

SOGC REPRESENTATIVES REPORT TO COUNCIL – JUNE 2008

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Representatives:

APOG
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Political Issues:

International Health:

With increasing resident interest in international health initiatives, we have been improving resident involvement in and communication from the SOGC International Women's Health committee. This coming year will mark the first time that the JM Committee has a representative on the SOGC International Women's Health Committee. Hopefully this will increase communication with the Junior Members, and allow more residents to become involved in international affairs. We are in the process of creating an International Electives Bank with the International Women's Health Committee. We will also try to increase the number of international experiences for Junior Members. Late last year, we were fortunate to have three of our Junior Members attend an international leadership seminar in Uganda. We are planning to send one resident to Kosovo this coming year to initiate an exchange program with their residents.

Economic Issues:

Practice Issues:

Resources for residents:

One of the major focuses of the Junior Members Committee has been to create new and exciting resources for residents.

New projects: We have designed a landmark articles database on the SOGC website. Residents are able to link to abstracts of must-read articles in both general and subspecialty ob/gyn. A second new initiative has been "e-blasts", or quarterly e-mails sent out to all Ob/Gyn residents with information regarding upcoming programs, conferences, and scholarships or bursaries. The 1st e-blast will be featured at the SOGC meeting in June. The residents were also a large part of the SOGC HHR study done this year. We finished with an 81% response rate from residents across the country. Congratulations to Laval University for having the most number of completed forms per residency program!

Continuing projects: We updated our fellowship guide in May 2008. Available on the SOGC website in June, the updated version lists all of the fellowships currently available at Canadian universities. I encourage you to have a look! We also have posted our Resident Elective Guide that lists the contact information for each program, as well as tips for setting up out-of-province electives. We continue to be very proud of our Resident Life segments in the SOGC News. Topics this year included Principle of Surgery course, Profiles of mentors in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Resident research across the country, Organization of Ob/Gyn rotations in residency and Special yearly activities for residents across the country. These, in addition to the school reports released in each issue, promote improved communication among residents and allow for great ideas and innovative learning tools to be passed along.

Annual Clinical Meeting (Calgary, June 25th-29th)

The Resident Professional Development Program (formerly known as the JM Leadership Program) is the biggest project every year for the Junior Member Committee. It will be held from June 26th-June 28th and includes topics such as Fellowships: What to Know (Drs. Cooper, Bosse-Williams, Geoffrion), Health Advocacy (Dr. Francescutti), Breaking Bad News (Dr. Shaw), and a panel session on International Medicine: the Perspective of Junior Members. The meeting would not be complete without the Stump the Professor cases. Congratulations to Dr. Andrea Skorenki, this year's winner of the Junior Member Writing Competition. Look for her submission to be printed in the next SOGC News!

The Junior Member Committee is working more closely this year with the Promotion of the Specialty Committee to organize the Medical Student Program at the SOGC ACM. A new incentive is a medical student-only research competition sponsored by APOG, the Association of Professors in Obstetrics and Gynecology. It is our hope that this will encourage medical students to submit their Ob/Gyn research to the meeting. The residency fair will be bigger and better this year, with FAQ sheets on all the schools, and poster boards and laptop presentations at each table. We also are helping to organize their formal program, which includes a hands-on workshop, and a lecture on "A Day in the Life of an Ob/Gyn".

Awards/Nominations:

JSOG: This year, Ariana Daniel (JM Committee rep), Heather Cockwell (new graduate/fellow), and Caroline Laroche (designate from past-chair) attended the meeting in Yokohama, Japan thanks to the SOGC. We look forward to hearing their report at our Junior Member meeting in June. We also look forward to welcoming to Calgary Drs. Dohi, Kobayashi, and Nishiyama from Japan

Fee Negotiation Update:

Obituary:

Other: Upcoming Meetings, Etc.

Upcoming Projects:

Past members of the Junior Member Committee will publish a Junior Member Survey in the JOGC. It is titled "Future Plans of Canadian Ob/Gyn residents". Look for it in an upcoming issue!

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Junior Member Committee