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Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada Honours Quebec Doctors

Quebec City, Quebec - June 20, 2005 – The Council of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) proudly presented two of its members with special awards last Saturday, in recognition of their long-term contributions to the field.

The SOGC, an organization which represents over 2700 health care providers, presented the awards to Drs. Antonin Rochette and Cajetan Gauthier on June 18, 2005, as part of their Annual Clinical Meeting in Quebec City. Both of the doctors were honoured for their excellence in the practice of obstetrics and gynaecology and for their extensive volunteer work within the organization.

Doctor Rochette, an active member of the association in Quebec, was lauded for his many years promoting the organization and the ob/gyn specialty throughout the province. He has represented Quebec members on the SOGC Administrative Council, served as the SOGC treasurer, and is also an active member and former president of the Association des Obstétriciens et Gynécologues du Québec (AOGQ). In addition to his work within the organizations, he was also instrumental in the opening of a new Obstetrics and Gynecology unit at the Hôpital St-Ambroise de Lorretteville, where he worked for four years as the unit's sole specialist.

"Organizations such as the SOGC exist because of the contributions of doctors like Antonin Rochette," said outgoing SOGC President Dr. Gerald Stanimir, who presented Dr. Rochette with the President's Award. "He is appreciated by our membership as a champion of both the SOGC and the rights of women."

Dr. Gauthier, the other recipient of the award, was chosen because of his nearly 30-years experience as a mentor and practitioner at L'Hotel Dieu de Levis in Quebec. Like Dr. Rochette, Dr. Gauthier has been an ardent supporter of the SOGC in the province of Quebec, promoting membership and collaboration across the specialty. In addition, Dr. Gauthier also held the position of SOGC regional chairperson for the province of Quebec from 1993 to 1997, and has served on numerous committees and councils with the SOGC over his long and distinguished career.



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“He has helped to promote the specialty (of ob/gyn) and enrich the lives of both patients and colleagues alike,” said Dr. Stanimir. “Our society is in debt for his enthusiasm, dedication and camaraderie.”

About the SOGC: *Founded in 1944, the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada is comprised of over 2,700 professional members, including gynaecologists, obstetricians, family physicians, nurses, midwives and allied health professionals. A leading authority on reproductive health care, the SOGC produces national guidelines for both public and medical education on important women's health issues. The Society's mission is to promote optimal women's health through leadership, collaboration, education, research and advocacy in the practice of obstetrics and gynaecology. www.sogc.org*

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