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## SOGC 2003 Annual Clinical Meeting

*Dr. J. Kenneth Milne, SOGC Associate Executive Vice-President*

The initial meeting of the ACM Planning Committee for the 59th ACM to be held in Charlottetown June 25-28 was held in Ottawa on September 27 & 28. Much was accomplished with regard to scheduled activities, a brief synopsis of which is provided for your information.

Delegates will be able to attend International Women's Health Day on June 25<sup>th</sup>, the first of our six-day ACM. Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> begins with 9 postgraduate courses which will include colposcopy, genetics, paediatric adolescent gynaecology, risk management, advanced gynaecology, high risk obstetrics, leadership skills for administrative positions, primary comprehensive care of post-menopausal women and a Millennium Technology course. The opening reception will take place at Memorial Hall in the evening, followed by a dining out experience.

Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> features the President's symposium, 3 other international sessions and 8 best practice sessions occurring in the afternoon. The evening's social events include the President's reception and the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health annual fundraising evening – lobster night and dancing. This year, Thursday and Friday are designated as **exhibit days** providing increased time to visit with our many sponsors and exhibitors.

On Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> there will be 4 international symposia including the concurrent obstetrics and GOC sessions. The afternoon has been left free for a variety of leisure activities including: golf, a boat tour, sea kayaking or deep sea fishing.

Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> is abstract day with oral presentations running concurrently in four rooms. Poster viewing will be available all day. Dedicated times for poster viewing have

been structured into the day. This year, time is provided during the afternoon for 'sub specialty' interest groups to meet, present and network around scientific, clinical and practice issues.

The last day of the ACM, Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>, begins with the SOGC breakfast and annual business meeting. Also planned are 8 more concurrent best practice sessions focusing on relevant clinical practice topics, Stump the Professor and the Cannell lecture, followed by the awards ceremony and the installation of the new president.

Evaluations from last year's ACM have guided the planning committee in the selection of topics for all of the scientific sessions. Invited international speakers will bring their perspective to the clinical practice of obstetrics and gynaecology along with best evidence practice from our Canadian experts.

The interactive postgraduate and best practice sessions will allow for open discussion in addressing problems relevant to your current clinical practice. The members of the planning committee will be working throughout the next two months to complete the final program for the 2003 meeting in Charlottetown. For up to-date information, visit our Web site at [www.sogc.org](http://www.sogc.org) as of January 2003.



*Members of the ACM Planning Committee: (back row, left to right) Dr. J. Kenneth Milne, Dr. Daniel Blouin, Dr. Vyta Senikas, Dr. James Bentley, Dr. Peter Bryson.*

*Front row (left to right): Ms. Sandra Christie-Haliburton, R.N., Dr. Donna Fedorkow, Dr. Janet Baker, Dr. Joan Crane, Dr. Jean-Pierre Gennaoui, Dr. Scott Farrell, and Dr. Carolyn Lane.*

*Absents: Dr. Jon Barrett, Dr. Bryan Fraser Mitchell, Dr. André B. Lalonde.*

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# Contraception Awareness Project – Update

*Lisa Spencer, Project Coordinator*

The next time you click on to [www.sexualityandu.ca](http://www.sexualityandu.ca), you might notice changes and improvements to the teen module. Our panel of experts, in conjunction with the SOGC and our Web developer, have been working diligently to update and add new and exciting content to the teen, parent and adult modules. The two remaining modules (teachers and health care professionals) are well under way to becoming as interactive and informative as the other three modules.

You may also have seen our e-newsletter, an important component of the project. Thanks to Dr. Amanda Black, you will now

receive it on a monthly basis. If you haven't yet signed up for it, be sure to go to our Website and add your name under the register bar at the top.

The promotional CAP rulers that were sent out to schools have turned out to be an enormous success. A second reprinting of 100,000 has already been done and the SOGC anticipates having to do a third printing on top of that!! I am happy to report that, thanks to the CHUM radio campaign in the Ottawa area, hits on our Websites for the month of September jumped 14.4%! Finally, we have developed an exciting and new partnership with MuchMusic/MusiquePlus. Tune into these stations this month to catch our flashy new advertising.

# Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

*from Health Canada, Population and Public Health Branch*

You will find two related documents enclosed with this newsletter: "Positional plagiocephaly and sleep positioning: An update to the joint statement on sudden infant death syndrome" for your own reference, and "Preventing flat heads in babies who sleep on their backs" which you may reproduce to provide to parents of newborn infants. Health Canada is requesting the assistance of health professionals in disseminating this information to the public.

As you may be aware, Health Canada and its partners, the Canadian Paediatric Society, the Canadian Institute of Child Health and The Canadian Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths launched the "Back to Sleep" social marketing campaign in 1999 to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in Canada.

For more information, contact Rosemary Sloan at (613) 957-3437 or at [Rosemary\\_Sloan@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:Rosemary_Sloan@hc-sc.gc.ca).

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# International Women's Health (SIWH) Program

## Annual Clinical Meeting (ACM) Activities:

At the SOGC's ACM, the SIWH Program hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual day-long International Women's Health Symposium which was well attended with over 200 participants. A wide range of issues were discussed and the SOGC welcomed keynote speakers from Action Canada for Population and Development, The International Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (FIGO), and the Regional Prevention of Maternal Mortality Network.

The ACM provided the SOGC the opportunity to welcome and host our new partners, members from the Kosovar Ob/Gyn Society (KOGA): Dr. Hoxha (President, KOGA) and Dr. Kapuska as well as members from the Ob/Gyn Associations in the Philippines and Indonesia.

Current ALARM Instructors had the opportunity to attend an orientation session relating to the ALARM International Program. Over 20 members attended the session which familiarized the participants to the objectives of the ALARM International Program.

## International Women's Health Program Update:



Dr. Rolando Cepeda, Ms. Carol Cameron and Dr. Ferd Pauls at a Committee meeting at the ACM.

In July, Ms. Liette Perron (Program Officer, SIWH) participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women's Worlds at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. The visit also permitted Ms. Perron to visit Kiboga District, the site of the FIGO Save the Mothers Uganda – Canada Project, where the SIWH Program supports the implementa-

tion of Safe Motherhood Programs at the district level. National Office staff attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Women's Health Meeting at York University in Toronto in August 2002. Ms. Perron was a part of a panel and spoke about "Integrating Women's Empowerment and Reproductive Rights in the Work of Health Professionals". A proposal was submitted to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in September 2002 for the continuation of the SIWH Program Partnership Project Initiative. The proposal is currently under review at CIDA.

At the Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH), October 27-30, Ms. Perron and Dr. Jean Chamberlain presented "ALARM International: An Educational Tool Designed to Reduce Maternal Mortality."

SOGC members will represent the Society at the opening of the new Maternity Unit at the Prishtina Hospital in Prishtina, Kosovo in November, 2002.

## ALARM International Update:

Dr. R. Laliberté, Dr. F. Beaudoin, Dr. K. Boisvert, Dr. G. Brunet, and Dr. F. Simard were faculty members for the delivery of the

GESTA International Program in Port-au-Prince, Haiti in April, 2002. This session of the *GESTA International Program* was attended by 33 participants, one-third of whom were midwives.

In April and May 2002, Dr. R. Cepeda, Dr. S. Effer, Dr. R. Pellizari, and Dr. G. Zevallos were faculty members for the delivery of the *ALERTA International Program* in Antigua and Guatemala City, Guatemala. The *ALERTA International Program* was taught to 80 participants.

Currently, the SOGC is developing a new chapter for the *ALARM International Manual* on Newborn Care and Assessment in conjunction with the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS), facilitated by a grant from Save the Children, USA.

## Upcoming ALARM and GESTA International Programs:

From October 21-25, 2002, Dr. Beaudoin, Dr. Brunet, and Dr. Moutquin delivered the *GESTA International Program* in Port-au-Prince, Haiti as a part of a joint initiative with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and Haitian Ministry of Health. Health care providers from six different districts attended the *GESTA International Program*, in an effort to strengthen the delivery of Essential Obstetrical Care services in these districts.

