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FROM THE EVP'S DESK

Membership Renewal

André B. Lalonde, Executive Vice-President

Dear Colleagues:

At this time of year the SOGC reminds you to renew your membership in the Society. SOGC is vibrant and has a membership of 2,843 members. During the last year we have delivered medical education programmes to 2,300 health care professionals across Canada.

The Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Canada was indexed in 2002 and is the voice of reproductive health in Canada. The SOGC has developed a number of innovative programmes including the MORE^{OB} programme launched in December 2002. The SCOPE programme (Surgical Complications of Pelvic Endoscopy) has achieved great success.

Our challenge for 2003 is the promotion of the specialty to medical students across Canada. With the increased numbers of medical students, we anticipate that the governments will increase the number of residency posts in obstetrics and gynaecology. We need your support and your help in

promoting the specialty to medical students.

The SOGC has submitted a request to Health Canada for a project on collaborative practice in obstetrics as well as a submission to CIDA for two (2) international health programmes in French and English speaking Africa. Our international programme is very active but we need your continued support in lobbying your members of Parliament and CIDA in particular to allocate funds for sexual reproductive rights issues and a strategy to reduce maternal mortality in developing countries.

Yes, the Society is vibrant with its more than 100 members participating at the committee level and a Council of 24 people, which develops policies for the SOGC. Our staff at the National Office is devoted and very competent in trying to meet the needs of our members in terms of education and future development of the specialty.

We need your membership renewal as soon as possible and your commitment to work with the Society to reach its goals in 2003.

CPD - A Team on the GO!

Sylvie Paquette, Director of Events Management and QA

On behalf of the SOGC, I want to thank the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) team for their strength and motivation in 2002 and for their hard work on many aspects of SOGC's projects and programmes.

After having been with the SOGC for over 5 years now, I have been offered a new challenge. Effective February 1st, 2003, I will assume the position of Director of Corporate Affairs. Rest assured that the CPD division will continue to deliver quality programmes in 2003, under the direction of Ms. Chantale Wall who comes to the SOGC with 13 years experience in events planning and administration. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the dedicated people who make up the CPD team:

Renée Dupuis-Léon - Renée has been with us on and off since year 2000 and has worked in the capacity of ALARM Coordinator, CQI Project Coordinator and CME Programme Officer. She has recently accepted the newly created position of Graphic Designer and has consequently moved off to the Communications Division. Good luck Renée!

Isabelle Denis - Isabelle came to us in the year 2000 as the Meeting Coordinator. She has proven to be a valuable asset to the SOGC. She has the primary role of supporting the logistical aspect of 3 CME regional meetings, the Annual Clinical Meeting and the exhibit/sponsor programme. Isabelle works diligently in ensuring that all the bedroom blocks are met, that the social programmes are supported and that you, the members, always feel like things are running smoothly!

Lucie St-Laurent - Lucie has only been with us for a short time but has proven invaluable. Her nursing background has helped move the MORE^{OB} and CQI programmes along and her personality is refreshing. Welcome to our team Lucie!

Linda Kollesh - Linda has been with us for over 2 1/2 years. From Administrative Assistant, she rose quickly to Programme Assistant and was promoted into the ALARM Coordinator position in the summer of 2001. In this capacity, she has proven to be highly efficient in her organizational skills. I am sure the ALARM Committee joins me in saying: "It's great to have someone like you in this position". She has recently accepted a promotion to the position of CME/ALARM Programme Officer, adding the SOGC's 3 CME programmes to her responsibilities.

Pristina University Maternity Unit Opened

Dr. Ferd Pauls, Chair, SOGC IWH Committee and Chair, ALARM International Sub-Committee

On March 27, 2002, the SOGC entered into a partnership with KOGA (Kosovar Obstetricians and Gynecologists Association). Among the various areas of cooperation agreed to was involvement in the opening of the new maternity building. At our last visit in March, the Maternity was almost ready for occupancy but nobody knew when the opening ceremonies would take place. As reported in a past issue of the SOGC News, we had hoped to give a first ALARM International Programme at the time of the opening. We finally got word in October that the opening was set for November 8, 2002, but that the ALARM International Programme should not be given then as there were too many other activities planned. As a result, Mike Parry, Director of the CPHA Kosovo Programme



A pregnant woman has the honour of cutting the ribbon to mark the official opening of the Maternity Unit.



