All urologists in Canada are required to participate in a program of continuing professional development (CPD) that meets the requirements set by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the College des médecins du Québec in Quebec and to track their credits with a recognized CPD tracking organization. Lifelong learning and CPD are fundamental components of a physician’s commitment to practice medicine competently and ethically.

As members of the Canadian Urological Association (CUA) we are in a privileged position, with a diverse course list covering a wide range of topics and offered through a multitude of learning platforms by our CUA Office of Education (OE).

This was not always the case. In fact, the CUA OE has risen from a fairly modest beginning, just 10 years ago, where we would create content and run just a few topics at a limited number of venues each year. The OE is now a bustling place, with so many learning courses, meetings, and topic-specific events that it would be impossible to provide that list in this short editorial. I would ask all interested CUA members to check out our OE website and explore the available courses and events that will be coming to your location over the next few months. As a teaser, here are some courses/events planned or recently held:

- Hands-on course: Photoselective vaporization of the prostate skills workshop
- Annual CUA-CUOG uro-oncology multidisciplinary meeting
- Hands-on course: Flexible ureteroscopy surgical technique
- New developments in the management of advanced prostate cancer: Impact on cancer care in Canada

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Curtis Nickel
Chair, Nominating Committee
Kingston, ON

Member since 1984

The Nominating Committee has the responsibility to ensure that all positions on the CUA Board of Directors are filled at the Annual General Meeting in June. We would appreciate names of CUA Members who would be willing and able to fill the positions listed below. Only Active and Senior Members may serve as Committee Chairs. Only Active Members may serve on the CUA Board of Directors. Although the Committee will be responsible for asking the individual if he/she is willing to serve the Association, it would be helpful if you could include a few sentences about the nominee regarding their suitability for the position. Also, please be advised that we will accept self-nominations.

The positions open for nomination this coming year are as follows:

**CUA Vice-President:** (1-year term: President in 2020-2021)
**CUA VP Education-Elect:** (1-year term followed by 4-year term from 2019-2023)
**CUA Treasurer-Elect:** (1-year term followed by 4-year term from 2019-2023)
**CUASF Scientific Council Chair-Elect:** (1-year term)
**CUA Executive Member at Large:** Prairies (3-year term)
**CUA Executive Member at Large:** Atlantic (3-year term)
**CUA Historian:** (5-year term)

Please forward the names of potential candidates to Dr. Curtis Nickel, Chair, Nominating Committee (Corporate.office@cua.org)

**Deadline date for submission:** April 27, 2018

Any voting Member present at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to make additional nominations.

1. Additional nominations for Officer Positions will only be accepted if the name(s) had previously been brought forward to the Nominating Committee prior to the previously announced deadline date of April 27, 2018. No further nominations will be considered after this date.

2. Such nominees must either be present at the Annual General Meeting to accept the nomination or have provided written confirmation of their willingness to accept the nomination that is immediately viewable by the chair at the time of the nomination.

3. In the event that more than one (1) eligible candidate is nominated for a position, the successful candidate will be determined by anonymous ballot. Nominees present at the Annual General Meeting are entitled to vote.

**MEETING FROM THE TREASURER**

Dr. Ricardo Rendon
Treasurer
Halifax, NS

Member since 2001

The CUA has experienced yet another year of financial stability and growth. All divisions exceeded their planned targets and the CUA is on strong footing. The CUA made another donation to the CUASF, largely to support the restructuring of the new grant and, in particular, the NEW CUA Career Development Award.

With the National Standard for support of accredited CPD activities coming into effect on January 1, 2018, the CUA Office of Education remains adherent and in an excellent position to continue to develop programs supported by our industry partners.

In the next few months, the CUA will embark on a strategic plan for the Office of Education. The aim will be to identify ways to further meet members’ needs and develop more programs geared towards their educational gaps, as well as supporting their competencies through hands-on courses. Our national guidelines will also be the subject of the retreat in terms of how we support the development and rollout of programs centred on the guidelines.

Financial statements are available in the Members-Only site on cua.org.

