

CANADIAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY

MESSAGE FROM THE PAST AND INCOMING PRESIDENTS



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As 2002 is a transitional year for the Council, it is our intent to summarize activities over the past year and update you on our plans for the coming year:

The 2002 Annual Meeting of the CGS in Montreal was a great success. Drs. Barbara Power and William Dalziel have organized an excellent agenda for the 2003 meeting, to be held May 30-31 in Ottawa. This meeting will also include a rehabilitation workshop (May 29-30), organized by Dr Michael Borrie. Planning is underway for the 2004 and 2005 meetings, to be held in Toronto and Halifax, respectively.

The Council of the CGS has changed greatly. Drs. William Daziel and Howard Bergman have completed their terms, while Dr Lyla Graham has moved from Member-at-Large to Vice-President. Dr. Chris MacKnight is the new President, with Dr. David Hogan advancing to Past-President. We welcome three new Members-at-Large, Drs. Pam Jarrett, Fadi Massoud and John Feightner. Dr. Frank Molnar continues as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Distinguished Service Award for 2002 was presented to Professor Colin Powell. He was a Founding Member of our Society, and has been instrumental in the development of Geriatric Medicine in both Manitoba and Nova Scotia. A call for nominations for 2003's Award will be released soon.

Our arrangements for administrative support through the offices of the Canadian Association on Gerontology have not met our needs. For this reason, Drs. MacKnight and Molnar are looking for a new administrative home for the CGS.

The Society will soon have an active and functioning Website. Dr. Michael Borrie has taken the lead in developing a Foundation for the Society, which will likely be used to support the career development of junior faculty. Dr. Chris Patterson conducted a review of our options for Journal affiliation, and based on his review and the discussion at the Annual Meeting, the unanimous decision was to continue our association with **GERIATRICS Today: JOURNAL OF THE CANADIAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY**. The Royal College has given us partial accreditation as a Continuing Professional Development provider, and we have applied for full accreditation. This means we can review and approve CPD events under Section 1 of the Maintenance of Certification Program. We urge you to use the Society when seeking approval for MainCert credits. Finally, we are working with Dr. Ron Keren and others to organize the Second Canadian Colloquium on Dementia, to be held in Montreal in October of 2003.

Our perennial concern remains Human Resources. Medical students and residents are not choosing Geriatric Medicine or Care of the Elderly as their specialty, despite the fact that Geriatricians are the most satisfied physicians in America (*Archives of Internal Medicine, July 2002, 162:1577-84*). Attempting to understand and change this poor recruitment is our priority over the next few years. We are currently in an information-gathering phase, and will update you regularly on our findings and activities.

If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Chris MacKnight at chris.macknight@cdha.nshealth.ca

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