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EDITORIAL

Commemorative Medal for the Queen's Golden Jubilee

The SOGC is pleased to announce that Dr. André Lalonde, SOGC Executive Vice-President, and Dr. Robert Kinch have been awarded the Commemorative Medal for the Queen's Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Commemorative Medal celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's reign as Queen of Canada. It is awarded to outstanding Canadians as an acknowledgement of exemplary community efforts and achievements that have contributed to Canada.

"On behalf of the SOGC I would like to congratulate Dr. Lalonde on this prestigious recognition," said Dr. Donna Fedorkow, the President of the SOGC. "Your colleagues and I are proud that your hard work and extensive contributions to the field of women's sexual and reproductive health have

been recognized with this esteemed medal."

Dr. Lalonde has served as the SOGC's EVP since 1990. During this time, he has brought many important women's health issues to the forefront including menopause education, sexuality and contraception education and a very successful international women's health programme. Dr. Lalonde has developed an expertise in, and is an advocate for, safe motherhood and family planning as well as promoting women's empowerment for reproductive health.

Dr. Kinch is presently a part-time Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, McGill University (M.U.H.C.) and is involved in teaching and ambulatory care, Royal Victoria Hospital. He has served on numerous committees at the national and international levels, on boards of many associations including APOG, SOGC and

RCPCSC and on task forces and research projects. His areas of expertise are clinical medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, Health Canada and international committee work.

Congratulations to both of you!

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See pages 4-6 for details and a glimpse of what's in store, important dates and deadlines to keep in mind, and more!



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In the fall of 2002, the SOGC launched the MORE[®] Programme. Please refer to the insert provided in this issue for complete details of this innovative continuous professional development programme.

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The energy, experiences and creative thinking of young people has provided the momentum for this dynamic program. Together, youth and community members are "M.O.V.E.ing" to prevent violence.

For a free copy of the M.O.V.E. resource, check CPHA's website: www.cpha.ca/move.htm.

To order a print copy call, fax or e-mail

CPHA's Health Resources Centre:

Tel: (613) 725-3769, Fax (613) 725-9826, e-mail hrc@cpha.ca.

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Corporate Division

Sylvie Paquette, Director

As some of you may notice, I am writing an article again this month, but on a different division. As the new Director of Corporate Affairs and QA, I am getting to know the Corporate Division team.

Louise Sutherland is our trusted receptionist. She is dedicated to her work and to the SOGC having been with us now for over 2 years. Louise has recently accepted to work with the rest of the team on developing and maintaining a central filing system while still meeting the needs on front line phone calls. If you're not sure who to call, just dial "0" and you'll reach her! Louise is the mother of two daughters who loves to belly dance.

Geneviève St. Gelais. Some of you may have had the pleasure of speaking with Geneviève over the past 2 years. She supports the Membership Coordinator weekly and assists in the coordination of the Executive and Council. Of course, she does a multitude of other tasks as well. Geneviève is quiet, somewhat shy and extremely helpful. Her cheerful personality is welcomed and appreciated.

Kathy Lapointe-Morency is not with us for the first but second time. Kathy first worked for SOGC from 1996 to 1999. She returned last year as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Vice-President and she's the perfect person for the job! Her daily tasks can involve booking travel, dictating (sometimes for hours), logging mail, etc. Kathy is well organized and very professional and we appreciate her enthusiasm. She is recently married and loves to travel.

Denise Desautels came on board just over a year ago. She has been a great asset to the SOGC with her background knowledge of hospital environments and government. She took the task of organizing and managing the Junior Members portfolio as well as other special projects (such as Promotion of the Specialty and Emergency Contraception). She is dedicated, knowledgeable and she loves her residents! Denise is a mother of two who seems to be into never-ending renovations.

Liette Perron, as the Programme Officer of the Society's International Women's Health Programme, her responsibilities include: SIWH and the ALARM International Committees, the development of proposals for potential initiatives in developing countries, the identification and the promotion of the programme to potential funders including CIDA, PAHO, UNFPA, private foundations, etc., the management of the current projects related to the programme (i.e. CIDA's Partnership Project, the Uganda-Canada Save the Mothers Project, the SOGC - KOGA Partnership Project, etc.) and the ACM IWH Symposium. Liette has been with us now since 1999 and is a mother of two active boys.

