



SCC NEWS

Fall, 2003

President's Message

Monique Bertrand, M.D.

It is with a sense of anticipation and excitement that I assume the role of president of our Society for the next two years. I believe our Society has a considerable and significant role to play in determining the future of the management of lower genital tract disease and colposcopy in this country and that, in the very near future, we will be making important contributions

to decisions and policies that will impact substantially on the practice of colposcopy and the management of women with pre-invasive diseases of the lower genital tract.

In this regard, a Pan-Canadian Forum on Cervical Cancer Screening was held in Ottawa on November 21 – 22, 2003. This workshop was chaired

by both Health Canada and the Cervical Cancer Prevention Network, in collaboration with the Society of Canadian Colposcopists, the Society of Obstetricians & Gynecologists of Canada, the Canadian Society of Cytology, the Society of Gynecological Oncologists of Canada, the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Canadian Cancer Society. Approximately 75 people, representing various groups were in attendance. Five position papers covering the following topics were discussed: the use of Human

Papillomavirus (HPV) as primary screening, HPV as a triage tool for abnormal Pap smears, the best technology for cytopathology (liquid-based vs. conventional), HPV prevention education and the cervical cancer screening delivery mechanism. Several recommendations have been put forward and it is hoped that these will be made available to the public by the end of January, 2004. We will definitely keep you informed of these recommendations, as I believe the implementation of such

recommendations will have a significant impact on all our practices as Canadian colposcopists.

As you will note in this Newsletter, several other events are being arranged by your Society and I would encourage you to participate in as many of these as possible. I would also ask you to let us know if you have other comments with respect to how your Society can help you.

Wishing you the best for you and your families for the Holiday Season and the New Year.

Past President's Perspective

Terence J. Colgan, M.D.

The two years of my presidency have proven to be eventful ones. The evidence supporting the utility of new liquid-based cytology and HPV testing technologies has grown. The 2001 American Society of Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (ASCCP) management guidelines have had an immediate impact on the principles of

management of women with an abnormal Pap test. Significantly, many Canadian colposcopists have had difficulty fully implementing these guidelines due to the restricted access of both liquid based cytology and HPV testing. In response, your Society developed interim management guidelines. (These guidelines have

previously been issued in this newsletter.) The Society is strongly supportive of the attempt to assess the merits of the new technologies and the upcoming pan-Canadian forum planned for November 2003.

I thank the other members of the SCC Executive for their support in the last 2

years, and in particular Drs. Peter Bryson, Jim Bentley, and Monique Bertrand. Thanks also to Hélène Soublière, our National Coordinator in Ottawa. The creation of this Secretariat has strengthened the Society's ability to work with, and support, the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada in areas of common interest.

As we move forward into the future, the SCC must continue to help its members provide the

best management for their colposcopy patients in these changing times. The Society can best do this by providing up-to-date information in all educational forums on new technologies, management principles, and clinical guidelines. Secondly, the SCC must continue to be a Pan-Canadian voice for colposcopists in Canada. I wish the new Executive well in meeting these challenges.

SCC Executive

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- S.C. Peter Bryson, M.D. - President-Elect and Secretary-Treasurer
- Terence J. Colgan - Past-President

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- Michael Shier, M.D., Finance
- Fernando Guijon, M.D., Membership
- V. Cecil Wright, M.D., Newsletter
- Terence J. Colgan, M.D., Nominating
- James Bentley, M.D., Programme and Education

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Secretary-treasurer's Report

S. C. Peter Bryson, M.D.

The annual business meeting of the SCC membership took place at the SCC Postgraduate course at the SOGC meeting in June.

1. President's Report

Dr. Colgan presented the SCC accomplishments from 2001 to 2003. These include the introduction of the Interim Management Guidelines, closer relationship with the SOGC, the development of a new secretariat, a stable and interested membership, a strong and broad executive, and the development of educational forums outside of the usual AGM. The upcoming challenges and opportunities will include the Pan-Canadian Consensus Conference on Cervical Screening to be held in November of 2003, improved relationships with other Societies, continued development of the secretariat support, and the new SCC/SOGC/GOC guidelines committee. Dr. Colgan introduced Hélène Soublière, National Coordinator for the SCC.

