

## **SOGC Junior Member Committee** **2004 Annual Chair Report**

This past year has been busy, hectic and exciting. The Junior Member Committee with its superb members, executive and Chair-elect have accomplished more than ever before. The beginning of this past term required some reorganizing but with the help of our new administrative staff, Lise Newton and Nicole Lefebvre, we have made huge strides towards developing a significant presence at the national level.

The committee has seen several projects to completion over the year including the first ever "**Guide to Postgraduate Training Opportunities**" and helping develop the "**Canadian JM Leadership Program**". New terms of reference exist for the committee as does a new structure to direct the strategic vision of our Junior Membership.

### **Representation at the International Level**

As Chair, this past year, I had the opportunity to represent the Junior Membership at the FIGO International Congress in Santiago, Chile. The opportunity to meet with our colleagues from around the world was incredible and unforgettable. I had the chance to share our experiences and viewpoints with Residents from all over Europe, South America and India.

Later in the year I was invited to take part in the Junior Fellow Advisory Committee Meeting at the ACOG ACM in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During my report I presented our Canadian successes with respect to recruitment of medical students and our challenges. The ACOG representatives were both welcoming and interested in our activities.

### **Representation at Council**

Every year the SOGC Council meets biannually to discuss and guide the SOGC mandate and activities. The first meeting in Ottawa was a terrific opportunity for Junior Member involvement. I made sure our views on the issues at hand were expressed and provided to other members on council. Many of the suggestions have since been incorporated at the national Level. Our Chair-Elect, Michelle Suga, represented our committee at the interim council meeting at the ICME in March 2004.

### **Collaboration**

The JM Committee is actively collaborating with several other committees and organizations. This is done to ensure that the "future of Ob/Gyn" has a voice in the multitude of activities pertinent to our speciality. Our current working partnerships include:

- Association of Professors of Ob/Gyn (APOG)
- Promotion of the Speciality Committee
- Canadian Foundation for Women's Health
- SOGC Council
- SOGC ACM Planning Committee

## **Strategic Planning**

This past March Michelle and I had a chance to sit down with Dr. Senikas and our administrative staff to help plan the strategic direction of the Committee. Not only did we finalize many of the ACM activities, but we also got ourselves ready for the upcoming year. Our goals and plans will be discussed at this meeting and with your opinions we hope to have a solid future ahead.

## **The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Meeting**

As a Junior Member at the ACM you are a part of history. This meeting represents 60 years of Canadian Ob/Gyn tradition and will host the most extensive Junior Member ACM program ever. Further program details will be discussed at the meeting.

## **Another End.... Another Beginning**

As my term comes to a close I would like to thank you all for being leaders within your respective Junior Member communities. Thank you for participating in the many teleconferences, meetings and committees that have led to our success. I wish Michelle and the rest of the JM Committee the best during this upcoming term.

Sincerely,

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