For the first time, the *ALARM International Program* will be delivered in Asia. FIGO has provided funding for three ALARM International faculty members and SOGC will fund the fourth. In partnership with the local Ob/Gyn Associations the new five-day *ALARM International Program* will be delivered in Indonesia the week of February 3, 2003 and in the Philippines the week of February 10, 2003. The SOGC will use this opportunity to promote Safe Motherhood Programs in these countries and aims to meet with health officials to generate interest for country-wide Safe Motherhood Programs.



Our international partners share ideas and discuss challenges at an ACM dinner.

## UNFPA: Needs/resources

taken from *Équilibres & populations* - No. 78 - June/July 2002

The UNFPA is mobilizing its representatives to ensure adequate supplies of reproductive health products. According to the UNFPA, funding needs will jump from \$81 million in 2000 to over \$1.8 billion in 2015, of which \$557 million is earmarked specifically for condoms for the prevention of STD and HIV/AIDS.

With regard to protection from unwanted pregnancy and HIV/AIDS, the demand for contraceptives, which already exceeds the supply in many countries, is fuelled by: the increased prevalence of contraception, from 10 to 60% in developing countries in 40 years; the increased demand for contraception, with the number of users projected to increase by 40% between now and 2015, as a result of demographic expansion and the success of programs; the increase in the number of people of childbearing age, with a record generation of over 1 billion people between the ages of 15 and 24.

In spite of this demand, the contribution of donor countries in the past 10 years has dropped from 40% to 25%. Still according to the UNFPA, every one million dollar shortfall in support of purchasing contraceptives results in: 360,000 more unwanted pregnancies; 150,000 new induced abortions; 800 more cases of maternal mortality; 11,000 neonatal deaths; 14,000 deaths of children under 5 years.

## Mulago Hospital Fund

Over the last six months, the SIWH Program collected donations on behalf of Mulago Hospital in Kampala, Uganda in order to upgrade the hospital's stock of linen, medications, sutures and life support equipment. SOGC Members contributed \$10 000 dollars for the purchase of these essential supplies! The staff and clients of Mulago Hospital greatly appreciate the contributions from our members. Thanks to all of the donors who made this donation possible and provided the means to purchase much needed supplies for Mulago Hospital!

## SOGC CME EVENTS

### PROGRAMMES

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Ontario CME

Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre  
December 5-7, 2002

#### 13<sup>th</sup> West/Central CME

Rimrock Resort Hotel  
Banff, Alberta  
February 6-8, 2003

#### 16<sup>th</sup> ICME

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

### COURSES

#### SCOPE Programme

Mount Sinai Hospital's Surgical Skills  
Centre, Toronto, ON  
December 8-9, 2002

#### MILLENNIUM TECHNOLOGY Programme

December 6, 2002  
Toronto General Hospital,  
Toronto, ON

### ALARM 2003

#### VANCOUVER, BC

January 24-25

#### SASKATOON, SK

February 8-9

#### TORONTO, ON

February 28 – March 1

#### CALGARY, AB

April 4-5

#### MONTREAL, QC

(Offered in French)  
April 26-27

#### Instructors' Course\*

#### MONTREAL, QC

April 28 (by special invitation)

**\*NOTE: This course will be offered  
in English, contrary to what was  
erroneously printed in our October  
issue.**

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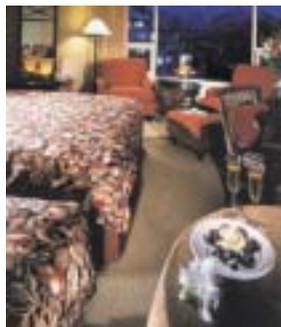
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Ontario CME, please visit the  
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**February 6-8, 2003**



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Hotel Cancellation Policy

Guests canceling their hotel reservation, in whole or in part, after the hotel cut-off date will be charged a cancellation fee equal to one night's room charge. Guests canceling before the hotel cut-off date will not be penalized.

