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COLON AND RECTAL SURGEONS

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President's Message



collaborative industry partnerships, and built effective member communications through the newsletter and e-news. There is no question that Cliff has made a significant and lasting contribution to our Society and left very large shoes to fill.

This fall saw the CSCRS participate in its' 10th annual Surgical Forum in Quebec City. Overall attendance was at an all time high and the joint session with CSSO on Colorectal Cancer Management was well attended and well received.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to be chosen to serve as the Society's President for the next three years. It is truly an honor and I look forward to meeting the challenges that lie ahead with our new Executive— Vice-President Terry Phang, Treasurer Paul Johnson, Research Chair Tony MacLean, Member at Large Carole Richard and our Executive Director Jasmin Lidington.

Marcus Burnstein, a former President gave the Phil Gordon lecture entitled: *"Surgical Technique and Rectal Cancer Outcome"*. Our paper session continues to expand raising the academic bar each year.

I have set three goals for my upcoming three year term:

1. Stabilize the organization financially.
2. Increase the total grant money awarded by the CSCRS Research Foundation
3. Promote national research projects endorsed and supported by our society.

On behalf of the membership, I would like to thank Cliff Yaffe for his superb leadership over the past 3 years. Under his direction, the CSCRS expanded its membership by almost 200%. We became a truly national organization with membership in all provinces and from all types of practice. We also established our research fund awarding an annual grant of \$10,000, consolidated

With our new Executive I am confident that the CSCRS will continue to provide leadership and advance the speciality of colorectal surgery in Canada.

The coming year, the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons annual meeting will be in

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Research Project Update:

A provincial audit to assess the quality of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for the staging of rectal cancer in Ontario

Eisar Al-Sukhni MD, Erin Kennedy MD PhD, Robin McLeod MD, Laurent Milot MD MSc, Mark Fruitman MD, Charles Victor MSc

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is increasingly being used for preoperative staging and treatment allocation for rectal cancer.

The objectives of this study are: 1) to describe the quality of MRI protocols and images and the completeness of reports issued for local rectal cancer staging in Ontario, and

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Dr. Eisar Al-Sukhni & Dr. Cliff Yaffe

2010 Canadian Surgery Forum September 2-5, Québec City, PQ



2010 Honorary Member, Dr. Denis Bernard at the Podium



Dr. Paul Belliveau with wife Aline Belliveau



CSCRS Vice-President Dr. Terry Phang with 1st research grant winner, Dr. Guillaume Martel



Dr. Phil Gordon with wife Rosalie Gordon



Dr. Terry Phang with 2009 research winner, Dr. Paula Devon Richardson



Past-President Dr. Cliff Yaffe with Theramed's Scott Corstorphine



Gordon Lecture Speaker and Past-President Dr. Marcus Burnstein with Dr. Cliff Yaffe

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Vancouver from May 14-18, 2011. This is only the third time the meeting has been held in Canada and I would encourage all of the membership to attend as it promises to be both exciting and informative.

Finally on behalf of the Executive, I would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday season and the very best wishes for the coming year.

Dr. Don Buie, CSCRS President

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CALL for 2011 CSCRS Research Program Proposals

Research Project Update: A provincial audit to assess the quality of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for the staging of rectal cancer in Ontario

2) to assess interobserver agreement on MRI by Ontario radiologists for key items required for local rectal cancer staging.

A representative sample of Ontario hospitals at which MRI is performed for rectal cancer staging has been identified and surgeons who perform surgery for rectal cancer at those hospitals have been invited to participate in the audit. To date, more than 100 MRI reports and images from 10 different hospitals have been collected and preliminary data analysis is in progress. In preparation for our second objective (interobserver agreement), we are in the process of reviewing MRI images for evaluation by radiologists and will shortly begin recruitment of Ontario radiologists to participate in the study.

Once completed, the results of this study will help to identify variation in the performance, interpretation and reporting of preoperative MRI and allow the development of strategies to reduce variation and improve consistency in the staging of rectal cancer.



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, 2011.**

Submit Applications by E-mail to:

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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@rcpsc.edu and communicate your message to your colleagues in the colorectal surgery community.

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