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

- Troubleshooting OAB management: CUA guidelines
- Minimally invasive percutaneous stone therapy hands-on workshop
- Optimizing the delivery of CRPC care in the community: A re-evaluation of models
- The ageing bladder and OAB treatment expectations
- Guidelines across a range of topics
- International exchanges

The Royal College has recently recognized that determining competency should be the goal of the evaluative process at the end of specialty training. The real challenge is creating the tools and metrics to establish competency for our current and future graduates and eventually for all of us in active practice.

The skills and experience that the CUA OE has developed over the past several years, will no doubt be critical in helping our membership prepare and succeed at whatever competency tests are mandated and, more importantly, to refine and maintain our skills and knowledge to optimize the urological care delivered by all of us to our patients in Canada. The OE is undergoing a review over the next few months with a formal strategic plan, one in which we are requesting all CUA members to submit their opinions on the strengths and weaknesses of our current approach and what you’d like us to improve upon in the OE’s next iteration. It is only with your input and feedback that we can hope to fulfill your lifelong learning needs.
Update from the CUASF Scientific Council

I 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 2017 grants.

**CUASF Early Investigator Research Scholarship**

The CUASF Early Investigator Research Scholarship Grant is an academic-based research award designated to support a faculty member at an approved medical school in Canada within 3 years of the initial appointment. The successful recipient, referred to as “Early Investigator Scholar,” will be remunerated up to $40,000 for one year.

The award recipients this year were:

**Alex Kavanagh**  
University of British Columbia  
*Antimicrobial photodynamic therapy for prevention and treatment of catheter-associated urinary tract infection*

**Nathan Perlis**  
University of Toronto  
*Creating patient-centred radiology reports to empower patients undergoing prostate MRI*

**Luke Lavallée**  
University of Ottawa  
*A comprehensive research program to improve outcomes and decision-making for patients with complex localized renal tumours*

**Philippe Violette**  
McMaster University  
*Perioperative Prophylaxis for the Prevention of Venous ThromboEmbolism (POPP-VTE): A multicentre, randomized, controlled trial*

The CUASF Early Investigator Research Scholarship deadline: March 1, 2018

**CUA-Astellas Research Grant**

The CUA-Astellas Research Grant has been established to support investigator-sponsored research in urology that will be peer-reviewed by the Scientific Council of the CUASF. The funding for the Grants will be provided by Astellas.

The award recipients this year were:

**Lysanne Campeau**  
McGill University  
*The role of proNGF/p75NTR interaction in the early stages of diabetic cystopathy*

**Stéphane Bolduc**  
Laval University  
*Alternative source of urothelial cells for tissue engine*

**Afshar Kourosh**  
University of British Columbia  
*Near infra-red spectroscopy (NIRS) in diagnosis of testicular torsion: A pilot study*

The CUA-Astellas Research Grant deadline: February 28, 2018

**CUA-CUOG-Astellas Research Grant**

The CUA-CUOG-Astellas Research Grant Program was established to support investigator-sponsored research. The objective is to support peer-reviewed research that promotes excellence in prostate cancer research with the ultimate goal of improving patient care.

The award recipients this year were:

**Deepak Dinakaran**  
University of Alberta  
*Novel MRI and CT-enhancing theranostic nanoparticles for imaging and treatment of prostate tumours*

**Jan Rudzinski**  
University of Alberta  
*Prevention of platelet prostate cancer stem cell interactions: A potential novel anti-metastatic mechanism*

**Pier-Luc Clermont**  
Université Laval  
*A bioluminescence microscopy method to detect circulating adenocarcinoma and neuroendocrine prostate cancer cells and their responses to systemic therapies*

The CUA-CUOG-Astellas Research Grant deadline: February 28, 2018

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Paul Toren  
Université Laval  
Development of plasma exosomes as circulating biomarkers in prostate cancer patients  

CUA-CUOG-Astellas Research Grant deadline: April 3, 2018

CUA-Pfizer Incontinence Fellowship Award

The objective of the CUA-Pfizer Incontinence Fellowship Award is to support a clinical fellowship and excellence in urological research projects during the fellowship with the ultimate goal of improving care for patients with incontinence, lower urinary tract symptoms, and specifically incontinence, which have a significant effect on the quality of life for men and women in Canada.

