Dr. Curtis Nickel  
President  
Kingston, ON

Community Urologists in the Canadian Urological Association

In a recent CUAJ editorial, I asserted that community urologists are the backbone of the CUA. This concept is worth reiterating. The majority of CUA members classify themselves as Community Urologists (as opposed to Academic Urologists). What are the differences between our colleagues who describe themselves as Community Urologists and those who describe themselves as Academic Urologists? How can the CUA serve the needs of both of these groups? The CUA has posed these questions to forums of urologists in 2013 and 2014, with a view to being a responsive association to all of our members. The CUA Community Urology Committee (Frank Papanikolaou, Chair) has prioritized increasing engagement of the entirety of our community of urologists.

The Community Urologists in these forums have described their practice as non-academic with considerably less access to residents, allied professional support, new technology, research funding, and/or continuous peer review than their academic colleagues. The scope of practice in terms of procedures and referral base (primarily family physicians) as well as teaching responsibilities (primarily family physicians and nurses) are also different.

Community Urologists have told us that they want to participate in CUA activities and play a major role in shaping CUA priorities. The CUA Board has noted a recent increase in Community Urology involvement in CUA committees and activities. This is despite the fact that it might be more difficult to participate because of running busy clinical practices, and having less practice support (financial support and/or trainee coverage) to attend meetings. We believe that we are getting better in engaging our entire community of urologists.

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Secretary's Report

Dr. Hassan Razvi
Secretary
London, ON

I am very honoured to have been elected to serve as Secretary of the CUA, and look forward to interacting with many members on the business of our association. Having been involved in the CUA for a number of years, I remain truly amazed by the dedication of our many volunteer members who are devoted to evolving our specialty for the betterment of our patients and fellow colleagues. I was fortunate to have been involved with the CUA early on in my career and found the experiences interesting and rewarding. I encourage our young members who may be keen to get involved in some capacity to reach out to me at (secretary@cua.org). I would be pleased to assist anyone interested.

As one of my first official duties, I would like to congratulate Dr. Karen Psooy, our outgoing secretary, on an outstanding tenure. Dr. Psooy’s attention to detail and hard work in her role have been truly inspirational. Her input into the improvement of the membership database, the collection of the association’s history culminating in the 70th anniversary text and assistance with the development of the CUA’s Policy Book are just some of the many important accomplishments she was an integral part of during her term. On a personal note, I would like to thank her for mentorship as I “learned the ropes” as incoming secretary.

During my term, I hope to assist in the ongoing evolution of the CUA as the “The Voice of Urology in Canada”. Health policy and community urology issues are at the forefront of the CUA Board’s vision to expand its influence and advocacy on national health care issues. The CUA Journal and Scholarship Foundation are important ways for our membership to further promote the outstanding clinical and academic work of Canadian urologists and researchers to the greater community. Our specialty is on the cusp of many changes including a new paradigm for resident education, a potential manpower overabundance and new relationships with our industry partners. The CUA’s voice must be heard on these important issues and I look forward to working with our organizations’ leadership and members on these important topics.

There is now more that unifies the Academic and Community Urology groups than keep us apart. Our community takes pride in the achievements of our Canadian research “stars” and understands the importance of Canada being recognized at the forefront of Urologic Research worldwide. That is why we continue to support the Research Foundation in its goal to promote excellence in Canadian Urological research. The CUA Office of Education has grants available to Community Urologists while the Scientific Foundation has a process for Community research grants that will be judged on merits of relevance to general urology practice. The CUA mandate of providing up to date continuing medical education to both its members and the general physician population is also important to academic and community urologists, with the community urologists advocating a focus on general topics that are practically based. The CUA Patient Information Brochures are widely used in academic and non-academic practices. The Canadian Urological Association Journal provides a forum for academic urologists to publish their work as well as practical and review articles for all urologists in practice. The CUA guidelines have been acknowledged as a valuable contribution for both academic and community urologists. We are all concerned about the looming manpower crisis in urology and discrepancies in practice billing reimbursement between provinces and the CUA Health Policy Committee (Omar Nazif, chair) has taken these issues as their main priorities. This will impact us all as well as our future urologists.

I believe that in Canada, we can confidently state we are one community working towards a common goal of supporting excellence in Urologic care nationally. The community Urologists in Canada are indeed the backbone of our national organization. The CUA is our organization and it remains vital and important for all urologists. As President of the CUA, I ask that you continue to support our organization by becoming involved in our executive, in our committees, in our activities and by attending our meetings. Together, we are the CUA.

President’s Message continued from cover page
**Message from the Treasurer**

Dr. Ricardo Rendon  
Treasurer  
Halifax, NS

As I have now served a full year as Treasurer, I can report that all divisions within CUA are being closely watched. The fiscal year-end 2015 was very successful and a further contribution to the CUASF was made to continue to fund research.

