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March 2004

Members of the Society are invited to attend the

Canadian Hematology Society Annual General Meeting and Scientific Program

Keynote Speaker: John Goldman, DM
MANAGING CML: IMATINIB AND BEYOND

June 2nd 2004

***London Convention Centre
London, Ontario***

- Submitted papers/ other exciting presentations/resident awards
- The day before the CBMTG Meeting at the same location
- Group rate reservations (before April 30th) at the Hilton - London, Ontario
Please call 1-800-210-9336 and quote CBMTG2004

PLAN TO BE THERE!!!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Armand Keating, MD, FRCP(C)

The CHS Annual Meeting and Scientific Program

Do you remember when presentations by CHS members and residents at the Annual Royal College Meetings were, by and large, well attended and, in fact, suffused with a sense of healthy competitiveness? I won't give in to historical revisionism however and suggest that those were golden days for Canadian hematology - there certainly were drawbacks: the meeting was expensive, our sessions frequently started at 7.30 or 8 am and flexibility in the program agenda was rather limited. Since then, we have held our Meeting in tandem with the NCIC CTG meeting or with other organizations.

It is clear that the Society in its present state cannot have a stand alone meeting but the Australians have solved this problem very nicely. The Hematology Society of Australia hosts an annual meeting attended by 400 or so participants, at which a number of allied societies hold business meetings and organize concurrent scientific sessions but all are able to participate in plenary sessions. Canada has the same scientific and clinical interest groups in hematology including thrombosis/hemostasis, hemophilia management, laboratory hematology, transfusion medicine, blood and marrow transplantation, clinical apheresis, stem cell biology and malignant hematology to name some but by no means all. There is no compelling reason why a similarly exciting, specifically Canadian meeting cannot take place. A Canadian venue for scientific presentations remains important, especially for hematology trainees (Canadian or otherwise) who are infrequently chosen to give oral presentations at ASH.

As a first step towards this goal, we will have our next Annual Meeting in tandem with the Canadian Bone Marrow Transplant Group Meeting, to be held this year at the London Convention Centre in London, Ontario on June 2nd.

Over the next few years, with the good will of the membership of sister organizations in fields allied to hematology, it is likely that a large, vibrant and important meeting will emerge. To help it on its way, I hope to see you in June in 2004.

Armand Keating MD FRCP(C).

**The CHS Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 2, 2004**

will be preceded by the Residents Sessions

2004 Jerry G. Scott Day

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

**Both are being held in London, ON
and both are inviting abstracts**

ABSTRACT FORMATTING

1. Abstracts should be no more than 500 words in length and fit onto a single page.
2. Abstracts must be 12 point font.
3. Type title in capital letters, authors' names and affiliations in capitals and lowercase.
4. Underline all authors' names, indicate presenting author with an asterick(*).
5. The abstract should include the purpose of the investigation, methods, results and conclusions
6. High quality diagrams or tables may be included.

Deadline May 21, 2004

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTION

Submissions by fax or email are accepted.

Please include the following information with your submission.

Signature: _____ (if faxed)	Institution: _____
Name: _____	Year of Training (if trainee): _____
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AGENDA

JERRY G. SCOTT DAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2004

Hematology Trainees (pediatric and adult)

