

**SOGC REPRESENTATIVES  
REPORT TO COUNCIL – ACM June 2010**

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<b>Representatives:</b>			
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<input type="checkbox"/> APOG	<input type="checkbox"/> RM	<input type="checkbox"/> RN	<input type="checkbox"/> MD <b>X JM</b>
<b>Political Issues:</b>			
<p>1) Committee Restructuring</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. This year we are coordinating our elections of incoming program reps in spring, so more new junior reps will attend the ACM, improving orientation and subcommittee involvement.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. We have also clarified the terms of reference, and created a yearly calendar of duties, so that the reps and their programs can better anticipate the responsibilities and benefits of the JMC. This has been sent to all representatives, Program Directors, and Department Chairs.</p> <p>2) Support for Committee Work</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. We are seeking better and more consistent support for residents to be involved in committee work, recognizing the importance of the CanMEDS roles of professionalism, advocacy, and leadership.</p> <p>3) Promotion of the Specialty</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. We continue to have excellent feedback from medical students about Residency Fair, social night, and activities like hands-on sessions.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. This year we will organize activities so some are open to medical students who did not win the contest but still are attending the ACM.</p> <p>4) Streaming</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. The JMC expressed willingness to be involved with the SOGC and APOG in defining and addressing the issue so it may be clarified and hopefully resolved.</p> <p>5) ACM</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. The Resident Professional Development Program will include sessions on job hunting and contract negotiating, Fellowships, and an international session featuring our guest residents from Japan, France, and the US.</p>			
<b>Economic Issues:</b>			
<p>1) Sufficient funding to bring all the committee reps to the ACM has been an issue in the past. This year, the majority of representatives are coming to the meeting as RPDP participants, so we continue to be grateful for the financial support of the RPDP!</p>			

**Practice Issues:**

- 1) Improving Laparoscopic Training
  - a. The JMC presented a poster at the APOG on resident perceptions of endoscopic training and need for a national course. It was well received. The opinion piece will soon be published.
- 2) Improving Communication
  - a. We are improving the Junior Members section of the website, which includes Landmark articles, information on electives, and fellowship details.
- 3) APOG sessions
  - a. We had an excellent session by Dr Leslie Sadownick at the APOG Resident Track this year! Residents are very involved in teaching medical students, family residents, nurses, and each other, so appreciate tools and workshops on how to improve this important role!
  - b. We look forward to this year's APOG meeting, and are hoping to improve coordination between the CME, the Introduction to Research Course, and the APOG, thus bringing more residents to the APOG Resident Track.

**Other: Upcoming Meetings, Etc.**

Our next meeting is June 5 at the ACM in Montreal.