*1st row (left to right): Lucie St-Laurent, Sylvie Paquette, Kim Kingsbury, Renée Dupuis-Leon
2nd row (left to right): Isabelle Denis, Lyne Chrétien, Denise Massey, Linda Kollesh, Chantale Wall, Mary Anne McCormick*

Denise Massey - Denise has also been with us for over 2 years. We are glad to have her as part of our team since she's always there to help with proofreading. Of course her other main responsibilities include support to clinical committees and development of guidelines. She is also a link to the JOGC. Thanks for your spirit Denise.

Mary Anne McCormick - Mary Anne joined us in October 2001. As the CME Administrative Assistant, she supports the three regional programmes, exhibit/sponsor programme and the ACM. She is always there to lend a helping hand. Shy and quiet, she prides herself in doing her work well.

Lyne Chrétien - Another long standing employee with over 2 years of service. A great source of knowledge and support to the entire division. She works on the Millennium Technology, the ACM Abstract, the SCOPE Programmes, is part of the SOGC Social Committee and provides Executive Support to the A EVP daily.

Kim Kingsbury - Yet another recent addition to our team. Kim joins us after working with Health Canada for over 10 years. Her primary responsibilities include support to the entire ACM and the International CME Event. Being a seasoned administrator, she has adapted well to the job and the organization.

I know that with their skills and dedication, they will make the new director, Ms. Chantale Wall, feel right at home! Most of this staff attends the ACM, so don't hesitate to get to know them this summer in PEI.

and I (representing SOGC) were in Pristina to take part in the festivities.

On Thursday, November 7, we were invited to an evening reception in a local restaurant, hosted by the Government of Canada and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Representatives from all the international donors were present and the Government of Canada, through CIDA, was front and centre, having contributed almost a million dollars to the project. We were told that there are 12,700 births annually at the Maternity, one of the largest in Europe. We were all invited back for the ribbon cutting ceremony the next day.

More than one hundred invited guests were escorted to the music of a group of musicians from the Music Section of the Pristina University Art Academy to a lecture room for the speeches preceding the ribbon cutting. Fortunately, translation services were provided for the international guests. The Prime Minister of Kosovo began with all the right words of thanks for the donors. The Head of CIDA for the Balkans followed, as well as representatives of UNFPA, the Head of the hospital and the Head of the Department of OB/GYN. We all went one floor up to the new Maternity. Interestingly, the ribbon was cut by a pregnant woman, and the Prime Minister and all the guests were toured through the new facility. What a change! Some of the women I spoke to had delivered in the old Maternity. They had been 8 to a room in labor with no privacy and no personal care. Here, they saw private rooms with dividers if needed and bright color schemes. Some thought they should rethink their decision not to have any more babies.

Dr. Hoxha, Head of the Maternity, and his staff face a large challenge: their mandate is to provide a birthing experience for women that includes birth attendants and a level of privacy that until now was impossible.



Canada's support is recognized at the Pristina Maternity Unit.

SOGC CME EVENTS

PROGRAMMES

16th ICME

Hilton Tobago, Lowlands,
Scarborough, Tobago
March 3-7, 2003

59th ACM

Charlottetown, PEI
June 25-30, 2003

COURSES

ALARM 2003

Toronto, ON

February 28 – March 1

Calgary, AB April 4-5

Montreal, QC April 26-27

(Offered in French)

Instructors' Course

Montreal, QC (TBC)

April 28 (by special invitation)

Hamilton, ON May 9-10

Grande Prairie, AB May 30-31

Charlottetown, P.E.I. June 23-24

Woodstock, NB September 12-13

Ottawa, ON October 24-25

Victoria, BC November 21-22

Toronto, ON December 7-8

ICME is fast approaching

For those of you who have not registered for the ICME meeting yet, please refer to our Website or contact our office at 1-800-561-2416 to request a preliminary programme. This year, participants will receive the course material on a CD-ROM instead of in print. Comments from past participants suggested this would facilitate the dissemination of documents and information. **Participants are asked to print the documentation that they feel they would use during the conference and bring it with them.** There will be no handouts or conference material available on-site due to the high shipping costs.

