

Message from the CUA 2021 Scientific Committee

Dear colleagues,

When Dr. James McClelland first thought of forming the Canadian Urological Association in 1920, would he have ever imagined that more than 100 years later, we would grow to be this diverse group of urologists and hold our annual meeting virtually in 2021?

Even last year, as we took over the responsibility of organizing the CUA annual meeting in Niagara Falls, Ontario, we were not sure if we were going to have our meeting live or virtually. We hoped to meet in person, catch up with old friends and make new ones. However, given that we are fighting a third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CUA Board of Directors — based on your feedback on the CUA membership survey — opted to hold this year's meeting virtually once again.

Of necessity, we had to squeeze four full days of our usual annual meeting into five evenings of CUA Night School, with a maximum of three hours of lectures every night. The virtual format has imposed limitations on the number of podium and moderated presentations, and therefore, most of the abstracts were accepted as unmoderated posters that will be showcased during the Virtual Poster Reception every evening (from 19:00–19:30 ET). We highly encourage all participants to visit the posters and chat with the presenters. This should prove to be highly educational. We would like to thank all students, residents, scientists, urologists, and allied healthcare professionals for their excellent scientific contributions and support of the CUA. Without their tireless work, we would not be able to conduct our annual scientific meetings.

This year's CUA Night School is a celebration of our diversity and strength from coast to coast to coast. We have an amazing Scientific Committee, who collaborated in planning the sessions and reviewed all the meeting abstracts. We greatly appreciate their insight and encouragement during the organization process.

Finally, we would like to thank the entire team at the CUA corporate office, especially Leona Hanneman and Tiffany Pizioli. Without their dedication and perseverance, this year's CUA Night School would not have been possible.

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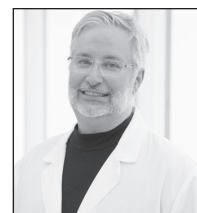
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