*Check your mail for the  
Highlights and Preliminary Programme!*

## Québec CME Programme a Success!

More than 135 delegates attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Québec CME Programme held at the Fairmont Château Montebello last month. Participants made several positive comments in their evaluation of the programme.

- "A very good programme - I am very satisfied."
- "Excellent presentation - very dynamic and well structured."
- "Useful having people from other specialties present."

The golf tournament held on the Friday attracted 60 players who got together for a fun-filled afternoon. The SOGC would like

to specifically thank Dr. Gérald Stanimir for having helped organize the tournament. Many prizes were handed out, including one to the best team, which was made up of Dr. Bernard Couturier, Dr. André Fortier, Mr. Guy Vallée and Mr. Guy Laroche. Unfortunately, no one made a hole-in-one that would have sent them off to a southern destination. Better luck next time!

The SOGC and AOGQ wish to thank the sponsors, speakers and delegates for taking part in this 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the Québec CME Programme.

It's a rendez-vous for the 16<sup>th</sup> edition at the Fairmont Manoir Richelieu in the Charlevoix region September 25-27, 2003.

## CPD MILLENNIUM FELLOWSHIPS DEADLINE EXTENSION

NEW APPLICATION DEADLINE IS  
**DECEMBER 1, 2002**

Visit our website at [www.sogc.org](http://www.sogc.org) for further details

# New Bursary Announcement

Funding has been received for a Strategic Training Initiative in Research in the Reproductive Health Sciences: STIRRHS. Application deadline is January 1st, 2003.

A Web site containing all the details and application forms is presently under construction ([www.stirrhs.ca](http://www.stirrhs.ca)). Until it becomes operational, you can obtain more informa-

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## ICME 2003: Relax in an oasis

*Sylvie Paquette, Director, Events Management and Q.A.*

Beautiful beaches, wonderful friendly people, classic luxury. That's what you can expect from the 2003 ICME destination – Tobago. The Hilton Tobago will be the host hotel for our event scheduled for March 3 to 7, 2003. This hotel has just recently opened and offers the seclusion and relaxation you need and deserve. The hotel boasts over 200 luxurious ocean view rooms, a white sand beach, water sports and an incredible pool overlooking the ocean. As well, there is a health club, sauna, massage service, tennis courts, lush tropical gardens and a PGA-designed championship golf court right at your door step (18-hole Par 72). The hotel offers several options for dining. Guests can enjoy all day casual dining at the Plantation Room, fresh seafood in an elegant setting at the Coral Reef Restaurant, or a relaxed meal at Friday's Pool Side Bar & Grill, Tradewind Pool Bar and the Palm Court Lobby Lounge. Transportation from the airport takes only 10 minutes. For those who have a desire for adventure, Tobago offers eco-adventure tours through several operators. Imagine

seeing leather-back turtles on Turtle Beach or visiting the Tobago Forest Reserve with its multitude of bird species.

Although you will experience relaxing times while at the International CME, there will also be stimulation from our educational sessions. The SOGC's ICME Planning Committee is hard at work in planning the next Scientific Program for this coming meeting.

**Book early! The Trinidad Carnival is happening concurrently to our meeting, which may limit accomodation space.**

Look for more information in your December newsletter or on our Web site at [www.sogc.org](http://www.sogc.org). For more information, contact: Carlson Wagonlit at 1-800-561-7477, fax: 1-877-426-1100, e-mail: [ICME@carlson-vv.com](mailto:ICME@carlson-vv.com).