2. Financial Report

Dr. Bryson reported a good financial position. There were no unexpected expenditures during the last fiscal year. The major expenses have been the Journal of Lower Genital Tract Disease, the

Newsletter, Accounting Fees, Postage, Office Expenses and Bank Charges.

3. Membership Report

There are 140 members in good standing. Dr. Guijon reported on how successful the sending of membership application with the SCC newsletter has been. This method resulted in 15 applications for membership, 9 of which submitted the required documentation. The names of the 9 new members are: Yasmin Aziz, Susan Chamberlain, Nicholas Escott, Asiya Hameed, Markus Martin, Jill Nation, Jan Scheeres, Karen Stillman and Cleve Ziegler.

4. Program Director's Report

Drs. Jim Bentley and Michael Shier agreed to work with the local organizing programme committee in developing a SCC Postgraduate course at the Toronto CME event in December. It is hoped that such a program will be further developed and expanded by the SCC and can subsequently be delivered again in conjunction with the SOGC at other regional meetings. This meeting is to be held on Saturday December 6th at 10:30 at the SOGC CME Meeting. You may

register by completing the registration form at www.sogc.com, or by calling the SOGC at 1-800-561-2416.

5. Nominating Committee (Proposed Officers, 2003-2005)

Dr. Colgan presented the list of proposed officers for the years 2003-2005. The officers are:

Board of Directors:

- President:**
- Dr. Monique Bertrand
- President-Elect & Secretary-Treasurer:**
- Dr. Peter Bryson
- Past-President:**
- Dr. Terry Colgan
- Members-at-Large:**
- Dr. Laurie Elit
- Dr. Marie-Claude Renaud

Committees and Chairs:

- Finance:**
- Dr. Michael Shier
- Dr. Peter Bryson
- Programme & Education:**
- Dr. Jim Bentley
- Dr. Monique Bertrand,
- Dr. Peter Bryson
- Dr. Terry Colgan
- Membership**
- Dr. Fernando Guijon
- By-Laws:**
- Dr. Susan McFaul
- Nominating:**
- Dr. Terry Colgan
- Dr. A. DePetrillo
- Dr. Lou Benedet
- Dr. Michel Roy

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Included with
this newsletter
is an
application
form for
membership
to the SCC.
Please pass
it on to a
colleague
who is not yet
a member
of the SCC.

Education Report

Jim Bentley, M.D.

The Society of Canadian Colposcopists held their 17th Annual Postgraduate Course entitled "Comprehensive Colposcopy – Back to the Basics and Beyond" at the SOGC meeting in Charlottetown in June. Over 90 registrants were in attendance. Dr. Laurette Geldenhuys of Halifax discussed The Bethesda Guidelines and their implications for the Canadian scene and Dr. Terry Colgan of Toronto presented proposed interim guidelines. SCC members Drs. Monique Bertrand, Fernando Guijon, Laurie Elit, Michael Shier and Peter Bryson presented talks on clinical and management issues related to lower genital tract dysplasia.

Our guest was Dr. Henry Kitchener, Professor of Gyn Oncology, University of Manchester, England. Dr. Kitchener is currently the Chair of the NHS pilot trials in the use of liquid based cytology and HPV testing being conducted in England. His address to the Society was on "Follow-up of Pre-invasive lesions after treatment, discharge criteria and utility of HPV testing at discharge from Colpo Clinic". His wealth of experience in this area gave the meeting depth and an international perspective on these issues.

On Sunday, June 29th the SCC held its first Subspecialty Meeting concurrent with the other Subspecialties. Dr. Kitchener reviewed the UK experience with the implementation of liquid based cytology and HPV testing in the ongoing "ARTISTIC" trial of these new technologies. Dr. Monique Bertrand presented a fascinating account of "Optical Methods for Cervical Screening" and how this new technology may change completely how we screen for cervical dysplasia in the future. Marie Dolan RN, of Halifax, presented "Challenges in Patient Education – The Nursing Perspective". A lively debate then took place mainly between Dr. Peter Bethune of Charlottetown and Dr. Jim Bentley of Halifax. The issue of debate was whether the generalist in addition to the highly trained Colposcopists should perform colposcopy. Colposcopy training guidelines were also discussed.

