

SOCIETY OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS OF CANADA: JUNIOR MEMBER COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

I am pleased to be able to share the following year-end SOGC JM Report with you. The SOGC JM Committee has had a busy 2005-2006! Here are the year's highlights:

Committee Communication & Composition

The committee excelled this year in our attendance at monthly teleconferences (full committee alternating with executive committee). With regular communication and contributions from our members, we were able to meet deadlines, fulfill obligations, and follow through with new initiatives. I would like to thank JM Committee members for their commitment and dedication over the past year. We also worked toward external communications by gaining input from ob/gyn residents across the country, as this year marked the first year that the JM Committee Composition details (complete with program affiliations, email addresses, and photos) were displayed on the JM section of the SOGC website.

In the new year, we welcomed our second medical student advisor to the JM Committee and with her leadership we are working toward structured roles and defined responsibilities for SOGC medical student members.

Junior Member Career Survey

The SOGC JM Committee survey "Assessment of Future Career Plans for Canadian Residents in Obstetrics and Gynaecology" was administered to all Canadian residents in the fall of 2002. We surveyed all Canadian Ob/Gyn residents again this year and achieved a 62% response rate. Preliminary frequency data was distributed at the Council Meeting in March and following comparative analysis with the 2002 survey results, our findings will be submitted for publication in the JOGC. Thank-you to all the residents that submitted answers to the surveys and congratulations to Queen's for being the first program to complete all their surveys!

1st Annual JM Writing Competition

This year the JM Committee launched a new initiative, the 1st Annual SOGC Junior Member Resident Writing Competition, modeled after an ACOG JFCAC program. We hope to provide a forum for residents to express satisfaction with their career choice and reflect on their decision to enter the field of Ob/Gyn while promoting the positive aspects of a career in gynecology among medical students, residents, faculty and the wider medical community. This year's contest addressed the theme of career choice: Why Obstetrics & Gynaecology? Ten junior members submitted essays detailing why they chose a residency in Obstetrics & Gynaecology. The winning essays will be displayed at the ACM and the published in the SOGC Newsletter. The first place winner, Dr. Clarissa Bambao will be awarded \$1000 and present her essay at the Medical Student Mixer at the ACM. Thank-you to three of SOGC's past presidents, Drs Young, Fedorkow and Smith for judging the essay submissions.

Liaison Roles

- **ACOG:** Dr Wael Jamal attended the ACOG JFCAC meeting in Washington as the JM representative. We look forward to your report at the ACM.
- **JSOG:** Drs Kim Butler and Sandra Baydock attended the Japanese Ob/Gyn professional society meeting as Canadian Ob/Gyn "young physician" delegates. We look forward to your report at the ACM.
- **APOG:** We continue to have resident representation at the level of the APOG Board, Postgraduate Education Committee, Undergraduate Education Committee, and

Research Committee. We have further delineated out roles with APOG through the development of Roles & Responsibilities documents and are eager to further expand resident roles with the organization. We are thrilled to witness the launch of a resident listserv through APOG and are grateful for this contribution for nation-wide resident communication, education and mentorship.

Newsletter Submissions: Resident Life

We spiced up the JM Newsletter submissions this year with a new monthly newsletter column entitled "Resident Life." In addition to regular program contributions, we created a new written feature that highlights issues that affect Ob/Gyn residents. Each month, a Resident Life topic is chosen followed by an informal survey of JM Committee members on the chosen issue. This year alone, we've written about call schedules, fun in residency, resident retreats and resident recruitment. By obtaining perspectives from residents nation-wide and then writing about it, we hope to provide suggestions for program change, ideas for future resident events, or just a morale boost during difficult times.

Junior Member Elective Grants

SOGC JM Elective Grants were awarded to Dr. Colleen McDermott (Berlex Feb. 2006), Dr. Jony Louai (Duchesnay Feb. 2006), Dr. Tracy Pressey (Janssen Nov. 2005), Dr. Roxanna Geoffrion (Berlex Nov. 2005), Dr. Kimberly Daniel, Dr. Susan Sadeghi, Dr. Melanie Altas and Dr. Amanda Kirkham (International Nov. 2005) Thank-you to the grant application reviewers and congratulations to the resident winners!

Publication Updates

The JM Executive Committee completed its annual update of our Terms of Reference, Committee Manual and Fellowship Manual. The 2005-2006 edition of these documents will be available on the JM section of the website.

New Resources

We are pleased to announce our new resources for residents available on the website. Our Resident Elective Guide lists contact information and tips for setting up out-of-province electives, and the Online Resource Library is a compilation of educational links useful for the Ob/Gyn trainee. Thank-you to Dr Carolyn Best for creating a new JM Committee recruitment tool for incoming Ob/Gyn residents... Check out our new SOGC JM Committee Brochure – available online and in print.

Junior Member Committee Cross Appointments

In an effort to further develop JM participation and leadership within SOGC outside of the JM Committee, JM positions in the following SOGC committees were created or renewed: Aboriginal Health Issues Committee, Clinical Practice-Obstetrics Committee, Genetics Committee, Informatics Committee, Maternal Fetal Medicine Committee, Social & Sexual Issues Committee, International Women's Health Committee, Promotion of the Specialty Committee, ALARM GESTA International Committee, and Archive & History Committee. Thank-you to all the committees for welcoming junior member nominations!

Annual Clinical Meeting

JM Committee ACM planning started early and I have no doubt that each of our programs will be a success!

- **JM Leadership Program:** Our 2005-2006 JM Leadership Sessions are: Resident Well-being – Dr. M Myers, Clinical Teaching for Residents – Dr. L Sadownik, Financial How To's of Establishing a Practice – MD Management and a Career Choices Panel Discussion – Drs. Gill, Reilly and Giesbrecht.
- **Stump the Professor:** We received a number of competitive Gyn and Ob case submissions for Stump the Professor. Congratulations to Drs Jillian Coolen & Belina Carranza-Mamane for entering the winning cases. Jillian & Belina will present their cases on Tuesday, June 27, 2006. Thank you to Drs Faught, Farrell and Francoeur for judging the submission and thank-you in advance to Drs Andrew Shennan, Deborah Money and Barry Sanders for participating in our professor panel on Tuesday.
- **JM Abstract Submissions:** Fifteen JM abstract submissions were received for judged for the CNGOF exchange. The Best of Four will be reviewed live at the ACM and the winning entry's author will be asked to attend CNGOF as SOGC's resident representative in the Canada-France exchange.
- **Resident Fun Night:** Resident Fun Night is set to be a blast again this year... Join us for dancing and drinks at the Cellar Nightclub on Saturday!

Looking forward to seeing you in Vancouver!

Respectfully submitted,

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