The award recipient this year was:  
Patrick McGarry  
Western University  
How do people living with a spinal cord injury select a bladder management method?

CUA-Pfizer Incontinence Fellowship Grant deadline: April 3, 2018

CUA-Pfizer Urology Resident Grant

The CUA-Pfizer Urology Resident Grant Program was established in 2016 to support investigator-sponsored urology resident research or care-enhancement projects. The objective is to support resident research or care-enhancement programs that promote excellence in urology with the ultimate goal of improving patient care/further understanding the biology of urological diseases.

The award recipients this year were:  
Alaina Garbens  
University of Toronto  
The healthcare expenditures and practice patterns in the management of urethral stricture disease in Ontario  
Jennifer Ann Locke  
University of British Columbia  
Cortical responses to visual triggers in urgency urinary incontinence demonstrated through functional magnetic resonance imaging  
Rano Matta  
University of Toronto  
Incident dementia in an elderly population with overactive bladder using anticholinergic medications

CUA-Pfizer Urology Resident Grant deadline: April 3, 2018

CUASF–Bladder Cancer Canada Research Grant

The award recipients this year were:  
Peter Black  
University of British Columbia  
Phenotypical analysis of the immune system in patients with muscle-invasive bladder cancer?  
Girish Kulkarni  
University of Toronto  
The RESECT trial: A Vanguard randomized trial to compare re-resection of high-grade T1 bladder urothelial carcinoma to no re-resection for improving progression-free survival

CUASF–Bladder Cancer Canada Research Grant deadline: March 31, 2018

KCRNC-KCC-CUASF Kidney Cancer Research Grant

KCRNC-KCC-CUASF Kidney Cancer Research Grant Program supports peer-reviewed research that promotes excellence in kidney cancer research. A lot of interest was shown to this grant in its first year, with a total of 11 submissions.

The award recipients this year were:  
Keith Lawson  
University of Toronto  
Development of a novel immunotherapeutic bi-specific T-cell engager strategy for renal cell carcinoma  
Lucia Nappi  
University of British Columbia  
Identification of predictive biomarkers in patients with metastatic kidney cancer using circulating tumour DNA sequencing  
Jan Rudzinski  
University of Alberta  
Exploiting novel therapeutic targets to block metastasis of clear-cell renal cell carcinoma

KCRNC-KCC-CUASF Kidney Cancer Research Grant deadline: January 9, 2018

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. Every year, a maximum of $20,000 will be awarded. Grants cover a period of 1 month, to one year, up to a maximum of $10,000.

CUA-SIU International Scholarship Grant deadline: April 3, 2018

CUASF-CMSHC

The CUASF-CMSHC Research Grant Program has been established to support investigator-sponsored research in andrology in Canada. The primary focus of the Program is to support research in the area of male factor infertility, erectile dysfunction, ejaculatory dysfunction, and Peyronie’s disease and hormone replacement therapy.

CUASF-CMSHC Grant deadline: March 1, 2018
Our relatively newly reformatted CUA Guidelines Committee continues to make strides to more efficiently support the development of useful and clinically relevant guidelines. Most recently, we are very proud of the evidence-based recommendations for prostate cancer screening and early diagnosis practices developed by Dr. Ricardo Rendon and colleagues and published in the October 2017 issue of CUAJ. With all of the ambivalent and confusing messaging surrounding prostate cancer screening the past several years, this was an extremely important initiative for the CUA; the end product is a very well-reasoned, practical document aimed at providing guidance on the current best prostate cancer screening and early diagnosis practices, as well as to deliver information on new and emerging diagnostic modalities — a highly valuable tool for urologists and primary care physicians alike. We encourage you to review this and other recent guidelines at cua.org/en/guidelines or cuaj.ca.

We have also recently published guidelines on the diagnosis, management, and followup of cryptorchidism and adult overactive bladder. Furthermore, as the CUA services medical communities in both official languages of Canada, one of our objectives this summer was to ensure our guidelines were available in both English and French. As such, translated versions of all our 2017 guidelines are now available online.

