

**Canadian Hematology Society**  
**Société Canadienne d'Hématologie**



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**AN UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES**

**2007 American Society of Hematology  
Annual Meeting  
December 8-11, 2007  
Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta Georgia**

**Don't forget to put aside Sunday, December 9/07 for the annual  
reception at ASH. More details will follow shortly.**

**Editor Gail Rock**  
**Executive 2005 - 2006**  
President: Pierre Laneuville    Secretary-Treasurer: Sue Robinson  
Past-President: Armand Keating

The annual CHS meeting is under considerable discussion at this time. It seems that the prior schedule of holding the meeting in May or June makes it difficult for residents to participate due to exams. We need to hear from you concerning the best time for the Canadian contingent to get together – other than at ASH. Please email or fax the following survey back to the CHS office to help us plan the next meeting.

## CANADIAN HEMATOLOGY SOCIETY

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SURVEY

Please indicate your preferences and return to the CHS office either by fax at 613-748-6392 or email at [www.cag@ca.inter.net](mailto:www.cag@ca.inter.net)

1. Hold the meeting in  April  May  August  September  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
2. The meeting should be held  central location  rotate throughout country
3. Length of meeting  1 day  2 days  other \_\_\_\_\_

## NOMINATIONS FOR A NEW CHS EXECUTIVE

The Nominating Committee, chaired by the past president Armand Keating, has put forward the following slate of officers for the executive positions of the CHS.

President (2 year term):	Jerry Teitel
Vice President (2 year term):	Tom Nevill
Secretary/Treasurer (3 year term):	Stephen Couban

As per the bylaws of the society, “further nominations may be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer if signed by five active members and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee.” Our current Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Robinson, may be reached at [Sue.Robinson@cdha.nshealth.ca](mailto:Sue.Robinson@cdha.nshealth.ca). Please note that if no other nominations are received by 7 September 2007, the proposed executive slate will be elected by acclamation as indicated in Section 2 paragraph 2 of the bylaws as follows “The Executive is to be elected by acclamation rather than a secret ballot being carried out if no candidates other than those put forward by the Nominating Committee are nominated.”

## CORD CELL BANK

Also on a very positive note, things seem to be moving along with the Cord Cell Bank. Dr. James Lunney, MP for Nanaimo-Alberni, introduced a motion in the House of Commons Monday March 19, 2007 to create a national cord blood bank for the collection, registration and storage of umbilical cord blood (UCB) for use in the advancement of research and treatment of disease. “Stem cells from umbilical cord blood and other sources are already treating patients, and their potential is untapped. With a national cord blood bank, we could take advantage of Canada’s knowledge and donor base to help even more people, while providing a source of stem cells for research into a vast array of potential therapeutic applications,” said Lunney.

The motion, M-287, draws attention to the fact that non-embryonic stem cells are already being used to treat over 80 human diseases and are currently used in over 250 human clinical trials, and that umbilical cords and placentas are a rich source of these stem cells.

“We have a ready source of stem cells that do not have the same moral and ethical concerns as embryonic stem cells” said Lunney. “Every live birth provides a resource in the placenta and umbilical cord that could provide life-saving applications, yet currently most of this precious resource is simply discarded.”

M287 calls on government to adopt a protocol for collection and preservation of human placenta and umbilical cord blood, and to establish and maintain a national cord blood bank for preservation of umbilical cord blood for use in advancing research and treatment of human disease. The Canadian Hematology Society (CHS) and the Canadian Blood and Marrow Transplant Group (CMBTG) have advocated a national cord blood system for years.

Hopefully, the various players will unite and the motion, tabled by Dr. Lunney, will see action in the near future. Certainly, the history of the unrelated bone marrow donor registry shows that it can be done and it seems like, now, it will.

Dr. Gail Rock  
Editor

## Updates in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

to be held on

September 28-29 , 2007

at

TORONTO MARRIOTT BLOOR YORKVILLE HOTEL

TORONTO, ONTARIO

For more information please go to:

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Please forward to colleagues who may be interested.

See you in September!

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