With growing pressures from the pharmaceutical companies being further challenged with funds used to support educational initiatives, the CUA remains in a good position to respond to the imposed changes. The Office of Education has been properly set up for some years now and adheres to the National Standard for support of accredited CPD activities. Extensive communication with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and partners in industry remain ongoing with the key message that the CUA OE is compliant and as such, the office can continue to develop programs for our members. The OE remains the mainstay of financial support for the Association.

With a recent strategic plan completed for the CUAJ, the emphasis has been on cost containment and efforts will be made to increase the scientific quality of the journal without increasing direct costs.

The Annual Meeting remains stable with regards to revenues and expenses. Every effort is made to provide maximum value to the attendee while keeping costs within budget. The Corporate Office remains strong thanks to support from our Corporate Sponsors. Funds in that division are allocated directly to support the CUA Strategic Plan (2014-2019).

Financial statements are available in the Member’s Only section on [cua.org](http://cua.org).

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**The Historical Committee Report**

Dr. Jerzy Gajewski, CUA Historian  
Halifax, NS

Members:  
Michael P. Leonard  
Karen J. Psooy  
Neal E. Rowe  
James W. Wilson

The CUA History Room, located at the Corporate Office in Dorval, has been established under my guidance with support from the CUA History Committee and the CUA Corporate Office. The office is open to members so if you are near Trudeau Airport please stop by. The displays are ever evolving and continuously refined. Come discover artefacts rich in CUA history, instruments donated to CUA, history books and archives. The newest feature is the poster on *Milestones in Canadian Urology*, which is displayed in the Corporate Office Board Room.

As CUA historian, I continue to liaise with the AUA History Committee whose next big project is the 2017 Centennial Supplement to *The Journal of Urology*.

We are considering a collaboration with the Museum of Health Care ([museumofhealthcare.ca](http://museumofhealthcare.ca)) in Kingston. An exchange of ideas and exhibits can be interesting.

In honour of the upcoming 40th anniversary of the Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation (CUASF) the History Committee is now working on commemorating the History of the CUASF with presentations at the CUA Meeting in Toronto!
Update from the CUASF Administrative Council

Last year, the CUASF completed an exciting strategic planning process to ensure that we remain a vital force in supporting urologic research in Canada. Building on the success of the last 40 years, the CUASF is in a better position than ever to foster urologic research and scholarship in Canada. Last year the CUASF awarded $580,000 in grants in Canada – a record! But this year promises to be even more exciting.

These awards include:
- Three CUASF Scholarships ($40,000 each)
- Two CUA-Pfizer Scholarships ($60,000 each)
- Three CUA-Astellas Research Grants ($50,000 each)
- Four CUA-CUOG-Astellas Research Grants (2 X $50,000 and 2X $25,000 each)
- Four CUA-Pfizer Urology Resident Grants ($10,000 each)

With our strategic plan complete, the CUASF is making changes, creating an entirely new grant and also looking to develop more collaborative grants with other agencies and groups in Canada. These include:

1. Renaming the CUASF Scholarships to become the **CUASF New Investigator Research Scholarship**, which will still be renewable once, but recipients will have 18 months in which to apply for renewal (rather than 12 months). These remain for $40,000 each, with up to four awards per year, one of which will be prioritized for community members.

2. The **all new CUASF Career Development Award** opens this year. This is intended to support rising stars in Canadian urology, and help them make the transition from new investigator to successful independent researcher by providing up to $100,000 per year, renewable for up to five years. There will be high standards for these awards, with important metrics and benchmarks to be met before renewal is awarded.

3. A **new CUASF-BCC (Bladder Cancer Canada) Scholarship** will also be introduced in 2017, for a total amount of $50,000 to support research on bladder cancer and transitional cell carcinoma.

4. A new **CUASF-KCRNC (Kidney Cancer Research Network of Canada) Award** will also be introduced for a total amount up to of $100,000 per year for research into kidney cancer.

5. A new **CUASF-CMSHC (Canadian Male Sexual Health Council) Award** of up to $50,000 per year to support research in male sexual health.

6. The CUASF is working to develop a formal mentorship program. This program will develop a network of senior researchers to act as mentors for junior and intermediate researchers. The goal of the mentorship program is to support applicants and awardees of the **CUASF New Investigator Research Scholarship and the CUASF Career Development Award for Research** as they conceptualize and implement their research ideas and proposals, to foster collaboration across the country and internationally, and to support both academic and community urologists interested in research.

With these new awards, in addition to our ongoing programs, the CUASF will soon be supporting Canadian Urologic Research with grants of $750,000 per year or more!

We all know that Canada is a unique and special country, but with your help and with the ongoing support of the CUA, the CUASF is working to ensure that Canadian Urology remains at the forefront of urologic research world-wide.