Forthcoming guideline topics include: penile curvature, kidney cancer followup recommendations (updated), TRUS biopsy, incidental adrenal mass (updated), and VTE prophylaxis. If there is a particular topic for which you feel a guideline would be beneficial, don’t hesitate to contact me at akapoor@mcmaster.ca.

Following a recent decision that all CUA guidelines moving forward will use the GRADE approach (as opposed to Oxford) for summarizing evidence and making recommendations, a GRADE workshop will be held for Guideline Committee members in January 2018. The workshop will be recorded and subsequently posted online for anyone interested in learning more. In the meantime, for information on GRADE, visit the GRADE Working Group website at gradeworkinggroup.org.

Finally, thanks to Adriana Modica and the CUA office for keeping to our goals of regular guidelines publication, one of the great educational services the CUA offers our membership! 🍁
Communications Report

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Kingston, ON
communications@cua.org
Member since 2009

Canadian Urological Association
Social media progress update

This update highlights the growth between July 1, 2017 and July 30, 2017.

We have continued to engage with our membership by sharing articles from reputable journals and also pushing events in the CUA Office of Education.

Though reporting numbers have decreased in the month following the CUA Annual Meeting, baseline engagement and impressions continue to rise. Over this reporting period, the content that saw the highest level of engagement were timely articles related to the urological practice.

Additionally, CUAJ posts continue to see a solid click-through rate across all channels. We also note that the CUA community enjoys the Friday Funny posts, which see a high level of engagement through likes, as well as shares/retweets.

Social media and meeting awareness for Halifax 2018!

Go ahead and use #CUA18 for everything related to the CUA Annual Meeting. Our focus continues to have Twitter, as well as Facebook and Linkedin as ways to communicate all meeting updates, important dates, and deadlines, as well as meeting scientific and social content.

Are you getting the message?

Every day, we work very hard in getting our message across with the help of social media, but also with email blasts, e-newsletters, and printed newsletters. The cua.org and cuameeting.org websites are also complete with information. In case you missed it, here is what is new:

SAVE THE DATE: Men’s Health Summit - Saturday, January 20, 2018
SAVE THE DATE: The Juravinski Cancer Centre Uro-Oncology Forum April 13-14, 2018
NEW CUASF WEBSITE: cuasf.org
CUA LIVE RECORDINGS: tech4pco.com/cua/videos/cua-2017

YOUrology – your stories

We can share YOUR stories on our social media outlets and printed newsletters along with e-newsletters. We want to hear about your projects, accomplishments, travels, commitments, new family additions, or anything else you’d like to share with the CUA community. The CUA membership is close-knit and we want to be able to share in each other’s lives and successes. Send your news submissions to nadia.pace@cua.org

Get your news on line and follow us for CUA content:

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We were thrilled to have our social media presence recognized by the BJUI in Boston during #aua17 when @CanUrolAssoc was awarded the “Best Urology Organization” award at the BJUI Social Media Awards. We were cited for our promotion and engagement, as well as our relevant and responsive presence.
PAST EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

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

12th Annual Meeting of GUMOC
The Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Toronto, ON
June 23, 2017

Urology Nurses of Canada (UNC) 2017
The Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Toronto, ON
June 24, 2017

10th Annual Canadian Senior Urology Residents (CSUR) Scientific Retreat
The Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Toronto, ON
June 24-23, 2017

5th Annual CUA-CUOG Uro-Oncology Multidisciplinary Meeting
The Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Toronto, ON
June 24, 2017

CUA Hands-on Course 1: Flexible Ureteroscopy Surgical Technique
The Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Toronto, ON
June 24, 2017

CUA Accredited Course 1 (WebEx 2): New Developments in the Management of Advanced Prostate Cancer: Impact on Cancer Care in Canada
The Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Toronto, ON
June 25, 2017

CUA Accredited Course 2: Troubleshooting OAB Management: CUA Guidelines
The Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Toronto, ON
June 25, 2017

CUA Hands-on Course 3: Photoselective Vaporization of the Prostate - Skills Workshop: A Systematic Approach through Hands-on Simulation
The Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Toronto, ON
June 25, 2017

