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



The CUA recently celebrated its 70th anniversary with a very enjoyable meeting in Ottawa. As important as reflection on our past may be, it is essential that our organization looks to the future of urology in Canada, a future that lies with the trainees at medical schools across the country.

The CUA is making a conscious effort to be relevant to these individuals throughout all phases of their education and evolution into practice. This effort starts with YouTube videos produced by the CUA and linked to the CUA website (www.cua.org), which feature Canadian urologists and urology trainees making the pitch to attract the best and brightest medical students to our specialty. In addition, students can link from the CUA website to various urology programs and CaRMS.

When it comes to post-graduate trainees, a Candidate membership category was created to bring our residents and fellows into the CUA family. Candidate membership includes a subscription to *CUAJ*, a significant discount on our Annual Meeting registration, the opportunity to participate in resident exchange programs with Europe (EUREP) and Australia / New Zealand (USANZ), and eligibility for funding from fellowship research grants administered through CUASF. In addition, *CUAJ* has created a "Resident's Club" section that invites residents to share their experiences, both personal and professional, on the working world of urology from their perspective. Furthermore, the CUA sponsors a Canadian Senior Urology Residents Meeting (CSUR) during the CUA annual meeting. The CSUR meeting includes a *CUAJ* reviewer workshop, a practical urodynamic course, and the opportunity to interact with peers and network in a professional capacity. The CUA also has a Post-Graduate Affairs Committee that formally liaises with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada to set the standards for urology training nationwide and to monitor the specialty examination process. This is a critical nexus that allows for the training of future urologists to align with changes in practice.

In addition to the above initiatives, the CUA is aware of the concerns regarding the job market in Canada. There was some excellent groundwork done by Sid Radomski in his role as chair of the CUA Socio-economic Committee (now Health Policy Committee) whereby he attempted to gather the best data on future prospects for jobs nationwide. In addition, the CUA has partnered with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and others to examine the urological manpower situation in Canada and projections for the foreseeable future.

The CUA is committed to the urologists of the future and wants to position itself as an essential part of their identity. I would encourage all urology trainees and practicing urologists from across the country to attend the CUA Annual Meeting in Vancouver, June 25–28, 2016. The CPD and social "menu" should appeal to all and provide for an excellent event.

It would be remiss of me not to say goodbye to Josephine Sciortino, who has been the Editorial Director of *CUAJ* since its inception. Josephine has been a dedicated and loyal employee of the CUA and I would like to thank her and wish her well in future endeavours.

To all our CUA members and their families, I would like to extend my best wishes for the upcoming holiday season and a very happy 2016!