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## 59<sup>th</sup> SOGC ACM

### Call for abstracts!

**Submission deadline: December 20, 2002**

**New Category Announced for Abstracts:**

**International Women's Health** - SOGC announces a call for POSTER submissions in the category of International Women's Health. Member and Junior Member submissions are welcome! Presentations will be made on International Women's Health Day, June 25, 2003. Prizes are available for best at \$500 and runner up at \$250 in both membership categories. Please clearly specify on your abstract which category you are submitting to. For more information and to access the application form, visit [www.sogc.org](http://www.sogc.org)



## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

**Osteoporosis Symposium**  
November 21-24, 2002, Vancouver, BC  
The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver  
Info: Ellen Hunter  
(416) 696-2663, ext. 239  
E-mail: [ehunter@osteoporosis.ca](mailto:ehunter@osteoporosis.ca)  
[www.osteoporosis.ca](http://www.osteoporosis.ca)

**Violence and Health 2003**  
April 3-5, 2003, Vancouver, BC  
Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites  
Tel: 1-604-822-4965  
Fax: 1-604-822-4835  
[www.interprofessional.ubc.ca](http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca)

**FIGO**  
**November 2-7, 2003**  
Santiago, Chile  
Info: Secretariat c/o Events  
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## United States Healthcare Directory

The *United States Healthcare Directory* which covers hospitals, nursing homes, HMOs, medical manufacturers, etc., is now available. For more information, kindly visit the Website at [www.national-directories.com](http://www.national-directories.com) or call at 905-751-0919.



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## MEMBERS' CORNER:

# Winner of the 2002 CFAS Award of Excellence

Congratulations to Dr. Togas Tulandi, this year's winner of the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (CFAS) Award of Excellence.

Dr. Tulandi is Professor of Ob/Gyn, and Milton Leong Chair in Reproductive Medicine at McGill University, and Professor and Chief of Ob/Gyn, the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal. He also directs the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, is Associate Director of the

McGill Reproductive Centre and Program Director of the Fellowship Program in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and in Reproductive Surgery.

Dr. Tulandi has played leadership roles in several national and international societies and is a member of the editorial board of 10 scientific journals. He received the award at the CFAS 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in September 2002. Congratulations and best wishes, Dr. Tulandi.

## HRT and Alzheimer's

*from The Medical Post, September 3, 2002*

Despite recent results from the Women's Health Initiative, researchers still hope HRT could be used to prevent Alzheimer's disease (AD) and memory impairment. Two large trials are currently recruiting women at high risk of developing AD to see if HRT can prevent the development of the disease.

Women identified as being at increased risk in Dr. Mary Tierney's study will be randomized to receive either a placebo or HRT in the form of 17- $\beta$  estradiol alone or with norethindrone if they have not had a hysterectomy. Subjects will be followed for

two years. Women recruited for the other trial - PREPARE (Preventing Postmenopausal Memory Loss and Alzheimer's with Replacement Estrogens) all have a family history of AD. They will be randomized to a placebo or conjugated equine estrogens alone (Premarin) or with medroxyprogesterone acetate (Prempro), if they have not had a hysterectomy, and will be followed for five years. Laboratory studies suggest estrogen could be neuroprotective. Whether short- or long-term HRT will be most beneficial is not known.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Contraception Advice Research and Education (C.A.R.E.) Fellowship,  
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario  
July 1, 2003 (negotiable)

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Clinical Activities will involve:

- 1) specially structured clinics for challenging contraceptive cases
- 2) clinics dealing with management of contraceptive failure and/or STIs
- 3) a multidisciplinary Adolescent Obstetrics clinic (optional)
- 4) teaching rounds and visiting professorships in this area - i.e. launch an academic career

Opportunity will exist to further develop expertise in Pediatric & Adolescent Gynaecology. Academic & scholarly work will focus on clinical research as it pertains to family planning and the development of innovative educational programs for patients, parents and physicians such as the Internet-based "Contraceptive FAQ Hotline" for physician queries and content for the recently launched "sexualityandu" website, both in conjunction with the SOGC and the National Contraception Awareness Program.

For further information or to submit an application, contact

Dr. Mary Anne Jamieson ([maj3@post.queensu.ca](mailto:maj3@post.queensu.ca)) or

Dr. Robert Reid ([reidr@post.queensu.ca](mailto:reidr@post.queensu.ca)).