CUA Accredited Course 3: Optimizing the delivery of CRPC Care in The Community: A re-evaluation of models
The Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Toronto, ON
June 26, 2017

CUA Accredited Course 4: The Ageing Bladder and OAB Treatment Expectations
The Westin Harbour Castle Toronto, Toronto, ON
June 27, 2017

9th Annual Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Uro-Oncology Dialogue Meeting
Queen's Landing, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
September 15-17, 2017

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

CUA Speaker Tour in RCC: Dr. Bernard Escudier
Montreal & Toronto
October 18-20, 2017

CUA Speaker Tour in RCC: Dr. Martin Voss
Toronto, ON
November 15-16, 2017

QUEST 2017
Kingston, ON
December 15-17, 2017

5th Annual U of T Men's Health Summit 2018
The Omni King Edward, Toronto, ON
January 20, 2018

9th CKCF 2018
Kingbridge Centre, King City, ON
February 22-24, 2018

2nd Annual Juravinski Cancer Centre (JCC) Uro-Oncology Forum
April 13-14, 2018
Pillar and Post, Niagara-on-the-Lake

All CUA educational programs are now available in the Members-Only section/CPD on cua.org.

Online educational activities

- CUA Urology Webex Series
- Update on the Management of Renal Cell Carcinoma
- Maximal testosterone suppression in the management of recurrent and metastatic prostate cancer
- Evolution of Immuno-Oncology in Kidney Cancer: An Interactive Forum
- Multidisciplinary Approach to Managing Bone Health in Prostate Cancer
- Managing Bone Metastases in CRPC: From Bone-targeted Therapies to Radiopharmaceuticals: Update 2016/2017
- Enhanced Recovery after Surgery (ERAS) Protocols in the Urologic Setting: Focus on Radical Cystectomy
- Checkpoint Inhibitors in the Treatment of Advanced Urothelial Carcinoma
- Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Prophylaxis in Urologic Surgery
- Prostate Cancer 411.ca (urology nurses portal)

Educational toolkits

- A New Low for Testosterone with Androgen Deprivation Therapy for Recurrent and Metastatic Prostate Cancer (June 2017)
- ADT and CV Risk tear-sheet pad (February 2017)

Check out the revamped site and start earning credits today! 🍁
New beginnings

CUAJ is launching a new publishing strategy that will see accepted manuscripts published electronically on our website and cited on PubMed ahead of their official issue-based publication date. Many journals employ this continuous publication approach to ensure “hot topics” of research and leading-edge data are available and citable as early as possible and not restricted by space or other workflow limitations. Our goal is to deliver benefit to both authors and readers. For authors, the advantage is in seeing their work communicated in half the time (or less) of our current standard. Moreover, by significantly shortening the time to article availability, we hope to not only attract the highest-calibre research, but also give our readers more flexibility in the way they engage with our content: as a continuous stream, or in a monthly “package,” or both.

The Epub ahead of print model is a work in progress, with a few logistical details yet to be ironed out and exact posting schedules to be determined, but we are very excited to get this initiative off the ground.

For more added benefits to readers, we also continue to offer Section 3 credits of the Maintenance of Certification (self-assessment) program with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) six times per year (every print issue features a CPD-accredited paper), which could potentially provide 18 out of the mandated 25 Section 3 credits annually. For more information, visit cuaj.ca or email the CUAJ Managing Editor at adriana.modica@cu.ca.

Finally, the Editorial Board of CUAJ has welcomed some new faces – Dr. Antonio Finelli has come on board as the Section Editor for Kidney Cancer and Dr. Naeem Bhojani has joined us as a new Consulting Editor. And in a changing of the guard, Dr. Sero Andonian has replaced Dr. Michael McCormack as an Associate Editor. Dr. McCormack chose to step down after his mandate ended in the spring, but his support over the years has been paramount to the journal’s enduring success — a legacy our new members will enthusiastically contribute to, as we strive to constantly heighten CUAJ’s relevance and impact.

It is a Capital mistake to theorize before one has data.