And just a reminder that the deadlines for next year’s applications are fast approaching starting with February 28, 2017 for the CUA-Astellas Grant. For more information about submitting an application for any of the CUASF awards, please contact:

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Dr. Ken Pace
Chair, CUASF Administrative Council
Toronto, ON
would like to thank all the committee members and external reviewers for their time and effort spent on reviewing all the grant applications. Congratulations to all the winners of the 2016 grants.

CUASF Research Grant
This early career grant plays a vital role within our organization, enabling young clinical researchers to start their research with peer-reviewed support and financial backing at a critical point in their careers. This year, three applications were selected to receive the CUASF Research Award.

Patrick Richard, PhD, MA, FRCSC
Assistant Professor, Division of Urology
Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Sherbrooke
Identifying and overcoming barriers to widespread adoption of renal tumor biopsies in Canada.

Raj Satkunasivam, MD, MS, FRCSC
Assistant Professor, University of Toronto
Improving individualized risk assessment of prostate cancer using machine learning and multi-parametric MRI imaging.

Naeem Bhojani, MD, FRCSC
University of Montreal
Determine the mechanism of stone formation in idiopathic calcium oxalate stone formation.

CUA-Astellas Research Grant

Blayne Welk, MD, MSc, FRCSC
Assistant Professor of Surgery
Western University/Lawson Health Research Institute
A randomized trial of transcutaneous nerve stimulation for overactive bladder patients.

Stéphane Bolduc, MD, FRCSC
Associate Professor
Department of Surgery
Laval University
Establishing the in vitro human–derived bladder mucosa urinary tract infection model.

Alex Kavanagh, MD, FRCSC
University of British Columbia
New MRI system to quantify and stage pelvic organ prolapse in Women

CUA-Astellas Research Grant deadline: February 28, 2017

CUA-CUOG-Astellas Research Grant

The support from Astellas affords Canadian researchers the opportunity to continue to perform contemporary prostate cancer research and highlights the innovative studies being undertaken in Canada by outstanding researchers in the CUA. The award recipients this year were:

Muhammad Abdul Lateef, MD
Project Supervisor: Dr. Fred Saad
Use of inflammatory and apoptotic markers as surrogates of treatment response of micro-dissected prostate cancer tissues within a custom ex vivomicrofluidic platform.

Zachary Klaassen, MD
Project Supervisor: Dr. Girish Kulkarni
Comorbidities and pharmacotherapy associated with mental illness and suicide in patients with prostate cancer.

Deepak Dinakaran, MD
Project Supervisor: Dr. Ron Moore
To preserve or improve tumour cytotoxicity while decreasing the amount of radiation needed to treat otherwise inaccessible deep-seated tumours.

Shawn Dason, MD
Project Supervisor: Dr. Jehonathan Pinthus
Characterization of atherosclerotic disease in ADT-treated mouse model.

CUA-CUOG Astellas Research Award deadline: April 3, 2017

(Left to right) Fran Paradiso-Hardy, PharmD, MSc Director, Scientific Affairs, Astellas Pharma Canada; Jonathan Izawa; Deepak Dinakaran; Muhammad Abdul Lateef; Michael Tremblay, President, Astellas Pharma Canada

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CUA-Pfizer Incontinence Fellowship Award

This fellowship provides funding to Canadian urological researchers who are looking to improve day to day life for people living with urinary incontinence. This year, the CUA Pfizer Incontinence Fellowship Awards were awarded to:

**Henry Tran, MD**
Fellowship Supervisor: Dr. Matthew Rutman
Evaluation of urodynamic parameters on outcomes following surgical treatment for benign prostatic hyperplasia.

**Adiel Mamut, MD**
Fellowship Supervisor: Dr. Richard Baverstock
Assessing the effectiveness and adverse effects of BoTN-A in progressively elderly patients with overactive bladder.

**Madhur Nayan**
University of Toronto
Evaluating whether exposure to putative antineoplastic medications is associated with kidney cancer specific survival and overall survival in patients diagnosed with kidney cancer.

**New Grants for 2017** – check the CUA.org website in a few weeks when the updated Terms of Reference for the new grants will be available. E-blasts will go out to members with updated terms of reference and deadlines for the respective grants.

CUA-Pfizer Incontinence Fellowship deadline: April 3, 2017

CUA-Pfizer Urology Resident Grant

The objective of the CUA-Pfizer Urology Resident Grant Program is to support peer-reviewed resident research or care enhancement projects that promote excellence in functional urology, such as OAB, LUTS, pelvic floor disorders, voiding dysfunctions, neurogenic bladder, etc., or other urology areas, such as community-based research, practice improvement, multidisciplinary management, basic research, etc., with the ultimate goal of improving patient care or further understanding the biology of urologic diseases. The award recipients this year were:

**Jennifer Bjazevic, MD**
University of Calgary
Evaluating pain outcomes of caudal versus ilioinguinal nerve block in children undergoing unilateral groin surgery.

