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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.



I would like to first wish all Canadian urologists and all of those we work with in caring for our patients a happy and healthy 2019. Working in the healthcare field helps us realize just how precious good health and access to excellent healthcare truly is.

Now that we are less than six months away from our annual meeting, I would like to personally invite all of you to attend and enjoy beautiful Quebec City in the summer time. The meeting will be an extraordinary scientific event organized by a superb scientific committee led by Wassim Kassouf from McGill University and Naeem Bhojani from the University of Montreal. They have put together an outstanding program with an amazing lineup of world experts addressing many of the most important issues we deal with in urology. The science will be informative, interactive, and forward-thinking, as well as practical.

Community urologists have also been involved in bringing topics of interest to those who deal with the important day-to-day issues facing practicing urologists. At the annual meeting, we will be sharing results of nationwide focus groups for community urologists and introduce initiatives that will be funded by CUA in response to their needs.

We will also have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Joe Schwarcz help us understand how artificial intelligence will affect our lives in the near future. “Dr. Joe” is the director of McGill’s Office for Science and Society, which is dedicated to demystifying science for the public. He is one of the best-known science communicators, explaining discoveries to the lay public through his radio shows and books.

Our Local Organizing Committee Chair, Dr. Stephane Bolduc from Laval University, has prepared what will surely be one of the most memorable social events in CUA history (I am obviously unbiased!).

The CUA has addressed comments made in the past and will introduce a new format for this year’s meeting. The meeting will take place over three full days rather than spread over four days, avoiding half-days at the beginning and end of the meeting.

Finally, a word about the venue...Quebec City in the summer is a site not to be missed and we are proud that it was recently named one of the top 10 small cities in the world. The city combines old-world charm, beautiful surroundings, extraordinary food, and first-class entertainment — truly a city I enjoy discovering over and over again.

I look forward to seeing everyone there to interact and enjoy what is indeed one of the best medical meetings held anywhere in the world!

CUA 2019 Invited Speakers

Armen Aprikian, Montreal, QC
Brett Belchetz, Toronto, ON
Mark Cain, Indianapolis, IN
Mitchell Humphreys, Phoenix, AZ
Nicholas James, Birmingham, UK
Steven Kaplan, New York, NY
Zachary Klinghoffer, Toronto, ON
Kathleen Kobashi, Seattle, WA
Ronald Lewis, Augusta, GA
John Lynch, Washington, DC
Derek Puddester, Ottawa, ON
Richard Santucci, Austin, TX
Joe Schwarcz, Montreal, QC
Samir Taneja, New York, NY