There will be \$500.00 honorarium for the best paper by a trainee

<u>TIME</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
1:00 PM	DR. PATTI MASSICOTTE THE PETER OLLEY CHAIR IN PEDIATRIC THROMBOSIS PEDIATRIC THROMBOSIS PROGRAM, CLINICAL DIRECTOR STOLLERY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA	"VENOUS THROMBOSIS IN CHILDREN"
1:40 PM	DR. STEPHEN COUBAN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY HALIFAX N.S.	"MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE PROMYELOCYTIC LEUKEMIA"
2:20 PM	DR. MAN CHIU POON PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND PEDIATRICS DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN ALBERTA HEMOPHILIA CLINIC UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY	"HEMOPHILIA – PRACTICAL TIPS FOR TREATMENT & PROPHYLAXIS"
3:30 PM	REFRESHMENT BREAK	
3:40 PM	DR. JEFF LIPTON HEAD, CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA GROUP STAFF PHYSICIAN, ALLOBMT SERVICE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO	"CONTROVERSIES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CML – WHAT SHOULD WE DO?"
4:20 PM	DR. JOHN MATTHEWS ROYAL COLLEGE CHIEF EXAMINER FOR HEMATOLOGY, KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY	"THE ROYAL COLLEGE EXAMINATION IN HEMATOLOGY: STRUCTURE, CONTENT EXPECTATIONS OF THE EXAMINERS, AND COMMON CANDIDATE PROBLEMS."
5:30 PM	DINNER CLOSED EVENT SPONSORED BY SHIRE	

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The Thrombosis Interest Group of Canada (TIGC)

Janis Bormanis, MD FRCP(C)
Professor of Medicine

The thrombosis interest group remains very active in Canada promoting the appropriate use of anticoagulants. It does this through committed members who meet regularly to develop guidelines and keep them up to date and relevant. This is accomplished through the website, an annual meeting and with subcommittees that meet regularly to keep information up to date and relevant.

The website at TIGC.org is very active with information that is available for clinicians and patients. All guidelines are thoroughly vetted with analysis of clinical studies extensively discussed and formatted to be easy to digest and use. This format has been very successful and results in many daily hits from many countries.

The annual meeting brings together experts in many disciplines, Hematology, Neurology, Cardiology, Internal medicine, pharmacists, nurses, and technologists. This diversity makes the TIGC unique and relevant. The list of current members is presented on the web site. At the annual meeting in September 2003 a symposium on antiplatelet therapy was held in conjunction with the SSVQ (Societe des Sciences Vasculaires du Quebec).

The speakers and topics were:

Jack Hirsch - Overview of Antiplatelet Agents

Jules Lam - Lessons from CURE, PCI-CURE and CREDO

Philip Teal - Antiplatelet Therapy in Stroke Prevention

Robert Cote - Anticoagulation in Stroke Prevention

Clive Kearon - Antiplatelet therapy for venous thromboembolism

This was a very successful event and was generously supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Sanofi-Synthelabo and Bristol Myers Squibb.

The TIGC fellowship continues to be a very important part of the TIGC and is awarded every year since 1993 and is meant to facilitate trainees to further a research career in the area of thrombosis. This award has helped many excellent candidates and fostered successful academic careers. The list of such individuals is on the web site as is the terms of reference for the fellowship and application. The chair of the fellowship committee is Dr. W. Geerts.

The current president of the TIGC is Dr Andre Roussin. He has been able to bring diverse participation from Canadian physicians and to continue one of the first Canadian groups to promote excellence in thrombosis care through education of physicians and patients.

Please visit the Web site.

www.TIGC.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 16-18, 2004	CAAN/CAG Annual General Meeting	Val David, PQ
May 5-8	World Apheresis Association/American Society for Apheresis	Miami, Florida
May 13-16	8th European Symposium on Platelet and Granulocyte Immunobiology	Rust, Austria
June 2-6	Joint Meeting Canadian Hematology Society and Canadian Bone Marrow Transplant Group (June 2 CHS Day)	London, On
June 10-13	9th Congress of EHA	Palexpo, Geneva Switzerland
July 11-15	28th Congress of ISBT	Edinburgh, UK
Sept 24-28	XXXth World Congress of the International Society of Hematology (ISH)	Istanbul, Turkey
Oct 23-26	American Association of Blood Banks	Baltimore, MD
Dec 4-7	American Society of Hematology	San Diego, CA

The following residents were the successful recipients of the Crookston travel award, at the American Society of Hematology meeting held December 5-9, 2003 in San Diego, California.

Crookston Travel Award

ety of Hematology meeting held December 5-9, 2003 in San Diego, California.

Dr. Paula James - Kingston, ON
Dr. Luke Shier - Halifax, NS

Congratulations to both!

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