The CUA exists to promote the highest standard of urologic care for Canadians and to advance the art and science of urology.

The CUA has recently passed a milestone – its 70th birthday. This was celebrated with a fantastic meeting recently held in Ottawa under the leadership of then President Stuart Oake. Hopefully many of you had a chance to attend this wonderful scientific and social event. That being said, plans are well underway for our 71st Annual Meeting in Vancouver. The Scientific Program Committee, under the chairmanship of Ben Chew and Alan So, has produced a slate of invited speakers that would be the envy of any scientific congress. We invite you to submit your abstracts to further enhance the program. The Local Organizing Committee includes Andrew MacNeily and his wife Amina, who will ensure attendees experience the vibe of the west coast. Plan to come to Vancouver in June 2016!

Since this was an anniversary year for the CUA, it gave me pause to reflect on the rapid evolution of our organization. When I was elected Secretary in 2002 we did not have a corporate office. By 2003 we had entered into a contract with the central office of the SIU to provide support for the administration of the CUA. This effort was spearheaded by Past-President Yves Fradet. By the time my term of office finished in 2006, the CUA had established the CUAJ under the guidance of Past-President Mike Jewett and established an Office of Education under the leadership of Past-President Luc Valiquette. In subsequent years the CUA established its own Corporate Office and has now embarked on its second 5-year strategic plan. The scope of the CUA has expanded to not only providing varied avenues of support to its members, but also CPD for other healthcare professionals, developing relationships with international Urology organizations, and instituting public advocacy for urological conditions.

However, throughout all these changes, there is one constant that has been the backbone of the CUA since its inception – member volunteerism. The CUA will no doubt continue to grow and evolve. It welcomes all members to play a part in this process. If any of you have an interest in becoming involved in your organization, please contact the Corporate Office and put your name forward. As a robust septuagenarian, the future looks bright for the CUA!