Sara Fryer came to us last year from a government position. She supports the work of the IWH Programme and also very active



Left to right, front row: Robyn Comanda, Kathleen McGovern, Sylvie Paquette, Kathy Lapointe-Morency. Back row: Jo Mac Quarrie, Denise Desautels, Louise Sutherland, Danielle Bélanger, Geneviève St. Gelais, Dr. André Lalonde.

in maintaining a database of members interested in supporting SOGC's international programmes. She's been a great addition to the team. Sara recently graduated from Queen's University with a B.A.H. in Political Studies.

Kathleen McGovern looks after policy, research, and development, including Aboriginal health issues for SOGC. Before joining us in 2001, she worked as a private consultant to such organizations as the Ottawa Health Department, Health Canada, and the Assembly of First Nations Health Commission. Currently, she is working on a project to develop a blueprint for an Aboriginal mid-wifery group; and a national initiative to support collaborative maternity care in Canada. She is also involved in the development of an obstetrical care information system in partnership with the Ottawa Hospital and a software development corporation. Kathleen has a menagerie of pets and orchids at home along with her family of course.

Danielle Bélanger has worked at SOGC since March 2000 as the Membership Coordinator. She is extremely knowledgeable in the management of our Imis database system. She is also the front line driver for the SOGC registration desk. She is quick witted, driven and is committed to the Society. Summer or winter, Danielle likes to take advantage of the Canal nearby, on foot or on skates.

Dr. André Lalonde. Last but not least, Dr. Lalonde, the SOGC EVP, whose boundless energy allows him to run our ship, oversees the SOGC's day to day activities and its long term projects and programmes. His enthusiasm is contagious!

We also have two students who work with us part time – Melissa Leduc and Robyn Comanda.

Spotlight on Ms. Sylvie Paquette

Daniel Morier, Public Ed. Coordinator

Position:

Director of Corporate Affairs and Quality Assurance effective Feb. 1, 2003. Previously Director of Events Management and QA

Responsibilities:

- Improve efficiency and productivity within the SOGC with knowledge management practices
- Oversee the day-to-day administration of the corporate division and common areas
- Manage the corporate office portfolios

Current Initiatives

- Develop and maintain an effective information and document management structure (i.e. preserve corporate memory)
 - Assess, develop and implement standards of practice in the office
 - Complete her Certified Association Executive designation through CSAE by year's end
- Sylvie's commitment to continuous improvement, dedication to the delivery of quality products and attention to detail have once again rewarded her with a new position within the SOGC. As of February 1, Sylvie has assumed the function of Director of Corporate Affairs and Quality Assurance,

marking her 5 year anniversary at the SOGC. Sylvie will be extensively involved in quality assurance initiatives pertaining to processes, guidelines and standards of operation within the Corporate Division and the common areas. The outcome of such initiatives will include improved efficiency and productivity in product development and delivery of services, and reduced costs associated with the streamlining of current and future practices. Her efforts will help ensure that the SOGC continues to fill its mandate, and further the professional image of the Society as a whole. Please join us in welcoming Sylvie into her new challenges!

Rendez-vous in P.E.I. for ACM 2003:

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Network and share your expertise with your peers



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An exhibitor's passport will be given to you upon registration on-site. To be eligible for the draw, each exhibiting company must stamp your passport.

All passports need to be completed and dropped in the box near the registration desk before 17:00 on Sunday, June 29.

Winners will be announced on June 30 during the Awards Ceremony.

Relax, discover and enjoy the warm PEI hospitality



What better way to top off this annual conference by participating in our social and leisure activities!