Participants will be asked to register on-site for their selected breakouts as opposed to doing a pre-selection. This will facilitate registration to the meeting, which is ongoing. We invite all of you to participate in

the Opening Reception, which will be held Monday, March 3rd, on the hotel grounds.

The SOGC is looking forward to hosting this event in Tobago and invites you to complete the needs assessments and evaluations on-site. There will be a daily prize draw, from Tuesday to Friday, for submitted evaluations. The draw for the Carlson Wagonlit travel voucher and the tennis trophies will be done Friday, March 7th.

There is still time to register for the tennis tournament, which will be held Monday to Thursday inclusive. Drs. Bow and Royce have again volunteered to facilitate this event. If you need help locating a hotel please don't hesitate to contact Carlson Wagonlit at 514-761-7377 ext. 3. The Tobago Hilton Hotel is ready and willing to service all of our needs and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the SOGC delegates.

SCOPE

(Surgical Complications of Pelvic Endoscopy)

PROGRAMMES FOR 2003

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

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The SOGC's Largest CME: What A Success!

The 21st Ontario CME Programme held at the Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre was a smashing success! The comments we received from among the 327 attendees who participated were extremely positive:

- Excellent workshops!
- Really found the practical advise useful.
- Gave me a lot to think about.

The SOGC would like to thank the Ontario Regional Committee members, the Faculty Members, the Sponsors and participants for their ongoing support of the CME programmes.

Mark your calendars and join us in Toronto from December 4-6, 2003. We have received great suggestions for new topics

"Very knowledgeable faculty members."

during this meeting, which we plan to implement for the 2003 event. Come exercise your mind and tantalize all your senses in Canada's largest metropolitan center!

PEI is Waiting for you at the 2003 ACM !

A message from the Host Committee (Social, Leisure and Companion Programme)

The Host Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to all members, special guests, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors and SOGC staff to the Annual Clinical Meeting that will be held in our beautiful Island from June 25-30, 2003.

Prince Edward Island is a lovely and peaceful province, where you can relax, get away from your fast-paced environment, observe the beautiful scenery of our red soil, cliffs, beaches and dunes, taste our fresh seafood, learn about the founders of our country, see the Confederation Bridge, visit our provincial parks and meet our friendly people. In brief, PEI has something to offer everyone.

The Host Committee has organized special activities for you and your family during the 2003 ACM. We encourage you to participate and are sure you will enjoy them.

On Thursday night (June 26), the Opening Reception will take place at the Confederation Centre of the Arts with the Confederation Players, followed by the Dining Out Experience, which will give you the opportunity to have a PEI culinary experience with your peers.

Friday night (June 27), network with your colleagues and our exhibitors in an informal environment during the President's Open-



ing Reception. Following this event, *A Maritime Lobster Feast* will feature musical guests *Barachois*. This is the annual fundraising evening hosted by the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health.

Saturday afternoon (June 28) is reserved for leisure activities. Golfing, north shore excursion, kayaking and seal watching are part of the schedule, as well as the famous musical "Anne of Green Gables" during the evening. Sunday night (June 29), have fun with the residents at one of the best bars of the region for the Resident Fun Night.

The companion activities also include a craft tour on Thursday as well as the city tour and cooking lesson on Friday. For more details regarding the Social, Leisure and Companion Programme, please consult the SOGC Website at www.sogc.org. To plan your vacation in PEI, visit www.peiplay.com or call 1-888-PEI-PLAY.