Letters of application are due by December 1st, 2002 and candidate selection will conclude by February 1st 2003.

# SOGC JUNIOR MEMBER NEWS



## International Women's Health Fellowships

Denise Desautels, Coordinator, Junior Member Programs

The SOGC and the Foundation for the Promotion of Reproductive and Sexual Health congratulate Dr. Steve Parsons of St. John's, Newfoundland and Dr. Bing Guthrie of Edmonton, Alberta, successful applicants to the Millennium Fellowships for Junior Member Electives in International Women's Health.

The Foundation award is in the amount of \$5,000: \$4,000 of which is provided to the successful candidate and \$1,000 is given to the host institution.

As part of his international fellowship Dr. Guthrie spent 2 months at the Evangel Hospital in Jos, Nigeria. Part of Dr. Guthrie's time was devoted to the obstetrical unit and gynaecology ward. He also spent time in the vesico-vaginal fistula program in order to learn techniques in fistula repair.

Dr. Parsons was based in Ghana for his three month elective. The first month was spent at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital which is a tertiary care facility in Accra,

Ghana. The next two months of the elective involved traveling to the district hospitals where he enrolled patients into a clinical study. During this time, Dr. Parsons was based at St. Theresa's Hospital at Nkoranza in the Brong-Afho region of Ghana.

Watch for an update on these electives, including comments from Drs. Guthrie and Parsons, in a future issue of SOGC Junior Member News.

## Junior Member Update

Tracy Pressey and Kimberly Liu, University of Alberta

Greetings from Edmonton! As fall approaches, we are starting to lose our lovely long sunny summer days, and anticipate another wonderful Edmonton winter. Here at the University of Alberta, we have undergone some major changes in the past year.

Dr. Cathy Flood became Residency Pro-

gram Director in September 2001. Her energy and enthusiasm for teaching have revived our academic half days and helped guide our discussions. We were also excited to welcome Dr. Wylam Faught as our new Department Chairman. Dr. Faught came to us from Ottawa in the spring and has already begun offering innovative ideas and implementing changes in the Department. The program welcomes 5 new residents: James Stewart, Vivien Cheung, Mohammed

Badwani, Jingwei Wang, and Jill Griffiths.

During the summer slow-down, our academic half days are usually resident-run. In previous years, we have covered case presentations and basic topics for the new incoming PGY-2 residents. This year, we tried a new format: we had a month-long anatomy course. The course was held at the U of A cadaver lab, and included focused lectures and labs on abdominal and pelvic anatomy and included videos and prosections. The course was well received, and we all got a great refresher in anatomy. We spent the second half of the summer reviewing ALARM course topics, as a starter for the junior residents. The lectures were attended and moderated by generalists and perinatologists to facilitate discussion and they fostered much discussion and great debate.

We have had residents doing quite varied electives this year, from Africa to Yellowknife and on to Australia. We are especially looking forward to Dr. Bing Guthrie's (PGY IV) rounds on his experience in a fistula clinic in Africa.

This fall, we have a few great events planned. Each year, we participate as a group in the CIBC Run for the Cure, as well as practice making divots during the annual golf tournament. This winter the residents will attempt to redeem themselves in the resident vs. staff hockey game. Unfortunately the young, enthusiastic residents got more than they bargained for, losing 7-1 to the experienced staff and their young families! As well, we are hoping to organize some events for medical students to promote our specialty.

## STUMP THE PROFESSOR 2003

Have you even been involved in a perplexing and thought provoking obstetrics or gynaecology case? If so, then we want to know! The 2003 edition of **Stump the Professor** will be held at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Meeting in Charlottetown, PEI. If your case is selected, you will present in front of an expert panel of judges and your peers. A \$750 prize is awarded to the **Best Obstetrical Case** and **Best Gynaecological Case**.

Cases should include:

- 1) **Patient profile**
- 2) **Reason for admission**
- 3) **Symptoms/Problem list**
- 4) **Past medical history**
- 5) **Family and Social history**
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