The SCC program committee welcomes ideas for our next SOGC Postgraduate course planned for next June in Edmonton. To submit suggestions or thoughts for future SCC clinical meetings, please contact the SCC National Coordinator, H el ene Soubli ere, in Ottawa at hsoubliere@sogc.com

Calendar

ASCCP 2004 Biennial Meeting

Lake Buena Vista, Florida
March 15-19, 2004

SOGC's 60th Annual Clinical Meeting

Edmonton, Alberta
June 25-29, 2004

SCC Postgraduate Course

Edmonton, Alberta
June 25, 2004

SCC Sub-Specialty Meeting

Edmonton, Alberta
June 29, 2004

Welcome to the Society of Canadian Colposcopists

The SCC Membership Committee & Executive Council would like to welcome to the Society its new members:

- Dr. Abdulaziz Alobaid – Montréal, Québec
- Dr. Yasmin Aziz – Almonte, Ontario
- Dr. Susan Chamberlain – Kingston, Ontario
- Dr. Nicholas G. Escott – Thunder Bay, Ontario
- Dr. Frédéric Goffin – Montréal, Québec
- Dr. Asiya Hameed – Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
- Dr. Markus Martin – Montréal, Québec
- Dr. Jill G. Nation – Calgary, Alberta
- Dr. Jan J. Scheeres – Barrie, Ontario
- Dr. Karen Stillman – Saint John, New Brunswick
- Dr. Cleve Ziegler – Côte St-Luc, Québec

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Dr. Colgan expressed his thanks to Dr. Marie-Claude Renaud in accepting to become a Member-at-Large on the Executive Council. Dr. Renaud is a busy Colposcopist in Québec City with a keen interest in pre-invasive disease, and is working with both Michel Roy and Marie Plante.

6. "Building on success" - Consensus Forum on Cervical Cancer Screening

Reported on in another section of this newsletter.

7. SOGC Secretariat

Dr. Bryson outlined the changes brought on by having established secretariat in Ottawa. The changes being:

- The SCC membership database transfer to Ottawa – possibly residing within the SOGC database
- Email communications
- New members application process now in Ottawa
- Transfer of the SCC Newsletter to Ottawa
- Website program for membership

8. Membership Drive

Dr. Bryson addressed the need to come up with a strategy to increase the

membership. The SCC Executive will develop such recruitment strategy, by province.

9. Membership fees

Dr. Colgan reported the current membership fees should remain in effect for another year.

10. Fundraising

Dr. Colgan stated further discussions on this issue are needed. Dr. Michael Shier will continue on as Chair of the Finance Committee and will work with Dr. Bryson in developing fundraising.

11. Journal of Lower Genital Tract Disease (online)

Only three members wanted to receive the journal online and most members prefer to receive the paper version.

12. Induction of Monique Bertrand as new President

Dr. Bertrand was introduced as the SCC President. Dr. Bertrand took a moment to thank Terry Colgan for his work as President of the SCC. She stated he has really brought the SCC where we like to have it. Dr. Bertrand stated the SCC has a good team and a great future ahead.

13. New Business

- a) SCC will put on a Postgraduate course at the SOGC Meeting in Edmonton in June 2004. Dr. Jim Bentley is organizing this. If you want to suggest topics please contact Dr. Bentley at jbentle2@is.dal.ca
- b) It was agreed that the SCC Newsletter would from now on be bilingual.
- c) Dr. John Jeffrey, Kingston ON, is the new SOGC/SCC/GOC Policy and Practices Guidelines Committee Chair.
- d) SCC letterhead changes will identify the Executive Council on the left hand side of the page. As time goes by, more communication with membership will be done by electronic mail.
- e) Visit the International Federation for Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy (IFCPC) web site (www.ifcpc.org) for colposcopy information and excellent educational material. The SCC website located under "National Societies" is still under construction.