The Host Committee is looking forward to welcoming you in PEI in June

Dr. Shelagh Connors Dr. Janet Baker Dr. Peter Bethune
Dr. David Knickle Mrs. Janet Knickle Dr. Frank MacDonald
Dr. Lynne McLeod

A Message from the Planning Committee

Scott A. Farrell and Joan Crane

As Co-chairs of the 2003 Annual Clinical Meeting, we would like to extend an enthusiastic invitation to the SOGC community. Although Charlottetown is one of the smaller venues which has hosted the ACM, it is also one of the most picturesque locations in Canada.

The Scientific Programme Planning Committee has been working hard to prepare a top notch programme for this year's ACM. The feedback which has been received from members was incorporated into the planning process. The programme is based, to a large extent, upon the members' needs assessments. Particularly topical and relevant international symposia will include "A New Contraceptive Option: A Focus on the Transdermal Contraceptive System", "The Role and Limitations of HRT in Contemporary Management of Menopause" and the President's Symposium entitled "Treating Mood Disorders Across the Lifespan of Women". As with every Annual Meeting, the Postgraduate Courses will offer in depth coverage on a number of topics relevant to current obstetric and gynaecologic practice.

An exciting new component of this year's programme is the addition of subspecialty group meetings which are scheduled to take place on Abstract Day, Sunday, June 29th. The subspecialty groups will include: CSURPS; Maternal/Fetal Medicine group, SCC, Nursing, Endoscopy and Paediatric Adolescent Gynaecology.

Because Prince Edward Island is home to a number of well known



Canadian entertainers we expect to offer entertainment which combines world class polish with a unique Maritime flavor. Charlottetown combines some of the familiarity and comfort of a small town with excellent restaurants and an abundance of recreational facilities in close proximity. Prince Edward Island is especially noted for its water recreational activities and for its many top golf courses. This is a setting which is especially suited to a family vacation.

Please accept our enthusiastic and sincere invitation to a truly outstanding meeting set in the "Garden of the Gulf!"

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Obstetric Ultrasound Setting the Standard for 2003

February 21-23, 2003
Toronto Colony Hotel
Toronto, ON

Information: (416) 978-2719 or
www.cme.utoronto.ca
E-mail: ce.med@utoronto.ca

Cancer Rehabilitation: Myths and Realities. Moving Forward After Treatment 2003

March 28-29, 2003
Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites
Vancouver, BC
Information: (604) 822-0054 or
www.interprofessional.ubc.ca
E-mail: interprof@cehs.ubc.ca

Violence and Health 2003

April 3-5, 2003, Vancouver, BC
Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites
Tel: 1-604-822-4965
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MEMBERS' CORNER:

Nomination of FIGO President Elect: Dorothy Shaw

The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada have nominated Dr. Dorothy Shaw as President Elect of FIGO for the 2003-2006 term. Dr. Shaw is the nominee from the North America region. She is a Past President of the SOGC and Chair of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Issues Committee of FIGO. She has extensive international experience in women's health. She is currently Associate Dean, Equity, Clinical Professor Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Medical Genetics at the University of British Columbia. The SOGC/Federación Mexicana de Ginecología y Obstetricia AC and ACOG will not endorse other candidates for this position.

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Attention Associate RN Members of SOGC

The term of the current RN Representative on the SOGC Council, Maureen Heaman, ends on June 30, 2003. If you are interested in being considered for a three-year term in this position (2003-2006), please send your current resume or curriculum vitae, along with a covering letter indicating why you are interested in this position and what you would contribute to it, via e-mail to dadesautels@sogc.com by March 15, 2003. The SOGC RN Advisory Committee will serve

as the nominating committee for this position. If an election is required, a maximum of three candidates will be selected for the ballot, which will be mailed to all Associate RN Members of SOGC.

