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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 71st annual meeting is convening at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver from June 25–28, 2016. The scientific program looks terrific, with high-quality podium and poster presentations and an impressive array of international visiting professors to enlighten us during the course of educational forums and state-of-the-art lectures. The program gets underway on Saturday afternoon and will carry on until Tuesday afternoon. The scientific program is accredited so that attendees may accrue Section 1 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credits for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC). As usual, we will be encouraging dialogue and discussion during our scientific program to make the most of your learning opportunities. Kudos to co-Chairs Dr. Alan So and Dr. Ben Chew, as well as all members of the Scientific Program Committee for their efforts in putting together this stimulating curriculum.

The meeting will also feature enjoyable social events, starting with the welcoming reception at the Westin Bayshore on Saturday evening. The fun night will be Sunday at the Vancouver Convention Centre. This venue should be spectacular, with the backdrop of the harbour and North Shore Mountains. British Columbia cuisine will be featured within the theme of the “four elements” (water, air, fire, earth) representative of West coast ambiance. After dinner, we will be entertained by *The Void* — back by popular demand! The president’s banquet will be on Monday night and will be a more formal fine-dining affair, culminating with the handover of the presidency. I would like to personally thank Dr. Andrew MacNeily and Dr. Amina Zoubeydi for their efforts in organizing these activities.

This will be my last president’s message, as the medal will soon be passed to Dr. Curtis Nickel. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the corporate office employees and especially Executive Director, Tiffany Pizioli, for their hard work and unwavering dedication to the mission of the CUA. The corporate office has provided us the infrastructure to grow the organization beyond the administrative functions of soliciting membership and annual dues payment. Our office now helps to organize the annual meeting, fundraises, provides educational opportunities to members and non-urologist physicians alike, manages our journal, facilitates international relations, and provides education for our patients. Looking toward the future, new endeavors, such as advocacy and quality assurance, may also be undertaken.

I would finally like to thank and acknowledge the women and men of the CUA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs and members, who give of their time to guide the work of the corporate office and sustain us as a volunteer organization run by urologists for the benefit of our members. It has been a privilege and honour to serve as your President.

Come to Vancouver to help us celebrate the CUA and all it has and will continue to achieve for Canadian urology.