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GOLF AND DINNER

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SEAL WATCHING

KAYAKING



ANNE OF GREEN GABLES MUSICAL



June 25-30

Participate in the Sub-specialty Meetings

New this year, six sub-specialty meetings are offered on Sunday, June 29:

- Canadian Society of Urogynaecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery (CSURPS)
- Maternal-Fetal Medicine
- Society of Canadian Colposcopists (SCC)
- Pediatric and Adolescent Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Endoscopy – Hysteroscopic Sterilization Update
- Nursing

The Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada (GOC) Sub-specialty Meeting will be held in its traditional format on Saturday, June 28 and Sunday morning, June 29.

APOG will hold its traditional Mid-Year Business Meeting as well as a workshop in partnership with SOGC focusing on harassment and intimidation in training programs. It is hoped that the workshop will be well attended by program directors, resident educators, and residents themselves.



Support your fellows, thank the outgoing President and meet your new President

Take part in discussions with international and Canadian authorities on important women's health issues



Enjoy a Maritime Feast and be captivated at the Cannell Lecture

This year, the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health has two great events planned. The first is on Friday with a fundraising evening of fine lobster and entertainment. The second is the Cannell Lecture on Monday, which will feature Dr. John Collins. You won't want to miss either one.



Partake in the ALARM and AWHONN pre-conference meetings

Advances in Labour and Risk Management (ALARM) June 23-24, 2003

An intensive two-day course including the most recent clinical guidelines on high-risk conditions during labour and delivery, this course includes hands-on workshops, group discussions and a practical exam.

Association of Women's Health Obstetric & Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) Fetal Heart Monitoring Principles & Practices June 24-25, 2003

This two-day workshop focuses on the application of essential fetal heart monitoring knowledge and skills in intrapartum nursing practice.



To participate in the 2003 ACM, take a few minutes to:

Register before May 16, 2003



To register, please complete the Registration Form that was sent with the Preliminary Programme in February or visit our Website at www.sogc.org



The 2003 ACM is a wonderful time to:



Reserve
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NOW

PEI is a popular destination and also a small region, therefore, it is important that you reserve your accommodations now, to avoid problems or disappointments.

N.B. The Delta Prince Edward, the Rodd Charlottetown, Best Western and the Inns on Great George are already sold out at time of printing.

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and leisure activities
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To register, please complete the Registration Form that was sent with the Preliminary Programme or visit our Website at www.sogc.org.

Have we piqued your interest?

Take a moment to read the
ACM Preliminary Programme
that was sent to you and register soon!

ACM's IWH Symposium

On Wednesday, June 25, 2003 the SOGC's International Women's Health Programme will be hosting its annual International Women's Health Symposium. Keynote addresses will be made by:

- Dr. P. Okong, "Kiboga Save the Mothers Project: Met Need for Essential Obstetrical Care"
- Dr. Allan Rosenfield, "Maternal Mortality Reduction Initiatives: Lessons Learned in the Last 10 Years"

The Symposium will also feature workshops on clinical issues related to international obstetrics and gynaecology and break out sessions on topics relating to international women's health.

Air Canada discounts for ACM delegates

As the official air carrier of the SOGC, Air Canada offers a minimum discount of 5% to flights going into Charlottetown for the Annual Clinical Meeting. We encourage you to book early, as Air Canada is the only carrier flying directly into Charlottetown. As an additional incentive, Air Canada offers an additional 5% discount to all flights booked 60 days in advance. To reserve your ticket today, call the Air Canada Conventions line at 1-800-361-7585 and quote convention number CV104705.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SOGC has added a new category
for poster presentations:
International Women's Health.

There will be awards for the best poster
in this new category:

Member
First Prize (\$500) and runner up (\$250)

Junior Member
First Prize (\$500) and runner up (\$250)

The deadline is April 23, 2003
and guidelines for submission for this new category
are the same as for all other categories.
Please utilize the Abstract Programme Application Form
on the SOGC Website (www.sogc.org),
and clearly indicate in the Preferred Category
that you are submitting under the new
International Women's Health category.

59th ACM

Charlottetown, PEI
June 25-30, 2003

16th Quebec CME

Fairmont Manoir Richelieu
Pointe-au-Pic, Québec
September 25-27, 2003

COURSES

SCOPE 2003**April 25 & 26, 2003**

Mount Sinai Hospital,
Surgical Skills Centre
Toronto, Ont.

