

## CUA-USANZ exchange: Melbourne 2017

*Alice Yu, MD*

McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada

Cite as: *Can Urol Assoc J* 2018;12(4):84. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5489/cuaj.5291>

The Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) organizes an annual course for residents of all levels enrolled in a training program. Trainee week, as it is called, is a weeklong event packed with educational activities and networking opportunities. This year, I had the chance to attend the course as part of the Canadian Urological Association (CUA)/USANZ exchange.

The educational component of the course was extremely well-organized. The week started off with a practice written and oral exam for the senior residents who were sitting for the boards that year. The rest of the week was comprised mainly of didactic lectures that were prepared by residents and mediated by a panel of experts in their field. Over the course of the week, we managed to cover a wide variety of topics, including oncology, urolithiasis, neurourology, and inflammation/infection. The organizers also invited specialists from other disciplines who gave lectures on dermatology, radiology, and pathology. In between lectures, there were small group debates and case studies to help consolidate the knowledge learned earlier.

This event was an incredible opportunity to meet and interact with fellow trainees from around the world. Prior to the CUA joining the program, USANZ had a long-standing partnership with Urological Association of Asia and the European Association of Urology. This was truly an international event! The path to becoming a urologist is so dif-



All the international residents at USANZ 2017.

ferent around the world and it was interesting to learn about the various training programs. The social activities organized by USANZ also allowed us to bond as a group.

The coordinators from both the CUA and USANZ were extremely available and helpful in organizing the travel and accommodations. This was a great experience and I felt very lucky to have been selected to participate in the exchange. I would encourage future residents to apply to join our USANZ colleagues for Trainee Week Perth 2018!

**Correspondence:** Dr. Alice Yu, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada; [alice.yu@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:alice.yu@mail.mcgill.ca)