**Alice Yu, MD**
McGill University
Determining whether the tumour immune infiltrate, as recently evaluated with the immunoscore methodology, could be a useful prognostic marker in patients who underwent cystectomy for invasive bladder cancer.

**Christopher J.D. Wallis, MD**
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Adjuvant versus salvage radiotherapy for patients with adverse prognostic features following radical prostatectomy: a decision analysis.

**CUA-SIU International Scholarship Program**
The objective of the CUASF-SIU International Scholarship Program is to foster the improvement of urological care in developing countries, through the financial support of the international urological fellow trainees planning to return to their home country.

CUA-SIU International Scholarship Grant Deadline: April 3, 2017

CUA-Pfizer Urology Resident Grant: April 3, 2017

CUASF New Investigator Research Scholarship

The CUASF Research Grant will be renamed the **CUASF New Investigator Research Scholarship**. The scholarship will be for $40,000 funding for one year, with a maximum of four awards annually. There will be changes in the criteria for the award. The revised Terms of Reference will be presented for approval at the CUA Winter Board Meeting in January 2017.

CUASF Investigator Research Scholarship Grant deadline: April 3, 2017

CUASF Career Development Award for Research

We are very excited about a new award called the **CUASF Career Development Award for Research**! This new grant is intended for investigators who are in the early years of their appointment. This grant will issue one award per year up to $100,000, for up to five years; to cover operating expenses, but not investigator salary. The creation of this grant is to support mid-level researchers who are "rising stars" and to foster longer research to foster success. The grant will have a very high standard and accountability to achieve and maintain funding. The grant will be supported with a proposed mentorship program where an established senior researcher would support the "rising star". We hope to encourage collaboration between urologists with basic scientists. The Terms of Reference will be presented for approval at the CUA Winter Board Meeting in January 2017. 🍁
Corporate Office Update

Tiffany Pizioli
Executive Director
Montreal, QC

The CUA has evolved into a fully functional corporate office. The CUA Board has placed its confidence in the enthusiastic and dedicated team that consists of seven full-time employees; Tiffany Pizioli, Nadia Pace, Raffaella Leroux, Denise Toner, Tal Erdman, Howard Perlman and Adriana Modica. In addition, the CUA receives part-time administrative support Marfisa DeFrancesco. She assists in the OE and oversees the administrative work for the CUASF.

If you have a question or concern about CUA, please feel free to contact us!

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Our offices are located minutes away from Trudeau International airport in Dorval. We would love to have you drop in and visit the beautiful CUA history room. Spend some time looking through old photos and feel free to drop off a few too so we may keep in our archives. As you may note from the new look of this newsletter, we are including several throwback pics of our members. So send us your photos or drop by and bring us anything you have of historical value that you want kept at your corporate office.

The CUA continues to follow through on its strategic plan and the following areas of focus could not be achieved without support from our corporate sponsors:

1. Increase member engagement
2. Be the Voice of Urology in public and health policy
3. Become the pre-eminent urologic resource for patients and health professionals
4. Maintain financial sustainability

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT OF OUR 2016-2017 CORPORATE SPONSORS
It is my pleasure to begin this new role with the CUA. My thanks to Wes Kassouf as prior VP Communications and to Nadia Pace and the team at the Corporate Office for their help as I get rolling.

Social media and meeting awareness

Social media was a focus at the Annual Meeting in Vancouver this year, and was a success. Twitter is an established “back channel” for discussion behind the scenes at most modern medical meetings; it has been used to disseminate research data, to discuss presenters’ data and ideas, and to help orchestrate the academic (and social!) agenda and happenings. We promoted the use of the #cua16 hashtag for social media communications during the meeting to great success. Twitter boards were placed outside the exhibit hall, and pre-meeting communications with members promoted the hashtag. During the June 25-28 meeting, there were 779 tweets featuring #cua16, sent by an impressive 162 different users, both within and outside the venue. There were 1.2 million tweet “impressions”, roughly speaking a measure of the total number of times a tagged tweet appeared on a follower’s screen. This is great engagement and a large increase from previous years. We also engaged our CUA members by appointing CUA 2016 Twitter Ambassadors; this undoubtedly helped us achieve higher twitter objectives compared to past events. Stay tuned for #cua17 in Toronto and don’t miss out on the chance to participate in the conversation!

With this boost and with the help of our partners at Sensov/Event Marketing, our social media presence and engagement has blossomed this year. We have risen to 2181 LinkedIn connections, 1183 Twitter followers and are followed by 1372 Facebook users. We continue to post urology news articles, CUA Member information and updates, and research from the CUAJ. These reach a large number of users that will continue to grow. Many (likely most!) members are already involved with one of these social media services, so head over to the CUA profiles and join us to stay on the leading edge with your Association.