October 24 & 25, 2003

University of BC, Centre of Excellence
for Surgical Education
Vancouver, BC

November 21 & 22, 2003

Mount Sinai Hospital,
Surgical Skills Centre
Toronto, Ont.

ALARM 2003

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

Contraception Awareness Project

Lisa Spencer, Project Coordinator

As the year 2002 was winding down, the SOGC was gearing up for a contraception awareness initiative with the Aboriginal peoples of Canada.

The SOGC and NIICHRO (The National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization) have partnered together to work with our award winning Contraception Awareness Project and adapt it to Aboriginal people's needs.

The first steering committee meeting was

held at the NIICHRO offices on the Kahnawake reserve, just outside of Montreal, on December 7 2002.

There, we received direction from a number of people including NIICHRO staff and representatives, and a First Nation elder from the community. The meeting was very productive and we all came away ready and eager to move ahead on this project. The steering committee will reconnect again very soon to move forward on this exciting and important SOGC/NIICHRO initiative.

Three More Years of Growth

Sara Fryer, Programme Assistant, International Women's Health Programme

In 1998, the SOGC recognized the importance of pursuing excellence in international women's health and working toward reducing maternal mortality and morbidity worldwide. In 1999, SOGC's International Women's Health Programme obtained funds from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for the conduct of a partnership project with obstetrical and gynaecological associations in Guatemala, Haiti and Uganda from 1999 until 2002. Encouraged by the progression of the project, the SOGC submitted a proposal in August 2002 to the Canadian Partnership Branch at CIDA for the continuation of the Partnership Project for an additional three years.

The International Women's Health Programme is pleased to announce that CIDA approved the proposal "Strengthening of Obstetrician and Gynaecologist Associations in Uganda, Guatemala, and Haiti." Thus, the SOGC's Partnership Project will continue to grow for another three years with financial support from CIDA.

13th West Central CME has already come and gone!!

Linda Kollesh, CME/ALARM Programme Officer

The 13th West Central CME Programme was held at the Rimrock Resort Hotel in Banff, Alberta on February 6-8, 2003 and proved to be a successful one! Once again, everyone who attended this event found the location to be breathtaking and the comments we received were positive.

The SOGC would like to thank the Western & Central Regional Committee members, the Faculty Members, the sponsors and participants for their on-going support of CME programmes.

We have received great suggestions for new topics during this meeting, which we plan to implement for the 2004 event. So if you missed out this year, don't forget to mark your calendar for next year. The 14th West Central CME will be held in Banff, Alberta from April 1-3, 2004. Come exercise your mind and don't forget to add a little bit of R&R with springtime skiing or other wonderful attractions that Banff has to offer! See you then!



From left to right: Dr. André Lalonde, Dr. Michael Bow, Dr. Thomas Corbett, Dr. Nan Schuurmans et Dr. David Callahan.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

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

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

Violence and Health 2003

Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites
Vancouver, BC April 3-5, 2003
Tel: 1-604-822-4965
Fax: 1-604-822-4835
www.interprofessional.ubc.ca

Canadian State of the Art Conference on Von Willebrand

Sheraton Centre Hotel
Montreal, PQ May 8-9, 2003
Info: 1-800-668-2686
E-mail: chs@hemophilia.ca
www.hemophilia.ca

Osteoporosis Society of Canada Symposium: Integrating Clinical Guidelines into Your Practice

Sheraton Centre Hotel/Michener Institute, Toronto, ON May 2-4, 2003
Info: 1-800-977-1778
E-mail: ehunter@osteoporosis.ca
www.osteoporosis.ca

1st European Endoscopic Surgery Week

June 16-18, 2003
Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, Scotland, U.K.
Information: Tel.: 44 (0) 1794 511331/2
Fax: 44 (0) 1794 511455
E-mail: icms@indexcommunications.com
www.eesw.com

