

Wassim Kassouf
CUA President

Cite as: Kassouf W. The CUA...80 and thriving! *Can Urol Assoc J* 2025;19(8):226. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5489/ cuaj.9360>

The CUA...80 and thriving!

At the recent CUA Annual Meeting in Ottawa, our organization celebrated a milestone birthday — its 80th! The event was a celebration of science and research, education, friendship, collaboration, and industriousness — all of the things that make our community strong and thriving.

The meeting also allowed us to highlight some of the very special achievements of our members.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is given in recognition of outstanding contribution to the advancement of the art and science of urology in Canada and beyond as a clinician, teacher, and leader. This honor has been awarded 37 times previously. This year's recipient was Ottawa's own, Dr. Stuart Oake, CUA President 2014/15.

The Award of Merit is a service award that recognizes an impactful contribution to the CUA. This year's winner, Dr. Alan So, has served the CUA in many capacities, including CUASF Scientific Council Chair (2012–14) and CUA Vice-President Education (2015–2019).

Dr. Mary Gospodarowicz, a professor of radiation oncology at the University of Toronto and one of this year's invited speakers, was bestowed honorary membership by CUA President, Dr. Ricardo Rendon. This distinction is conferred

upon a physician of outstanding reputation who has made significant contributions to the field of urology and has demonstrated a meaningful relationship with the CUA.

The Awards of Excellence in Education are typically given to two individuals: a resident who significantly contributes to and demonstrates excellence in the field of education, and a practicing urologist demonstrating educational excellence locally and beyond. This year's recipients were Dr. Julie Wong and Dr. Geneviève Nadeau, respectively.

Our current CUA Historian, Dr. Karen Psooy, also nominated to serve as our second female president for CUA 2029 in Calgary, has highlighted major achievements in the CUA history book. The 80th edition of the book was printed for the CUA 2025 Annual Meeting, where we also had a special history booth featuring a detailed timeline of major milestones. To learn more about our association's incredible volunteers and their accomplishments, you can visit the CUA history website at <https://history.cua.org/>.

We are so fortunate to have such engaged members, and as President for the year ahead, I look forward to seeing my peers and our association continue to reach great heights.

Pour la version française, voir cuaj.ca

The CUA exists to promote the highest standard of urologic care for Canadians and to advance the art and science of urology.

