

Junior Member Committee Chair Report June, 2007

I would like to submit the following as a year end report of the Junior Member Committee. We have had a busy year in 2007-08.

Committee Communication and Composition

We continue to have excellent attendance at our monthly teleconferences (full committee alternating with the executive committee.) The regular meetings have allowed us to communicate well between programs and ensure that our ongoing projects will proceed on schedule. Our website page has been updated with the new contact information and photographs of this year's council members.

As you know, last year we developed a medical student representative position on our committee. Our representative this year was Katie Gasparini, and we continue to expand this role. We are hoping to have our next representative chosen prior to the meeting June so that they can get an earlier start on the role!

2nd Annual JM Writing Competition

The 2nd annual writing competition occurred this year, and the theme was "What I have learned from my patients?" The winner of the competition is Kristine Mytopher and she will be reading it at the med student mixer at the ACM. In addition, the winning essay will be published in an upcoming issue of the SOGC news.

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- ACOG: We continue to communicate with our counterparts below the border and are looking forward to welcoming Rajiv Gala to our meeting in Ottawa. It was wonderful to attend their ACM in San Diego and exchange ideas between committees.
- JSOG: We have formalized the selection process for the 3 delegates that will go to the JSOG meeting annually. They will be the past-president of the JM committee, a recent graduate from residency (ie, fellow or new staff), and the 3rd delegate will be another member of the junior member committee who has contributed a lot to the committee. This year's delegates were Tiffany Wells, Kim Liu and Carolyn Best.
- APOG: We continue to have members of our executive on the APOG Board, Postgraduate Education Committee, Undergraduate Education Committee, Research Committee, and Subspecialty Committee. Our roles within APOG were further delineated last year with our Roles and Responsibilities document. We will be working hard with APOG in the upcoming year to help fulfill their new strategic goals generated from the Strategic Planning Retreat in Ottawa.

International Leadership

We were delighted to participate in an international leadership seminar in Uganda. Three of our Junior Members went to Uganda in March to participate with residents from 3 other countries – Haiti, Guatemala, Burkina Faso and Uganda. The purpose of the program was to discuss international leadership issues and to gain the variety of perspectives from the various participants. We are looking forward to continuing to expand our international initiatives.

Newsletter Submissions: Resident Life

Resident Life was a new addition to the newsletter last year and it has received many good reviews! Each month, a topic is chosen followed by an informal survey of JM Committee members on the chosen issue. The topics this year included R5 preparation for the Royal College Exam, exposure to MIS in residency, community rotations and stay tuned for an article on international rotations!

Junior Member Elective Grants

Once again, we thank our sponsors that allow this to happen each year!

On-Line Resources and Publications

Once again we are in the process of updating our Fellowship manual and it will be distributed to each program across the country. Our Resident Elective Guide lists the contact information and tips for setting up out-of-province electives. Another popular aspect of our webpage is the Online Resource Library – this is a compilation of educational links useful for the Ob/Gyn trainee. Our new SOGC JM Committee Brochure has been circulated to all of the programs in the country, and we will continue to use this as a recruitment tool for incoming Ob/Gyn residents. We are also looking at the feasibility of establishing an image bank on the SOGC website – this would be a terrific resource for both studying and presentations!

Junior Member Committee Cross Appointments

Last year an effort was made to increase the JM participation in the various SOGC committees. We currently have representation on the following committees: International Women's Health, Social and Sexual Issues, International ALARM, Clinical Practice – Obstetrics, Maternal Fetal Medicine, ALARM, ACM Planning, Membership, Promotion of the Specialty, Aboriginal Health Issues, Breast Disease, Clinical Practice – Gynecology, Infectious Disease, Reproductive Endocrinology Infertility, Informatics, Women's Health Policy and the regional committees. These are 2 year appointments so we will be looking for new residents to fill them next year.

Annual Clinical Meeting

We are really excited about the upcoming meeting in Ottawa!

- **JM Leadership Program:** We had rave reviews on several of our sessions from last year. The sessions included 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). We are hoping to have equally informative and dynamic sessions this year! The planned sessions include: Dealing with the media, how to set up an ob/gyn practice, influencing the political process and a panel of the "other" subspecialties – MIS, Peds/Adolescent gyne, menopause, contraception.
- **Stump the Professor:** We have 2 great cases lined up for the professors this year – hopefully we will be able to stump them!
- **Resident Fun Night:** Always a popular night! This year it is being held on Sunday, June 24th at Mother McGintey's in the Byward Market.
- **Medical Student Program:** We have worked to improve the residency fair this year by having a program summary for each school – hopefully this will improve the flow and answer all of the common questions for the students. We have expanded the medical student program this year to include 2 sessions specifically for them – a CaRMS preparation talk and and hands-on session. We plan to continue expanding this role in the future.

Look forward to seeing you all in Ottawa!

Respectfully submitted,

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