Sherlock Holmes

The CUA postgraduate committee has been working hard for the last 2 years to help reshape urology residency training according to the Royal College Competence by Design (CBD) framework. A significant challenge during this process has been reaching consensus on what surgeries we think our trainees ought to be competent to perform upon graduation without further post-residency training. Consensus building has been difficult for many reasons: there are regional variations in practice patterns around the country, institutional access to technology varies, and political forces both within and outside the CUA have been pulling us in various directions. Most significantly, we lack robust national data on what our residents are exposed to during their training.

To address this datapenia, Dr. Keith Rourke, vice-chair of the Urology Specialty Committee, and I submitted a proposal to the CUA Executive for funding that would enable all Canadian urology residents to access a commercially available relational database. Your Executive agreed that this was an important project to fund and would provide an opportunity to engage our trainees with the CUA at an early stage of their careers. Most importantly, this will allow us to monitor our residents’ experience for the first 5-year iteration of CBD and adjust our objectives of training accordingly. T-Res® has been in existence for many years, is bilingual, and adaptable to the changing language of CBD. Since case-logs will be mandatory in the new CBD curriculum, this opportunity is timely.

There will be a few bumps in the road as we modify the e-templates and program the new entrustable physician acts (EPA’s) and milestones into T-Res® in time for the planned launch of CBD in July 2018, but finally we will begin collecting data, leading to information and, ultimately, action.
Continuous Professional Development Report

Dr. Bobby Shayegan
Chair, Continuing Professional Development
Hamilton, ON
Member since 2012

CUA continues to be the central location to accredit many of the urology meetings in Canada. The Office of Education continues to develop and accredit several programs.

The CUA accredited a total of 28 programs in 2016, seven of which are from physician organizations. In 2017, we have accredited 35 programs in the past 6 months with much more expected in the next few months.

- CUA-CPD Committee has accredited a total 72.25 Section 1 credits
- CUA-CPD Committee has accredited a total 78 Section 3 credits

Orphan topics

This year at the CPD meeting in June, the committee reviewed the annual needs assessment along with proposals sent in from members to support “Orphan Topics”.

We are proud to announce that we have decided to support the following projects:

- Chronic pelvic pain – to be led by Curtis Nickel
- Urologic trauma – to be led by Ron Kodoma
- Transition care – to be led by Peter Anderson and Ashley Cox

Our mission is to fund and support valuable topics to meet our members’ educational needs. Once topics are selected, they will be organized and executed by the CUA Office of Education.

CPD Committee Members:

Dr. Ben H. Chew (2012 - 2018)
Dr. Jean-Baptiste Lattouf (2014 - 2019)
Dr. Andrew H. Feifer (2015 - 2018)
Dr. Robert J. Hamilton (2015 - 2018)
Dr. Richard J. Baverstock (2015 - 2018)
Dr. Ethan D. Grober (2015 - 2018)
Dr. Girish S. Kulkarni (2015 - 2018)
Dr. Kevin Zorn (2016 - 2019)
Dr. Ilias Cagiannos (2016 - 2019)
Dr. Jason Izard (2016 - 2019)
Dr. Eric Hirschberg (2016 - 2019)
Dr. Justin Lee (2017 - 2020)
Dr. Nathan Wong (2017 - 2020)
Dr. Richard Casey (2017 - 2020)

If you have an idea for an educational program to meet member’s needs, please email Bobby Shayegan at: shayeb@mcmaster.ca

History Committee Report

Dr. Jerzy Gajewski
CUA Historian
Halifax, NS
Member since 1987

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

During the last CUA meeting in Toronto, the Canadian Urological Association Scholarship Foundation (CUASF) reached a milestone, celebrating its 40th anniversary. A brief history of CUASF was presented at the meeting and previous recipients of CUASF grants were acknowledged on several posters.

At the Corporate Office, the CUA history room is continuously being refined, as documents and artifacts are being catalogued and digitized. Further, we are working in collaboration with the Museum of Health Care (museumofhealthcare.ca) in Kingston on a “Virtual Museum of Canadian Urology,” an initiative that has just recently been launched.