Patient Resources at CUA.org

A new page of links for your patients can now be found on the CUA website at cua.org/en/patient. The site is in progress and includes downloadable material, disease-specific information and discussion forums from reputable sources outside the CUA. As always, you will also find access as a CUA member to our patient information brochures and an online version of Drs. Saad and McCormack’s Prostate Cancer 4th Edition.

Remember your member benefits

The CUA continues to work on your behalf to provide discounts at Fairmont Hotels and through TD Waterhouse. Visit the member section of CUA.org and log in to access fantastic CME/CPD resources, including webcasts from CUA Accredited Programs, CUA meeting Educational Forums and other clinical decision making tools. Try the CUA app for your smartphone for sign-in once access to all of these resources, carried right in your pocket. Please also don’t forget that as a CUA Member in good standing you can obtain copies of the Consumer’s Guide to Urology free of charge, provided the member pays for shipping fees. Quantities are limited and offer based on availability.

Donate your points to CUASF!

The Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation (CUASF) is a registered charity that raises and manages funds for the purpose of medical research in urology and for the encouragement of higher standards and qualifications in urology in Canada. Your points will be used for grants, potentially allowing more grants to be given annually. For more information: raffaella.leroux@cua.org.

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The CUA wants to know what you are up to! Submit to nadia.pace@cua.org. Tell us about your projects, accomplishments, travels or other news you would like to share! 🇨🇦
Dr. Bobby Shayegan  
Chair, Continuing Professional Development  
Hamilton, ON

I am proud to accept the position of the Chair of the CPD Committee this year and look forward to working closely with the members of the committee in 2016. I am fortunate to have the support of Tiffany Pizioli and Tal Erdman in ensuring ongoing success of CUA developed programs.

Each year the CPD Committee members contribute their time and expertise in reviewing each and every educational program that comes into the OE. This ensures we continue to offer to our members programs that are scientifically valid, and ethically fair and balanced. The current CPD Committee members are: Dr. Richard Baverstock, Dr. Peter Black, Dr. Andrew Feifer, Dr. Ethan Grober, Dr. Robert Hamilton, Dr. Girish Kulkarni, Dr. Jean-Baptiste Lattouf, Dr. Thierry Lebeau, Dr. Nicholas Power, Dr. Blayne Welk, and Dr. Ben Chew.

The Office of Education (OE) continues to experience a surge in programs each year. The CUA has accredited a total of 25 programs so far in 2016. The CUA also developed and endorsed a total of 5 non-accredited programs and educational initiatives in 2016, to date.

The CUA is about to embark on offering Section 3 credits on new Section 1 accredited programs in the OE. We are committed to offering a variety of accredited educational programs and are confident this addition will contribute to our member’s continuing professional development needs. We are also committed to providing a fast and easy way for members to claim their Section 1 credits with the Royal College at live events. Program participants who provide their Royal College ID number at the time of registration will have their MOC Section 1 credits automatically transferred to their MAINPORT holding area following the meeting. To complete the entry participants would only be required to record their learning outcomes.

Earlier this year, the CUA CPD Committee has earmarked $50,000 to fund “orphan topics” or programs that are not traditionally funded. A call for proposals was sent to all members to submit their ideas, and after a lengthy review process, the committee had selected 2 proposals to share this grant. The recipients of this new CUA grant were announced at the 71st CUA Annual Meeting in Vancouver.

**Dr. Stéphane Bolduc** (Université Laval)  
*CUAJ supplement in pediatric urology*

**Dr. Blayne Welk** (Western University)  
*Update on the surgical management of stress incontinence and the use of transvaginal mesh*

For the first time, the CPD Committee has also taken on the review and selection of all CUA Community Urologist Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Grant submissions. The objective of the CUA-Community Urologist CPD Grant Program is to support Community Urologists in scholarly initiatives that improve urological care in Canada. A total of 4 submissions were received, and 2 recipients were selected and announced at the 71st Annual Meeting in Vancouver.

**Dr. Thierry Tremblay**  
*Ultrasound-guided percutaneous access*  
(Hamburg, Germany)

**Dr. Sean Pierre**  
*2016 Eastern Ontario RCPSC point-of-care ultrasound course*  
(Ottawa, Ontario)

The Continuing Professional Development Committee of the CUA is here to help develop educational programs for its CUA members. We want to hear from you! Any suggestions for future topics or feedback are always welcome. Also, if you wish to develop a program, please contact us. You may email Tal Erdman at tal.erdman@cua.org 🍃

**Drs. Neil Fleshner and Jack Barkin** invites you to Save the Date for the

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CUA NEWS 10 FALL 2016
Trending in the right direction

Dr. Rob Siemens, CUAJ, Editor-in-Chief | Kingston, ON

This coming March, CUAJ will celebrate its 10th anniversary. Still relatively young, we have gone through our share of growing pains in the past nine years — most notably during our expansion from a bimonthly to a monthly publication in 2013. In so doing, we significantly increased the number of papers published, but consequently decreased our impact factor. That being said, in the past 8-10 months, we have taken several important steps toward ensuring we continue to be an influential, credible journal that resonates with both the Canadian and worldwide urological community. Some of these steps include: limiting lower-impact manuscripts, such as case reports; introducing new sections like The Business of Urology, which provides clinicians with practical guidance to support their various clinical, administrative, education, and research roles; increasing the number of review papers and guidelines; and re-focusing on more stringent peer reviews in order to improve the quality and impact of all the manuscripts we publish.

