



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF
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*Dr. W. Don Buie,
President, CSCRS*

President's Message

Changes for the CSCRS in 2012

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year - season's greetings and best wishes to each of you and your family for a happy and successful 2012. As many of you are aware, the CSCRS has undergone a number of changes this fall. At the Annual Meeting in September the CSCRS Executive asked for support from the membership to investigate new options for management services for our organization. We have been with the Royal College for the past five years and the management fees are prohibitive for an organization of our size. I am happy to report that as of November 2011 we have joined forces with CAGS and formed our own management group separate from the Royal College. We have been very fortunate to bring Jasmin Lidington along with us as our joint Executive Director for both CAGS and the CSCRS. As you are aware she has been in this role at the College and she is now an employee of CAGS and CSCRS.

We are in the process of setting up a joint office with CAGS and Jasmin has been instrumental in making this transition as smooth as we could have hoped and we look forward to working with her for many years to come. If you need to get in touch with Jasmin, our new phone number is 613-882-6410 and our general e-mail is CSCRS@CSCRS.ca. I think this is a major step forward for our organization and certainly is reflective of how far we have come in the past few years.

On another note, the Canadian Surgery Forum has also moved out from under the umbrella of the Royal College and is now its own separate entity. Again we were fortunate to retain the services of Suzanne LeBlanc who has been the Director of the CSF for the past four years and has done an admirable job. She will be performing the same role for us and it is a credit to her that the transition has gone very smoothly and we are on schedule for the 2012 meeting in Calgary. Please mark the meeting on your calendar as it is shaping up to be one of the best meetings yet.

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Report of the Chair of the Colorectal Surgery Specialty Committee of the Royal College

By Dr. Paul Belliveau, Chair CSCRS Specialty Committee

It is my pleasure to update the membership of the Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons on the activity of your specialty committee. The Nucleus Committee is formed by representatives of all regions of Canada and is responsible for defining and applying the objectives of training for those wishing to spend 2 years of additional study and practice in one of our three programs.

Name	Position	Notes		
Nucleus Members				
Belliveau, Paul	Chair	Kingston		
Richard, Carole	Vice-Chair Region 4	Montréal		
Johnson, Douglas	Region 1	Calgary		
Yip, Benson	Region 2	Winnipeg		
Taylor, Brian	Region 3	London		
Johnson, Paul	Region 5	Halifax		
Total Nucleus			6 /	
Ex-Officio				
Phang, Terry	Chair, Exam Board	Vancouver		
Bohnen, John	Chair, SC in Gen Surg	Toronto		
Corresponding Members				
Buie, William	PD - Calgary	Calgary		
Burnstein, Marcus	PD - Toronto	Toronto		
Friedlich, Martin	PD - Ottawa	Ottawa		
Observers				
Total Committee			11 /	
Royal College Representative				
Nesbitt, Stacy	Specialties Administrator			
Grimes, Kate	Credentials Unit			
Benoit, Chantal	Credentials Unit			

Over the last year we have met in Ottawa to revise and prepare the very important documents, which describe our fields of expertise, the requirements to enter the programs and the standards and objectives of the programs concerning accreditation. We also met both in person and by teleconference to prepare the written examination, which is now required to obtain full certification in Colorectal Surgery by the Royal College. We have now obtained the status of an accredited and certified specialty in Canada and the Fellows completing 2 years of study following their certification in General Surgery can now be certified in our specialty by sitting a written exam given in the fall in Ottawa. We are in the process of finalizing the eligibility routes for those having completed a fellowship in the past and in other countries, mainly in the United States. The success rate for our exam has been very high.

The Chair of the Examination committee is Dr. Terry Phang, who has worked very hard with the members of his committee to design an exam blueprint based on our objectives of training and composed of short answer questions. These are then corrected by several members of the exam committee and there is a strict process of revision to make sure the exam is relevant and reflecting the objectives of learning.

The Chair of the Specialty Committee, Dr. Paul Belliveau attended a two day workshop in Ottawa this fall for all specialty chairs designed to update all the responsible persons on the innovations and developments of the Education and Credentialing bodies of the Royal College.

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CALL for 2012 CSCRS Research Program Proposals



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF COLON AND RECTAL SURGEONS 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, 2012**.

Submit Applications by E-mail to:

Tony.MacLean@albertahealthservices.ca

Cc: CSCRS@rcpsc.edu

President's Message *(continued from cover)*

I am pleased to announce that the Phil Gordon Lecturer for 2012 is Dr. Robert Madoff from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Madoff is Professor and Head of Colorectal Surgery at the University of Minnesota. He is also the Editor in Chief of the *Diseases of the Colon and Rectum* and an excellent speaker both entertaining and thoughtful.

In closing if you have any questions or concerns regarding our move or any other issues, please do not hesitate to contact either Jasmin or myself directly. Best of the New Year to you all.

Sincerely,

Don Buie,

President, CSCRS

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This was a very interesting and instructive meeting, where colleagues from across the country meet and discuss issues in their specialties, including the preparation of documents, policies, accessibility to training both in primary specialties and subspecialties. This year the College introduced a survey, which is being conducted on the issue of job opportunities in Canada for recent graduates of our programs. Indeed, some specialties are showing reduced opportunity to practice in the trainees' field of expertise. We are trying to better understand the rationale for this phenomenon. Reduced time or limitations on work hours has also been of concern to our programs and the impact is yet to be fully appreciated.

We appreciate the support of the National Specialty Society and if there are issues of accreditation, eligibility for taking the exam, recognition of status, we may be in a position to help the members of the CSCRS.

Yours Truly,

Paul Belliveau MDCM MPA
Chair, Colorectal Specialty Committee RCPSC

2011 Canadian Surgery Forum Highlights

London, ON



(left to right) Dr. Don Buie with Honorary Member Dr. Thomas McLarty and Dr. Brian Taylor



Gordon Lecturer Dr. Patricia Roberts with Dr. Don Buie



2011 CSCRS Research Award Winner Dr. Carl Brown with Dr. Don Buie



President of Johnson and Johnson Medical Products Ms. Teri Lawner accepting a certificate of appreciation from Dr. Don Buie