Fetal & Neonatal Physiological Society 30th Annual Meeting

July 4 - 8, 2003
Banff Conference Centre, Banff, AB
Info: (519) 646-6106
Fax: (519) 646-6213
E-mail: brichar1@uwo.ca
www.lhrionhealth.ca/fnps03

Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society 49th Annual Meeting

November 25th - 28th, 2003
Fairmont Empress, Hotel Victoria, BC
Tel: 514-524-9009 Fax: 514-524-2163
E-mail: info@cfas.cawww.cfas.ca

FIGO World Congress

November 2-7, 2003
Santiago, Chile
Info: Secretariat c/o Events International Meeting Planners
759 Victoria Square - Suite 300,
Montreal, QC, Canada H2Y 2J7
Tel: 1-514-286-0855
Fax: 1-514-286-0666
E-mail: figo2003@eventsintl.com

MEMBERS' CORNER:

Physician Protection

The SOGC has received the following clarification from the Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada (HIROC), in response to concerns voiced by some subscribers following a recent article in *The Medical Post* entitled, "CMPA won't defend doctors sued serving on committees".

HIROC has confirmed that it has always provided coverage for physicians while they are acting on behalf of subscriber health care organizations in an administrative capacity. This includes the advice given by physicians as part of their duties as committee or board members. Physicians are also covered if they participate on a panel on SOGC's behalf. However, HIROC does not provide coverage for physicians while providing any clinical services, and it requests that all its subscribers obtain written proof of Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) coverage from their physicians on an annual basis.

HIROC's coverage for this type of situation can be found under the Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance section of its Composite Health Care Insurance Policy

wording (Coverage F). The limit of liability for this coverage is the amount chosen by SOGC and applies to any one occurrence, without an annual aggregate.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact HIROC (toll free to Toronto) at 1-800-465-7357 or by fax at 1-800-668-6277, or (toll free to Winnipeg) at 1-800-442-7751.

ADDENDA NEW disability insurance

Diane A. Gagné Insurance Cabinet

In the February 2003 issue, we published an article which stated the new insurance was available to residents of Ontario only. Please note that benefits for physicians outside of the Province of Ontario are to be announced in the Fall of 2003. For more information, contact Cabinet@assurancegagne.com or call 1-877-243-8845.

2003 SOGC Directory

Danielle Bélanger, Membership Coordinator

By now, most of you should have received the latest edition of the SOGC Directory. We are pleased to be able to offer this benefit to all our members and hope you will find it to be a useful tool. I have received some phone calls asking, "How does one go about having their names listed in the directory?" It's actually quite easy! First and foremost, one must be a member in good standing with the Society and membership dues must be paid by their due date. Secondly, we require your authorization, which is confirmed annually at the time of membership renewal. Make sure you indicate "Yes", where we ask for your authorization to print your work address in the directory. In order to respect our members' privacy, we will not assume you wish to have your name and address listed without your explicit permission. The SOGC Directory is now in its third year and is a project that is still in development. If you have any suggestions or comments which would make the directory a more valuable tool, we would love to hear from you! Please e-mail your comments or suggestions to dbelanger@sogc.com.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc. informs you of a new contraindication related to concomitant use of potent CYP3A4 inhibitors with the following products that contain ergotamine or dihydroergotamine:

BELLERGA[®] Spacetabs[®], CAFERGOT[®], CAFERGOT-PB[®], DHE[®], MIGRANAL[®]

Serious and/or life-threatening ischemia, including fatalities and cases of gangrene, has resulted from such concomitant use. Examples of potent CYP3A4 inhibitors include: protease inhibitors, macrolide antibiotics and antifungal agents.

You are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions to Novartis and Health Canada.

For more information, visit www.hc-sc.gc.ca.

SOGC JUNIOR MEMBER NEWS



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

Programme Update

McGill University

Dr. Deborah Robertson

This year has been marked by many changes in the McGill O&G programme. First, we welcomed Dr. Lucie Morin as our new Programme Director. Dr. Morin plans on incorporating the “CanMEDs roles” into rotation objectives and evaluations. As residents, we can also expect changes in core rotations, particularly gynaecology. Our rotations will be restructured to place more emphasis on outpatient clinics, colposcopy, ultrasound and day-surgery. We will also be organizing a minimally invasive procedure and surgical laboratory to further improve our operative technique.