And it’s working. In June, Thomson Reuters reported that our impact factor increased, a sign that we are definitely heading in the right direction! While measuring journal quality based on metrics such as impact factor has some significant downsides, it is a reality in today’s crowded medical journal space. We are constantly balancing these issues with our ongoing mandate to serve Canadian urology.

No time to rest on our laurels, however. Based on the strategic plan developed earlier this year, some future initiatives include: assigning CPD section 3 MOC credits to review articles; establishing an Epub ahead of print publication model, developing innovative features (such as brief reports on original basic or translational science research and thought-provoking photo-essays); and continuing to be the primary repository for major guidelines and other important practice recommendations. We have also begun to employ social media to help spread the word about some of the fantastic, cutting-edge research we are publishing.

Our mission is to promote the highest standard of urological patient care through the publication of timely, relevant, evidence-based research and advocacy information. To accomplish this, we implore you to keep CUAJ top-of-mind when deciding where to submit your work and to involve more of your residents and fellows so that they may evolve in their careers knowing CUAJ is the essential destination for all urology-based research, education, and advocacy for both physicians and patients.
Office of Education Report

Dr. Alan So
Vice-President, Education
Vancouver, BC

The Office of Education (OE) continues to develop programs to meet member’s educational needs. Please visit the Member’s Only website on cua.org and check out all our programs.

MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS – UPCOMING

4th Annual Men’s Health Summit
The Omni King Edward Hotel, Toronto, ON
January 21, 2017
cuameeting.org

8th Canadian Kidney Cancer Forum (CKCF) 2017
Westin Bristol Place, Toronto, ON
February 4-6, 2017
cuameeting.org

72nd Annual Meeting of the CUA
The Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, ON
June 24-27, 2017
cuameeting.org

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

September 2016
Dr. Martin Voss Speaker Tour - Challenges in the First Line Treatment of Advanced Kidney Cancer
Edmonton and Calgary, AB
September 21-22, 2016
Section 1: 1.5 credits
Presentations will soon be available in the member’s only section/CPD on cua.org.

8th Annual Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Uro-Oncology Dialogue Meeting
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
September 16-18, 2016
Section 1: 9 credits
Presentations will soon be available in the member’s only section/CPD on cua.org.

June 2016
71st Annual Meeting of the CUA
Vancouver, BC
June 25 –28, 2016
Section 1: 18.75 credits
State-of-the-art lectures are now available in the member’s only section/CPD on cua.org.

Access all programs on cua.org in the Member’s Only section/CPD

4th Annual CUA-CUOG Multidisciplinary Meeting 2016
Vancouver, BC
June 25, 2016
Section 3:5 credits
Presentations are now available in the member’s only section/CPD on cua.org.

Canadian Senior Urology Residents Annual Scientific Retreat (CSUR) 2016
Vancouver, BC
June 24-25, 2016
Endorsed

Online Educational Activities

Urology Portal @ advancingin.com

• Talking about Overactive Bladder: Improved Outcomes through Mutual Understanding (online program until May 2017)

• CUA 2016 State-of-the-Art Lectures & Accredited Programs (online program until June 2017)

• CUA-CUOG GU Cancers Multi-disciplinary Meeting (online program until June 2017)

PCA411.com - CANO Nurses Website

CUA CUOG GU Oncology Portal @ Oncologyhub.ca

• The CUA is populating the site with important tools in the treatment of GU Cancers. Please visit the site and email us with comments or suggestions for additional support.

