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President's Message



Greetings to all of you. I hope you had a great winter and are getting ready to welcome some warmer weather this spring. As I wrap up my term as President this year, I'd like to give you an update on what the CSCRS has been up to, and highlight some important achievements that I think you will recognize as important for our society and for the specialty of colorectal surgery.

Last year was a year of tremendous change for the CSCRS, and I am happy to report this has brought some much needed financial stability to our organization: In 2012-13, we successfully diversified our industry support and now have three multi-year sponsorships which meet transparency and risk management norms for Not-for-profit organizations, and we were approved

for continuance under the New Not-for-Profit Act (see certificate on page 5). Our new management and space sharing arrangement with CAGS has proven to be an excellent 'fit' for the organization, and overall management costs have decreased dramatically this past year.

The Research Committee has begun the 2013 call for proposals for the CSCRS Research Award and again, a \$10,000 award will be given to the winning applicant. The deadline for applications is June 1st, 2013. This year's award will be given at the Canadian Surgery Forum in Ottawa, on Friday, September 20th at a yet-to-be-announced location. Please visit www.cscrs.ca for more information, or contact the Chair of the Research Committee, Dr. Tony MacLean via e-mail at tony.maclean@albertahealthservices.ca.

We are in the midst of planning the 2013 CSF in Ottawa for this September. The program is shaping up to be excellent and should be well attended. September is a wonderful time of year in Ottawa, so please mark the dates on your calendar and join me there. The Canadian Surgery Forum is remains the best place I know to earn CPD credits and have fun while doing it! **Hope to see you this September in Ottawa!**

Dr. Don Buie
President
Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons

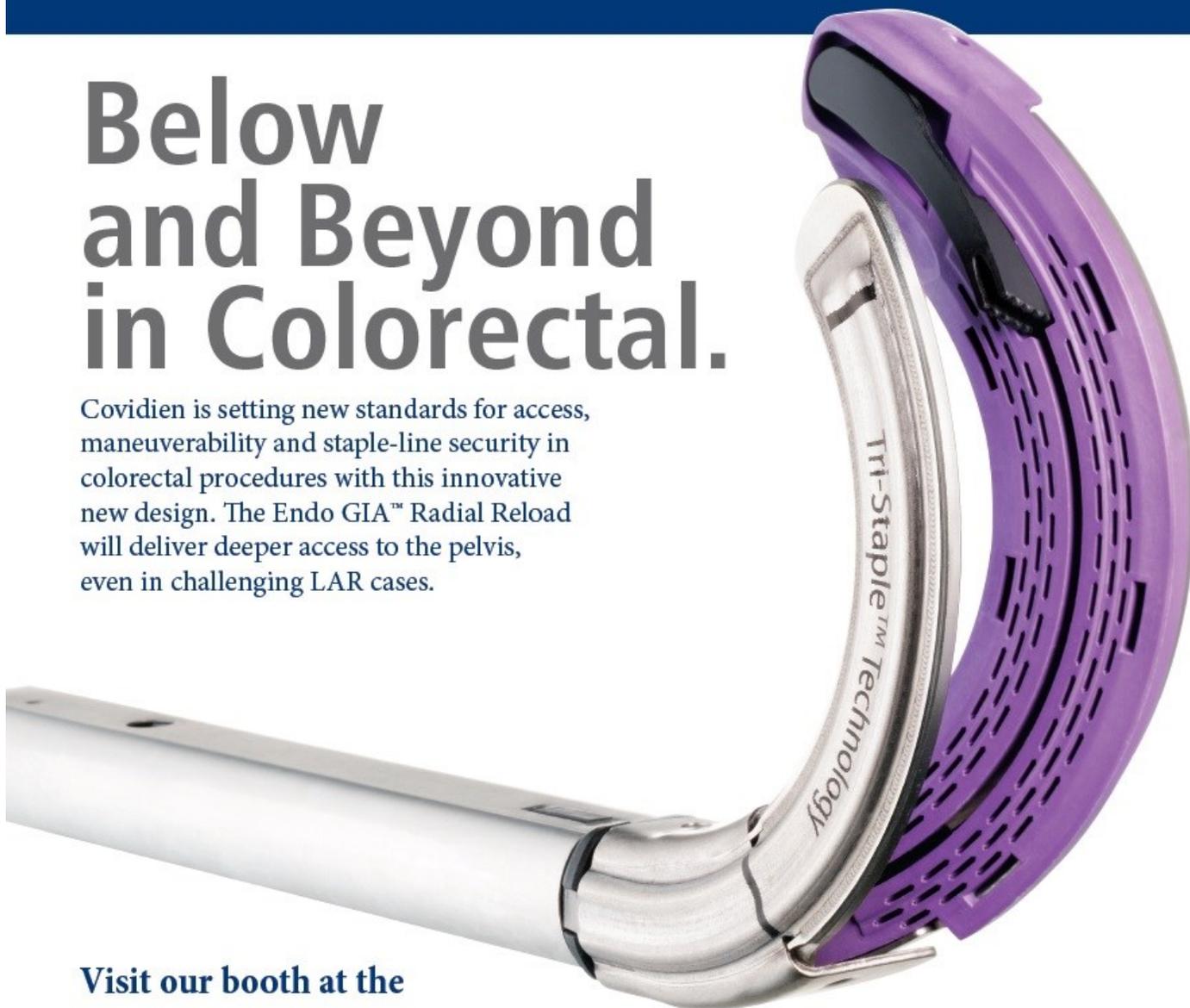
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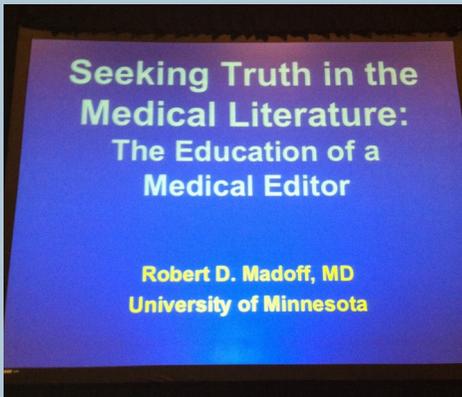
2012 Honorary Member, Dr. Ernest Wiens with CSCRS President Dr. Don Buie