Donation of any historical documents, pictures, or artefacts related to urology would be greatly appreciated. Contact a member of the History Committee or the CUA Corporate Office for more information.
Corporate Office Report

Human resources

The CUA staff consists of seven full-time employees: Tiffany Pizioli, Nadia Pace, Raffaella Leroux, Denise Toner, Tal Erdman*, Howard Perlman, and Adriana Modica, with one part-time employee, Marfisa DeFrancesco.

*Tal Erdman has been on maternity leave since February 2017. She has been replaced by Melanie Rose.

Continuing professional development (CPD) website

The CPD section of the website will be revamped and all previous educational programs, manuscripts submitted to the annual meeting, CUAJ, etc., will be searchable by topic, author, and faculty member. Our hope is that the site will be more user-friendly and attractive, and that members will take advantage of the programs. Plans are underway for a revamp in early 2018.

Corporate office retreat

At the end of August 2017, the CUA President and several other board members met with our team at the corporate office in Montreal to review the CUA strategic plan (2014 – 2019). As we are fast approaching our final year of the plan, the focus remains as follows:

1) Increase member engagement

2) Be “The Voice of Urology” in public and health policy
3) Become the pre-eminent urological resource for patients and health professionals
4) Financial stability

The CUA Committees that will be tasked with achieving most of the objectives listed above (items 1 to 3) and that have been identified as key groups to move forward our mission include: the Guidelines Committee (Chair: Dr. Anil Kapoor), the Community Urology Committee (Chair: Dr. Frank Papanikolaou), and the Health Policy Committee (Chair: Dr. Omar Nazif).

In addition, our President, Dr. Gerald Brock, has identified two areas that he would like to focus on during his term:

1) Men’s health issues (collaboration with the Canadian Men’s Health Foundation)
2) Engagement of residents

Together with our committed Corporate Office staff, CUA Board Members and Committee Chairs, we hope to achieve our planned objectives for the next year. A special thanks to all our corporate sponsors who help support our goals for the association:

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During the 2017 CUA Annual Meeting in Toronto, an award was given to Dr. Joseph Chin in recognition of his many contributions to urology, the CUA, and patient care. Joe is not a stranger to awards, having previously received the Order of Ontario (2011) and the Queen E II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2013). The CUA lifetime achievement award is not bestowed annually, but is given when a meritorious person is recognized by the awards committee for this very special accolade.

For many of us in the CUA, Joe has been a leading figure for many decades, owing to his dedication to the Association and his leadership in science. Without overstating it, Joe has a CV and list of achievements and publications that simply cannot be listed here, given the space limitations. However I believe it is important to recognize that he served as President of the CUA, Chair of CUASF Scientific Committee, Editorial Board member of CUAJ, Chair of Training and Evaluation Committee, Chair of Royal College Examination Board, and Chair of Royal College Nucleus Committee for the Urology Specialty.

Over the past three decades, Joe has dedicated himself to training of residents, fellows, and foreign urologists. He is the co-founder of Western’s S.U.O. accredited Fellowship Program in Urologic Oncology, having trained urologic oncologists from all continents except Antarctica! The majority are actively involved in academic pursuits and have become uro-oncology opinion leaders back in their home countries. He is a former Chair of Urology at Western, having helped train over 60 residents (with the help of lots of nitroglycerin and Zantac!), who are currently working in academic and community settings.

Joe is an accomplished artist, often auctioning off his landscapes as fundraising vehicles for prostate cancer research. He is an athlete as well, with many of us seeing Joe most often training for marathons, having completed the Boston Marathon four times!

None of us work alone in a vacuum, and if not for Kathy, his amazing wife of more than three decades, Joe wouldn’t have been able to reach these lofty achievements. Among Joe’s most important contributions, apart from being a dedicated and loving father to his children (Chris, Curtis, and Rebecca), is the mentorship role he has embodied for other consultants, fellows, and residents.

He is the hardest working guy I know, and his focus on excellence and optimizing patient outcomes is legendary. If I ever needed a urologist for my prostate, I would go to Joe! Congratulations Dr. Chin, this was one award the committee got right!
Halifax awaits you!