Educational Newsletters and Booklets

Multidisciplinary Management of mCRPC in the era of ARAT therapy (Published March 2016)

The Role of BOTOX® in Treating Overactive Bladder (Published March 2016)

Screening Tool for Night-time Bladder Symptoms (Published September 2016)

National CMEs / Accredited Programs

• Multidisciplinary Approach to Managing Bone Health in Prostate Cancer (until March 2017)

• Prostate Cancer Leadership Series (until May 2017)

• Managing Prostate Cancer in 2016: An Interactive Case-Based Approach (until June 2017)

• Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer: Practical Strategies for Managing Non-metastatic Patients and Metastatic Patients with Minimal or No Symptoms (until June 2017)

• CUA Patient Care Program in OAB (until June 2017)

• Managing Bone Metastases in CRPC: From Bone-targeted Therapies to Radiopharmaceuticals: Update 2016 (until August 2017)

• Assessing the Cardiovascular Risk of Androgen Deprivation Therapy in Men with Advanced Prostate Cancer (until August 2017)

• Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Protocols in the Urologic Setting: Focus on Radical Cystectomy (until August 2017)

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Section 3 Accredited Programs

Prostate Cancer Leadership Series
(www.vivomap.ca/pcls/register)

Patient Care Program in OAB (www.vivomap.ca/cuaob)

All programs are posted on cua.org in the member’s only section/CPD. Contact us for any live program dates.

The CUA has been present or plans to be present at the following meetings in 2016:

International Presence

2016

• 68th NSAUA Annual Meeting
  September 29 – October 1, 2016, Buffalo, NY

2017

• 32nd EAU Annual Meeting, March 24-28, 2017, London, UK
• AUA Annual Meeting, May 12-16, 2017, Boston, MA

National Presence

2016

• Quebec Urological Association (QUA), November 4-6, 2016, Quebec, QC
• Urology Update, November 10-12, 2016, Toronto, ON

2017

• Men’s Health Summit 2017, January 21, 2017, Toronto, ON
• 8th CKCF 2017, February 2-4, 2017, Toronto, ON
• 9th Annual PMCC Uro-Oncology Dialogue Meeting, Sep. 15-17, 2017, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

CUA-EUREP Exchange Program 2016

• For the fourth year, one Senior Canadian resident was selected to partake in the EUREP course. The EUREP course was held in Prague, Czech Republic, September 2-7, 2016.

• CUA Resident Attendee: Dr. Shawn Dason, McMaster University - Program Director: Edward D. Matsumoto

CUA-USANZ Exchange Program 2016

• For the past 5 years, the CUA has arranged for an exchange program with the Urological Association of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ). This week-long exchange program allows 2 senior Canadian residents to partake in a well-developed training session in Australia in November 2016.

• CUA Resident Attendees:
  • Dr. Nathan Hoy, PGY4 - University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB - Program Director: Dr. Niels-Erik Jacobsen
  • Dr. Chris Doiron, PGY4 - Queens’ University, Kingston, ON - Program Director: Dr. Stephen Steele

Give your nurse a gift this holiday season, by funding a nurse’s registration to the UNC meeting, you are also giving them free access to scientific sessions at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the CUA. June 24-27.

For more information, please contact Nadia Pace at nadia.pace@cua.org

(Left to right) Curtis Nickel, Paul Whalen, (Pharma rep), and Ian Davis
It was my honour to present the CUA award this past June at our annual meeting in Vancouver. This lifetime achievement award for service to the CUA and outstanding contributions to Canadian Urology is not given every year. Indeed, it is reserved for members who have exceeded expected norms for our membership.

This year's recipient joined the CUA in 1984 and proceeded to occupy numerous positions of leadership and service including, but not limited to membership on the CUA awards committee, bylaws committee, socioeconomics and finance committees. He was a founding member and secretary treasurer of CUOG from 1989-1996. He co-chaired the CUA scientific committee for the annual meeting in 1990 (Vancouver) and again was chair of the scientific committee for the 1992 meeting in Winnipeg.

And of course his legacy continued to grow as he tirelessly served as secretary of the CUA scholarship foundation from 1989-1993, president of the Academy in 1995-96, and president of the CUA in 2003-2004. At the Royal College level he served as a member and then Chair of the examination committee and subsequently Chair of the urology specialty committee; a total of 11 years of continuous Royal College commitment to the education and assessment of our trainees.

By now I am guessing that you have recognized the stunning service record of Dr. Larry Goldenberg. However, Larry's achievements beyond pure service to the CUA are equally impressive. A few highlights include being co-founder of the annual Whistler conference "issues and controversies in prostate cancer", an educational event that is still going strong 20 years later. Academically he has excelled, raising tens of millions of dollars in peer-reviewed and philanthropic grants for research in prostate cancer, men's health and cancer survivorship. This has resulted in over 200 peer reviewed manuscripts, and hundreds of invited speaking engagements locally, nationally and internationally. Just ask yourself: How many lifetimes do you think it would take you to do all of these things?

Larry's tireless work ethic, his service and academic achievements have been recognized with many, many awards including, but not limited to the Order of British Columbia (2006), the Order of Canada (2009), the AUA distinguished service award (2010), the Queen Elizabeth II diamond jubilee medal (2012), the BC Urological Society life time achievement award (2015), the Doctors of BC silver medal of service (2015) and the SIU distinguished service award (2016).