Dr. Husein Moloo, CSCRS Research Grant winner 2012



Dr. Philip H. Gordon, Dr. Robert D. Madoff, and Dr. W. Don Buie



Gordon Lecture 2012 given by Dr. Robert D. Madoff



Gordon Lecture Speaker Dr. Robert D. Madoff with CSCRS President Dr. Don Buie



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Dr. Cliff Yaffe at CSCRS Research Dinner



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Report of the Colorectal Surgery Specialty Committee – Dr. Paul Belliveau

I am pleased to write this report on behalf of your Royal College Specialty Committee for Colorectal Surgery. We continue to be active and participate with other specialties in the recognition of new applications for Diploma status and Subspecialty status from different groups. We met during the Surgery Forum last fall and again in January to work on the Standards of Training documents and the Objectives document, which we are proud to say are now in the CANMEDS format. We have participated in the evaluation process of one of our programs and in the establishment of a new one.

We are solicited by the credentials unit of the College to assess applications for certification and as a group we have a healthy debate until we arrive at a consensus. Our examination board, under the direction of Dr Terry Phang has continued to work diligently in the preparation of our annual examination. The next administration of the exam will be in September 2013.

I was fortunate to attend a two-day workshop in Ottawa last November along with 60 other specialties, subspecialties and diploma focus groups. We held very informative sessions and had a chance to participate actively in constructive breakout groups. Our goal is to keep our finger on the pulse of societal needs, along with General Surgery, as we share a seat on our respective committees. We strive to maintain and improve the presence of our specialty in Canadian hospitals and are sensitive to the workforce issues of the coming decade.

Please feel free to contact me with your impressions and comments. I wish to thank all the members of our Committee for their devotion and commitment.

Paul Belliveau MDCM MPA
April 2013



CSCRS joins Canadian health leaders in encouraging physicians to complete National Physician Survey



The National Physician Survey (NPS) launched in April 2013, and we encourage all physicians in Canada to participate.

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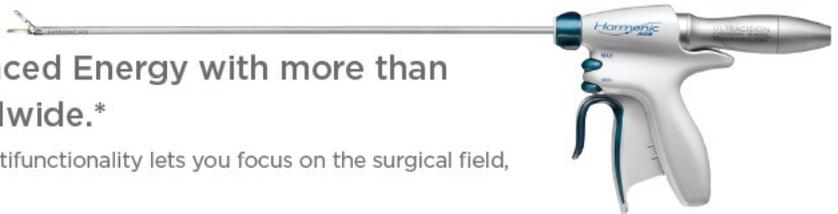
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CALL for 2013 CSCRS Research Program Proposals



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF COLON AND RECTAL SURGEONS CSCRS/SCCCR RESEARCH PROGRAM

There is one operating grant of \$10,000 available. All applicants must be CSCRS Members. Residents are encouraged to apply with a CSCRS member as supervisor and principal applicant.

The application should include (Microsoft Word 12 point font):

- A title page with information regarding all co-applicants and contact information for correspondent
- A summary of the application (max. 1 page)
- A detailed description of the proposed research including references and a detailed budget (max. 6 pages)
- A curriculum vitae of the principal applicant (max. 3 pages)
- A letter of support from the Head of the Department of Surgery

Program Deadline:

The deadline for receipt of proposals is **June 1, 2013**.

Submit Applications by E-mail to:

Tony.MacLean@albertahealthservices.ca
Cc: CSCRS@cscrs.ca

Want us to spread the word? We would be happy to circulate your news articles, reminders and/or updates in the monthly CSCRS e-news. Please e-mail your items to CSCRS@cscrs.ca and communicate your message to your colleagues in the colorectal surgery community.

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