MEMBERS – YOU ASKED, WE DELIVERED!

Scientific sessions and hands-on training courses will now start on Saturday (all day). Registration will be opened on Friday.

Saturday, June 23, 2018
Welcome Reception
Saturday, June 23, 2018 • 1800-1845 • Halifax Convention Centre - Ballroom Foyer
As tradition demands it, start the CUA Annual Meeting with friends, colleagues and wine! Join us following the opening sessions for drinks at the Welcome Reception.

Sunday, June 24, 2018
CUA Fun Night
Reception at Pier 21 and Lobster Dinner with Dancing at the Cunard Centre
Join us in experiencing the sights, sounds and tastes of Halifax all in one evening. Begin your evening at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 where you’ll live through the moving journey that many families took to start a new life in Canada – do not miss this experience! A few steps away on Pier 23 is the Cunard Centre. The Centre is a waterfront cargo shed which will be the stage for our lobster dinner. If you haven’t eaten Nova Scotia lobster in Nova Scotia, then you haven’t really eaten lobster! From the lobster parade to checkered tablecloths and local musical talent, you will be sure to have a memorable night!

Casual attire
Included for Full Program delegates and registered companions.
Cost of an additional ticket: $125 plus applicable taxes.
Tickets on sale until noon on Sunday, June 24.

Monday, June 25, 2018
CUA President’s Reception and Banquet
Marriott Harbourfront Hotel – Nova Scotia Ballroom
Come dressed to the nines and prepare to be wined and dined Nova Scotia style at our President’s Reception and Banquet. Halifax has a cosmopolitan and eclectic food scene so we invite you to come enjoy an evening of local food and wine and also recap the week’s events with friends and colleagues. The evening’s entertainment will want to make you hit the dance floor in style!

Formal attire
Included for Full Program delegates and registered companions.
Cost of an additional ticket: $150 plus applicable taxes. *Limited seating.
Advanced reservation required. On-site availability is not guaranteed.
Please note that all social events are reserved to participants aged 19 years and older.

CUA 2018 Speakers
Benjamin Canales, MD, MPH, (Gainesville, FL) Associate Professor of Urology, Department of Urology, University of Florida College of Medicine - Endourology
Jamie Campbell, MEd, BEd, BA (Toronto, ON) Director of Organization Development & Volunteer Services, North York General Hospital - Leadership and effectiveness
Robert Flanigan, MD, FACS, (Maywood, IL) Albert J. Speh Jr. and Claire R. Speh Professor and Chair, Department of Urology, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine; AUA President - Male and female urinary tract and the male reproductive organs
Freddie Hamdy, MD, (Oxford, England) Chief of Pediatric Urology, Nationwide Children’s Hospital; Clinical Professor of Surgery, Department of Urology, Ohio State University College of Medicine - Pediatrics
Lorraine LeGrand-Westfall, MD, FRCSC, CMPA (Ottawa, ON) Director of Regional Affairs; Chief Privacy Officer - Canadian Medical Protective Association
Anne Pelletier Cameron, MD, FRCSC (Ann Arbor, MI) Associate Professor of Urology, University of Michigan, Director of the Clinical Urology Research Endeavor (CURE) - Urology, female pelvic medicine, and reconstructive surgery
Hossein Sadeghi-Nejad, MD, FACS (Newark, NJ) Professor of Surgery/Urology, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School; Chief of Urology, New Jersey Veterans Affairs Hospitals; Director of the Center for Male Reproductive Medicine (private practice) Hackensack University Medical Center - Male reproductive medicine (infertility and erectile dysfunction)
Joel Sheinfeld, MD (New York City, NY) Deputy Chief, Urology Service; Florence and Theodore Baumrinner/Endi Ancell Chair of Urologic Oncology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre - Testicular cancer
Run Wang, MD, FACS (Houston, TX) Professor of Surgery (Urology) and Cecil M. Crigler, MD Chair of Urology, University of Texas Medical School; Professor of Urology, Director of Sexual Medicine, Department of Urology, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center - Male urology, men’s health and erectile dysfunction
Brian Goldman, MD (Toronto, ON) Broadcaster and Physician