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It seems somewhat trite, but nonetheless intriguing, to look back on the extent of change that has occurred over the last 75 years since the inception of the Canadian Urological Association. In 1945, the Academy Award for best motion went to *Going my Way* starring Bing Crosby; the Andrews Sisters, Doris Day, and Judy Garland were at the top of the pop charts; and George Orwell published his anti-Stalinist allegory, *Animal Farm*. That year also saw the assembly of the world's first general purpose electronic computer, ENIAC, which covered 1800 feet of floor space. The average cost of new house was \$4600 and the cost of a gallon of gas was \$0.15. The Toronto Maple Leafs won their fifth Stanley Cup by defeating the Detroit Red Wings four games to three (ah, the good old days!). More soberly, in February of 1945, allied planes begin bombing Dresden, Germany, a firestorm that resulted in over 22 000 civilian deaths. U.S. Marines raised the American flag on top of Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima, and some of the first conscripted Canadian soldiers arrived overseas. VE-Day, the formal acceptance by the allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces occurred on May 8, 1945. On June 26, Canada became a founding member of the United Nations.

As regular readers will be well-aware, this year the CUA will be celebrating its diamond anniversary — it's been 75 years since we became formerly incorporated as a stand-alone association, with our first meeting in Montreal and Dr. Robin Pierce as president. Dr. James C. McClelland first presented the idea of the formation of an association of urologists in 1920; however, another nine years were required to finally meet as a Section of Urology of the Canadian Medical Association at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, in June 1929. For those of you interested in reading about these nascent steps in the creation of what we all now know and appreciate as our national association, there is a fabulous curated history page found on the CUA's website at <http://history.cua.org/timeline>.

From these humble beginnings, the CUA has grown tremendously in its mandate and influence. Over the last few decades, our association has boldly expanded to encompass many educational and advocacy endeavors for the equal benefit of the urological community and our patients, not the least of which was the creation and unwavering support of this journal.

In celebration of this proud history, CUAJ editorial board members are planning a series of articles highlighting Canadian contributions to the art and science of urology. In this issue, readers will appreciate the paper by Darren Beiko and a host of iconic names in Canadian urology focused on the history of endourology and stone management in Canada. I encourage you to take a few minutes to consider the degree of progress of endourology over the past four decades since its emergence in Canada in the 1980s and the influence of Canadian urologists towards its advancement — from technical to educational milestones. Keep an eye out for similar offerings throughout the coming year, along with pieces that continue to highlight the CUAJ's mission to serve all the stakeholders in our community, including ongoing sections dedicated to trainee and community perspectives.

Another great example of our journal's ongoing renewal and innovation is bringing rapid communications to readers on emerging hot topics in the urology sphere and commenting on their importance in the Canadian context. Check out the article by Doiron et al in this issue on the potential association between pentosan polysulfate sodium and alarming ophthalmologic adverse effects.

Our association, particularly because of its numerous clinically invaluable undertakings, has flourished over the last 75 years and its future appears bright.

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