All of these achievements and awards are impressive, but Larry's strongest suit is his ability to mentor his colleagues and students. He has an uncanny skill for bringing together talented clinicians and scientists to work as a cohesive team. Before, during and now following his 14 year tenure as chair of UBC urology, upwards of 75 Urology residents (and still counting), 30 plus uro-oncology fellows, and countless undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students have been mentored by Larry. Perhaps the strongest evidence of Larry's role modelling and mentoring abilities is the fact that his son Mitchell, now a PGY-4 Urology resident in Toronto was in attendance and presenting at this year's CUA meeting. One cannot have one's son follow their career footsteps so closely without being a strong mentor!

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Larry Goldenberg on receiving the 2016 CUA award. Well deserved Larry! 🇨🇦
Post-graduate Training

Dr. Andrew MacNeily
Chair, CUA Postgraduate
Training Committee and Chair,
Chair of the Royal College
Urology Specialty Committee
Vancouver, BC

The Royal College Competence by Design (CBD) project continues to occupy the bulk of the attention of your members on this committee. As part of the CBD project, the Postgraduate Training Committee and some key invited guests have met in Ottawa for two focus group sessions in order to reach consensus on what core competencies we expect of graduates upon completing residency training. Another 3-day meeting in Ottawa is scheduled for Feb 2017. The CBD project has been a slow, intermittent, and at times existential examination of the current and future state of Urology Residency training. Although challenging, it has been nice to see so many CUA members engaged in this important matter. We have had face to face as well as electronic input from many stakeholders: Residency program directors (of course), Canadian Urology Chairs, the Canadian Academy of Urologic Surgeons, the examination committee, the CUA executive, community urologists and university faculty. To say the least, this remains a work in progress which will take shape in an iterative process for several years to come.

Agreeing upon a suitable new CBD curriculum is only one of the challenges this committee is addressing. For example, all of us somewhat intuitively know what aspects of medical expert and scholar to impart to our trainees. What about the softer “intrinsic” CanMEDS roles? Our programs are increasingly tasked with proving how we teach and assess skills such as communication, leadership and professionalism when it is time for regular Royal College accreditation. The Postgraduate Committee is looking into establishing some national guidelines to avoid duplication of effort at the individual program level. In addition, formalizing the role of simulation in residency training is also being examined by the committee. While not the direct responsibility of this committee, the introduction of several new Royal College Areas of Focused Competence (AFC) diplomas will have a direct impact upon the content and direction of postgraduate education we provide for trainees. Recent applications for AFC diplomas in brachytherapy and solid organ transplantation have been approved. An application is well underway for another in pediatric urology, with uro-oncology in the discussion phase. All of these AFC diplomas will likely benefit patients. However, their impact upon how we train residents continues to be monitored by this committee.

All of these developments mentioned are positive, if not definitive. So far, one thing is clear: across the country, when it comes to matters of postgraduate training, there are institutional and regional differences of opinion. What would you expect? This is, after all, Canada!


Messages From Malawi “The Warm Heart of Africa”

A testimonial by Dr. Rajiv Singal

In June, I travelled to Malawi with two major objectives in mind. As a member of the board of Dignitas International, I got to see the great work that is being done on the ground. DI is a Toronto based NGO that has spent the last 12 years addressing access to HIV therapy for this region. As a urologist and surgeon I also spent time at Zomba Central Hospital, assessing current access to common urological procedures and doing some general urology procedures.

Toronto, one of the most dynamic, culturally diverse, vibrant and creative cities in Canada will welcome you in June of 2017!

Kick off the 72nd CUA Annual Meeting by attending the Saturday evening Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall. Mingle with your colleagues and friends while touring the CUA 2017 exhibitors.

Saturday June 24 – Welcome Reception
The Westin Harbour Castle, Exhibit Hall: Included for all registered participants.

Sunday June 25 – CUA Fun Night Party at Corus Quay: Included for Full Program delegates and registered companions.
Corus Quay, the Toronto headquarters of Corus Entertainment is located on the city’s waterfront is the perfect location for a party! And what a party it will be! The venue is a fun and innovative space that opens onto Canada’s Sugar Beach. You will be captivated by the evening’s entertainment and all its surprises. Food trucks, local wines and craft beers will be served. You will not be disappointed with the variety offered this year – what a great way to enjoy all that Toronto has to offer!

Monday, June 26 – President’s Reception and Banquet
The Westin Harbour Castle - Formal attire - Included for Full Program delegates and registered companions.

Invited Speakers
• Dr. Barry A. Kogan
• Dr. Chris Chapple
• Dr. Mark Speakman
• Dr. Stacy Loeb
• Dr. David F. Penson
• Dr. Peter Pisters
• Dr. Rene Sotelo
• Dr. J. Brantley Thrasher
• Dr. Jack Christian Winters

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Future CUA Meetings

2018
June 23-26
Halifax, NS

2019
June 29-July 2
Québec City, QC

2020
June 27-30
Victoria, BC