



ADVANCING PALLIATIVE MEDICINE IN CANADA

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF PALLIATIVE CARE PHYSICIANS

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TORONTO 2014

What a terrific conference! With record attendance, and a stellar program, Toronto's "Stepping Stones and Milestones" was a wonderful opportunity to mix, mingle, and muse. Our planning committee, led by Toronto's Dr. Jeff Myers, did an impressive job. Everything from the facility and food to the plenary speakers and learning sessions was first-rate. The bar has indeed been set high for Calgary 2015, but Dr. Leonie Herx and her team already are hard at work to ensure an amazing Calgary event. Plan to come!!

FABULOUS NEWS!

The College of Family Physicians of Canada has announced that in 2015 they will begin granting Certificates of Added Competence (CACs) within designated areas of practice in family medicine, including palliative care. The College reported that there will be two routes available to acquire a CAC:

- 1) New and future graduates of accredited programs who can demonstrate the achievement of the required competencies will be eligible for a CAC. Previous graduates will be able to apply to receive a CAC depending on their present scope of practice.
- 2) Practice eligible route: This route will require an application process and an indication of competencies. Committees will be established to confirm the application process.
 - i. Related details about acquisition are still in development, but will be tied to demonstration of competence;
 - ii. There will be a time-limited application process for leaders who presently have the credentials that indicate they already possess the required competencies for a CAC and have been engaged in foundational activities for their field of practice.

Other important issues are still being discussed at the College level.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The first-ever CSPCP lifetime achievement was awarded to Dr. Balfour Mount, a person whose signal contributions to our field over many decades are well-known. Indeed, it was Dr. Mount who coined the expression "palliative care." Although previous commitments precluded Dr. Mount from attending, his colleague and friend, our own Dr. Bernard Lapointe read a gracious acceptance letter to the Society from Dr. Mount. Dr. Lapointe quipped that, due to his long tenure in Quebec, Dr. Mount now speaks with a "heavy thick Quebecois accent." Accent or not, we were moved by Dr. Mount's words and thoughts, and certainly our Society takes great pride in calling him a member.

We were particularly pleased this year to have Dr. Eduardo Bruera, a founder of our Society and a pioneer in palliative care, on hand to present the award given annually in his honor. The Eduardo Bruera award was given this year to yet another deserving recipient, Dr. Dori Seccareccia. Dr. Seccareccia has led in an understated and humble way for many years, and her recognition was long overdue.

Our awards were presented on the evening of our gala, when we also proudly celebrated our Society's 21st birthday. Many founding members of our Society were present, including Drs. John Scott, Neil MacDonald, Deborah Dudgeon, Robin Love, Mike Harlos, Bernard Lapointe, Donna Ward, and Wendy Yeomans. With a suggestion from Robin Love, Jeff Myers and his team had arranged phenomenal entertainment from a wonderful group of talented musicians, Soul Stew. We enjoyed a lovely dinner, accompanied by photo collage of historical moments and people, followed by fun and dancing.

<http://www.cspcp.ca/2014-toronto-conference-photos-slideshow/>

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At the Annual General Meeting, a number of business matters were attended to. We were thrilled this year to have 5 nominees for positions on the Society's Board of Directors. This is an important situation, and one that bears recognizing. It attests to our Society's coming of age, and to the dedication of our members that 5 people were willing to put their names forward to serve our Society and our field. Regrettably, there were only 2 positions on the Board to be filled, so 3 highly competent and committed members will continue to serve in ways other than as Board members at this time. Winnipeg's Dr. Ted St. Godard was elected for a second term as Member-at-Large, and Dr. Monica Branigan, from Toronto, was elected for a 2 year term.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 20th annual International Congress will be held in Montreal September 9 through 12. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity to liaise with international members of our community, and learn from world-renowned experts. The Master Class, co-sponsored by the CSPCP, will be held September 9, 2014.

CSPCP BOARD MEMBERS — PAST & PRESENT



CSPCP Board Members — May 31, 2014: (L-R) Front: Dr. Jeff Myers, Dr. Monica Branigan, Dr. Susan MacDonald, Dr. David Henderson, Dr. Leonie Herx, Dr. Valerie Schulz, Dr. Paul Daeninck. Back: Dr. Jessica Simon, Dr. Ted St. Godard, Dr. Bernard Lapointe, Dr. Doris Barwich.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

- The 11th Annual Advanced
- Learning in Palliative
- Medicine Conference will be
- held in Calgary, May 28-30th
- 2015. Confirmed Keynotes:
- David Currow, Louis Fran-
- cescutti, Eduardo Bruera.

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