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Much work has been completed by the nucleus and corresponding members of the Royal College Colorectal Surgery Specialty Committee, over the last year. The process of establishing the Specific Standards of Accreditation for training programs, the Objectives of Training, the Specialty Training Requirements, and the FITER is quite demanding. The Specialty Committee had to create an Examination

transformed into ones requiring certification will be subjecting their trainees to new exams. The objectives are now in the CANMEDS format and specific for our specialty. These helped to design an examination blueprint and then short answer questions to assess the competency of those completing accredited programs, and those wishing to take the exam after being in practice for several years. The Royal College of Physicians and

The recognition of Colorectal Surgery by our Canadian accreditation and certification body represents a historic moment for those of us who were involved in the early days of setting up the Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. Dr Phil Gordon, who recently published a book on the first 25 years of the Society, should be proud of where the establishment of a certifying examination takes us.

The Specialty Committee and its members are responsible for reviewing the training and certification process regularly, and keeping all parameters in line with current knowledge and practice. The Committee also participates in the accreditation of established and new training programs in Canada. We currently have three programs: Toronto, Calgary, and Ottawa. These produce excellent candidates who will now be required to take the examination, in order to obtain the Certificate status of the Royal College.



Colorectal Surgery Specialty Committee at the Royal College.
From left to right: Dr. Paul Johnson, Dr. Martin Friedlich, Dr. Joanne Attard, Dr. Ben Yip, Dr. Cliff Yaffe, Dr. Paul Belliveau

Board to prepare a written exam for the coming month of September 2009, where many specialties recently

Surgeons of Canada website has all the necessary information on the examination process.

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Message from the President

As we welcome a new season, it is important to reflect on some of the important activities that have helped to advance the Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.

The membership is our Society is now at an all-time high. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all of the new members to the CSCRS and to invite you to our Annual General Meeting in September 2009 in Victoria.

The CSCRS Executive has been working hard over the past six months, through teleconferences and meetings in Ottawa. Some of the important accomplishments include the approval of the by-laws of the Society, preparation for the new Colorectal Specialty Examination and plan-

ning for the Canadian Surgery Forum to be held in Victoria.

The CSCRS Research Committee is presently reviewing abstracts for the CSCRS Paper Session and Poster Presentation for the Canadian Surgery Forum. I would like to thank Drs. Terry Phang (Chair), Stephen Kelly, Tony MacLean and Husein Moloo for their participation on the CSCRS Research Committee. If any members require assistance in establishing a national research study, please contact Dr. Terry Phang. tphang@providencehealth.bc.ca

There are now three fellowship programs in Colon and Rectal Surgery in Canada. The University of Ottawa under the directorship of Dr. Martin Friedlich is the latest addition to colorectal fellowship training in Canada. I would like to congratulate the University of Ottawa, Dr. Friedlich, and his colleagues on this important accomplishment.

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPS) now offers a specialty examination in colorectal surgery. The inaugural examination will take place on September 23, 2009 in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and



RCPS CEO, Dr. Andrew Padmos with RCPS President, Dr. GWN Fitzgerald and CSCRS President, Dr. Cliff Yaffe accept a copy of the CSCRS 25-year history book.

Halifax. Any inquiries pertaining to the examination or to the eligibility criteria should be directed to the RCPS website, www.RCPS.edu.

The 2009 Canadian Surgery Forum will take place in Victoria B.C. September 10 -13. This year, the CSCRS and CAGS are jointly sponsoring the Postgraduate Course entitled: *Laparoscopy Colorectal Surgery: Tips, Tricks and More*. This course will appeal to General and Colorectal Surgeons, as well as residents interested in the minimally invasive approach to benign and malignant colorectal conditions.

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Royal College Colorectal Surgery Exam Committee with RCPS President Dr. Bill Fitzgerald and CEO, Dr. Andrew Padmos

Left to right: Wayne Rosen, Stan Feinberg, Andrew Padmos (RCPS CEO), G. William N. Fitzgerald (RCPS President), Cliff Yaffe, Marcus Burnstein, Martin Friedlich, Terry Phang, Don Buie.

Research Committee

As many of you are aware, we now have a Research Committee as part of the CSCRS. One of its roles is to adjudicate applications for the Theramed-CSCRS co-sponsored annual research competition, which began in 2008. The other role we are hoping to foster is collaboration with respect to research endeavours, i.e. multicenter randomized controlled trials or coordinating data collection for specific research questions. Your ideas as to how this can be done would be appreciated and can be emailed to the CSCRS at cscrs@rcpsc.edu.

In addition, if there are any research ideas that you wish to seek collaboration on, we can use the newsletter as a form of communication. This column will provide calls for collaborative research protocols. Dr Husein Moloo, Ottawa, will submit a synopsis for a collaborative research initiative.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,

The Research Committee of the CSCRS

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OPERATING GRANT COMPETITION 2009

Applications are invited for research funding from the Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.

There is one operating grant of \$10,000.

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

The deadline for receipt is June 1, 2009.

Submit applications by E-mail to: tphang@providencehealth.bc.ca Cc: jlidington@rcpsc.edu

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The 2009 Philip H. Gordon Lecture will be delivered by the world-renowned Dr. Connor Delaney from Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio.

The CSCRS Symposium is entitled: *Colorectal Show and Tell*, and will cover a spectrum of interesting benign colorectal problems.

Victoria promises to be a spectacular venue for the 2009 CSF. Plan to attend!

I would like to welcome Ashley Cederwall to the CSCRS executive office. Many thanks to Jasmin Lidington, our Executive Director, for her tireless efforts on behalf of CSCRS.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Theramed for its ongoing support of the Canadian Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.

Dr. Cliff Yaffe
President, CSCRS

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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