Dr. Peter Gillett was named Chief of Gynaecology at the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), and Dr. Togas Tulandi at the Jewish General Hospital.

Dr. Mark Boyd has recently retired from surgical practice at the MUHC, and from his seven year term as our Programme Director. The residents would like to thank Dr. Boyd for his dedication to his career in gynaecology and his interest in resident education. We all have fond memories of his formal morning sessions and extraordinary intraoperative teaching. He serves as a wonderful role model both as clinician and educator. Our best wishes are with him in this new phase of life.

There have been many new additions to our programme over the past few years. Monica Brunner, Fiona McConville, Catherine Jean, Jens-Erik Walter, Emad Sagar and Susan Kafy have all recently had healthy babies. Not to mention all the

recent graduates who expanded their families... Congratulations!

Finally, we are looking forward to a “Weekend Resident Retreat” at the Château Montebello this April which has been organised by Dr. Morin. The main objective of this event is to promote teamwork and build rapport amongst programme members. Various workshops on team-building, stress management, malpractice issues, etc. are on the agenda. Furthermore, some of the attending physicians have been asked to share their personal experiences and tips for a successful and healthy career in O&G.

I hope everyone has survived the deep freeze. See you in PEI!

Conference on von Willebrand Disease

Scholarship opportunity for residents

The Canadian Hemophilia Society (CHS) will offer four scholarships to ob/gyn residents or fellows who have an interest in the issue of gynaecological and obstetrical management of women with von Willebrand Disease and who would like to attend the conference to be held in Montreal on May 8-9, 2003. The scholarship would cover travel (based on economy fare), two nights accommodation (May 7, 8) and the conference registration fee. We would like to have regional representation (1 each from the western provinces, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic). The scholarship recipients should be prepared to report back to the national or their regional associations about the conference possibly through an article in the regional or national SOGC newsletters. Accreditation from the

RCPSC will be offered at the conference.

The conference documentation is available on the Canadian Hemophilia Society Website at www.hemophilia.ca.

Interested residents/fellows should send a letter indicating their interest in attending the conference, the reasons for their desire to attend (e.g. future career goals), a short bio, and a letter of reference from the residency program director or academic supervisor. Please send the application to Denise Desautels, Junior Member Programmes, 780 Echo Drive, Ottawa, ON K1S 5R7. **Applications must be received at the national office by March 26th.** They will be reviewed internally and successful applicants notified by April 8th, 2003 or earlier.

Resident Reporter Info

Denise Desautels, Junior Member Programme Coordinator

Wyeth Pharmaceuticals has informed SOGC that they will provide educational grants for two Resident Reporter Programmes. These are:

- ACOG Junior Fellow Advisory College meeting, April 26-30, 2003 in New Orleans
- 8th Annual Resident Reporter Programme in conjunction with the 59th SOGC ACM, June 25-30, 2003 in Charlottetown, PEI.

Universities with Ob/Gyn programmes have been invited to select four residents in total,

two for each of the above meetings. Resident reporters will have the opportunity to attend scientific sessions, post graduate courses and international symposia. We are now receiving the information on the selected candidates: their names will be printed in a future issue of the newsletter.

These programmes are coordinated through the SOGC. Once the information is received, Denise Desautels, Junior Member Programme Coordinator, will contact the residents directly to inform them of the programme details. **Foreign born residents (non-Canadian citizens) attending the**

US programme must start the process of visa requests early. Canadian citizens also require either a passport or a visa to enter the United States.

ACM Info

Thanks to an educational grant from Organon, one representative on the Junior Member Committee from each Canadian Ob/Gyn programme will be supported to attend the ACM in Charlottetown. We request that you book your hotel room as soon as possible. Please keep Denise Desautels (d-desautels@sogc.com) informed of your plans.



CANADIAN FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

Robyn Harris, Executive Director

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