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SOGC JUNIOR MEMBER NEWS



Message from the JM Vice-Chair

Sony Sukhbir Singh, PGY-3, University of Western Ontario

Junior Members Meet in Toronto 2002

It's 2003 and there is a flurry of activity from the JM Committee to look forward to. Before we move ahead, here is a recap of our annual interim JM meeting held in December 2002 in Toronto. It was very well attended with representation from across the country!

Get Involved

The committee structure was reviewed and members were reminded that each residency programme across the country should identify a Junior (PGY1-3) and Senior (PGY 3-5) SOGC representative. This role should turn over every 2-3 years with the Junior becoming the Senior representative upon transition. These members represent their local resident group and are responsible for attending meetings with the National Committee. Funds are set aside to ensure that at least one representative per residency programme attends the Annual Clinical Meeting (in PEI this upcoming year) and the Ontario CME (in December). Throughout the year the Committee also holds regular teleconferences. If you are

interested in getting involved as a representative or on one of the many Committee projects, contact your local representative or Denise Desautels <ddesautels@sogc.com> at the SOGC.

Post-Grad Fellowships in Canada

The JM committee is almost finished compiling a summary of all Post-Graduate Fellowship opportunities across the country. It covers the MFM, REI and Gyne Onc training available as well as opportunities in fields such as Urogynaecology and Laparoscopy. Look for it soon!

Future Career Plans Questionnaire

One of our projects this year involved compiling the information gathered from Ob/Gyn residents on their future career plans. The survey developed by the JM committee was distributed in November 2002. We feel that this information is important in the greater context of providing care to Canadian women now and in the future. Please send your questionnaires back as soon as possible and if you have not received one, please contact us.

Annual Clinical Meeting in PEI

The Committee is well on the way to organizing a great ACM for our Junior Members! Remember to submit your interesting case for STUMP THE PROFESSOR. The Fun Night will be organized with help from our East Coast residents (thanks Dalhousie!). We are also working on continuing a Medical Student Forum as well as organizing a session directed towards all residents.

SOGC Fellowships

A reminder to all that if you're planning on doing electives nationally or internationally, there are awards available through the Fellowship programme. Go online to the SOGC Website for the application! We are also actively recruiting reviewers for this programme.

Call for Vice-Chair Nominations 2003

Prior to the June ACM, the JM Committee will be requesting nominations for the Vice-Chair Position. It is a 2 year commitment during which time the role extends to the Chair position. We will hold elections at the ACM and thus interested JM's are expected to plan to be there. More information will follow in subsequent newsletters.

I hope the above information is useful. Jean Pierre (Chair) and I look forward to working with all of you in the near future. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or clarifications.

PROGRAMME UPDATE

University of Toronto

Collette Rutherford

The Ob/Gyn programme at the University of Toronto has experienced a lot of change over the last year. Last year we welcomed Dr. Heather Shapiro as our new Programme Director. Her strong leadership, energy, and resident advocacy have provided the impetus for new directions that are making the programme stronger and improving resident morale. Ten new PGY-1 residents started in July. These include 2 IMGs and 2 foreign government sponsored residents.

Two new fellowships are now available at the University of Toronto. One is the only accredited American Association of Laparoscopists (AAGL) fellowship available in Canada. Doctors R. Kung and K. Lie are the fellowship coordinators. The other is a fellowship in vaginal surgery offered by Dr. G. Lefebvre.

PGY-5 residents are gearing up for the Royal College exams. Faculty administered

practice OSCEs will begin in February and the PGY-5 residents will have their academic half-day extended to a full day for the last few weeks before the exam as study and preparation time. This year, PGY-5 residents have also participated in Advanced Endoscopy Surgical Skills sessions to further their skills in the management of laparoscopic disasters using pig models.

As with other programs in Canada, on-call coverage at multiple sites remains an issue and both staff and residents are looking for alternate solutions to allow for more flexibility to deal with the ongoing resident shortage.

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

STUMP THE PROFESSOR 2003

Deadline :
Thursday, March 6, 2003

Send your cases to:
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Junior Member
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LAST CALL