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A major transition in the Corporate Office occurred at the beginning of 2011. After surveying the needs of the office personnel, it was decided by a vote of the Executive to alter the structure. The Executive Director position was terminated and the Corporate Office was restructured to create a “lean and mean” team. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Tiffany Pizioli, Director of the Office of Education, Josephine Sciortino, *CUAJ* Editorial Director, Nadia Pace, Project Manager and GiGi (Huong Duong) Nguyen, Membership and Financial Services Coordinator. This talented group of individuals came together and helped the CUA meet all of its deadlines and responsibilities during the restructuring phase. Tiffany has also been appointed Director of Operations in the Corporate Office.

The CUA also forged alliances with 2 like-minded associations. Past President Jerzy Gajewski promoted the development of formal alliances with the European Association of Urology (EAU) and with the Chinese Urological Association (the other CUA) with the establishment of the Bethune Society.

The first exchange program between the CUA and EAU started this spring. The representatives from the CUA were decided by a vote of the Executive after multiple applications were submitted. The 3 junior members include Drs. Ben Chew from Vancouver, Armando Lorenzo from Toronto, and Anthony Bella from Ottawa. The senior member fittingly is Dr. Jerzy Gajewski. They are currently travelling to various academic centres in Europe and their trip will end with their attendance at the EAU Meeting in Vienna. This is a great opportunity for a direct exchange of ideas among members of both societies.

This organization benefits from the support of its dedicated and talented employees who have been mentioned above, including the Executive members like Peter Anderson, VP Office of Education, Denis Lavoie, Secretary, Stuart Oake, Treasurer, and the members of the Core Executive Jerzy Gajewski, Joe Chin and Mike Chetner. These dedicated individuals provide excellent and tireless support to the CUA. We also welcome Anne-Marie Houle who will replace Stuart as Treasurer. There are continuing financial pressures, but the CUA is in a healthy position due to the dedication of these individuals and of the many others who voluntarily give their time.

Our next meeting in Montreal this June promises to be an academic, cultural and social success. Armen Aprikian and the Scientific Committee have put together an outstanding program consisting of 11 top-notch speakers, scientists and educators from Canada, the United States and Europe. The State-of-the-Art Lectures and Educational Forums will be topical and stimulating. The Scientific Sessions will showcase the talent of our active members and Canadian and international urology residents and fellows. Montreal is “the City” to host our unforgettable social program; Serge Carrier and François Bénard have ensured that the 3 major events (the Opening Reception, Fun Night, and President’s Reception and Banquet) will showcase the best of Montreal.

The annual meeting website (www.cuameeting.org) is open so please visit and register for attendance.

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