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President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

It was good to see many of you at Annual Scientific Meeting in Toronto last month. I would like to thank you all for the continued support you show our Association.

The CAMO Executive, consisting of myself as president, Dr. Bruce Colwell as president-elect, Dr. Desiree Hao as secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Chris Lee as past president will continue for the next year. As well, the committee leadership continues with Dr. Rashida Haq as CME chair, Dr. Bindi Dhesy-Third as fellowship committee chair, and Dr. Bruce Colwell as human resources committee chair. We will be taking nominations in November for the new secretary-treasurer, so please let Ms. Campbell know if you have a personal interest in this position or can suggest someone who does.

The Annual Scientific Meeting, co-chaired by Drs. Krista Noonan and Rosalyn Juergens, was a great success. There were a record number of attendees (178) and a record number of abstracts (65) were submitted. Congratulations are in order to the top 3 resident projects presented by Dr. Di Jiang (1st place), Dr. Daniel Khalaf (2nd place), and Dr. Zachary Veitch (3rd place). Thanks to all the residents who gave oral and poster presentations, and their staff supervisors. The presentations this year were of a very high quality and covered a broad range of topics.

Thanks as well to the presenters at the scientific symposium, who highlighted the meeting's theme of "A New Pillar of Cancer Therapy: Immuno-Oncology". The presentations included the following: The Breakfast Symposium on Immunotherapy in Urothelial Carcinoma (Dr. Arjun Balar), Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Immuno-Oncology (But Were Afraid to Ask) (Dr. Jonathan Bramson), The Clinical Landscape of Immuno-Oncology – Where are we now and where are we going? (Dr. Michael Smylie), and Implementing Immuno-Oncology in Community Practices (Dr. Michael Humphreys). The symposium also included a presentation on Physician Assisted Dying: A new Canadian Landscape by Dr. Jeff Blackmer, who gave an excellent overview of where this has evolved and what we can expect in the future (videos for all of these presentations can be accessed on the CAMO website).

The Annual General Meeting was held after the morning symposium. The attendees were updated on initiatives that had taken place over the past year. CAMO has signed a membership agreement with ESMO last November. In addition to coordinating educational initiatives with ESMO, this agreement entitles CAMO members to pay reduced ESMO membership fees and to pay reduced registration fees to attend the ESMO fall congress (see the CAMO website for further details). The issues of having the Annual Meeting at the Chelsea Hotel prior to the CCTG Spring were reviewed. The results of the needs assessment sent out to the membership

to get feedback about the Annual Meeting were reviewed. The membership was interested in exploring options which included keeping the meeting at the same time of the year, but moving to a different venue in Toronto, or considering moving the meeting at a different time of the year and possibly having it in conjunction with another meeting (e.g the Canadian Cancer Research Conference held in November). The Executive agreed that next year's meeting will again be held at the Chelsea Hotel in Toronto on April 26, 2018, but the time and venue of future meetings will be further discussed by the Executive taking into account the results of the needs assessment and feedback from the members. Dr. Hao gave the treasurer's report indicating that the Association is in good financial health. Dr. Dhesy-Thind reported on the Fellowship Committee and announced that CAMO funded one fellowship for 2017-18 (Dr. Doreen Ezeife). Dr. Hsu gave an update on the RCPSC Competence by Design and timelines for implementation. Dr. Maroun gave the report from COS. He proposed an opportunity that CAMO has to function as an accrediting body for the Royal College for oncology related educational events. This could give CAMO greater visibility across the Canadian oncology education landscape and could generate additional revenues for the Association. The Executive will be meeting with representatives of the Royal College in the near future to further discuss this opportunity.

This year's "Pioneer in Canadian Oncology" was Dr. Vivien Bramwell. Her lecture titled "Moving Westward – An Opportunistic Career in Medical Oncology" gave us a wonderful perspective on a most remarkable career.

I am looking forward to continue working with the Executive and with all of you to take advantage of opportunities to strengthen our Association and ensure its continued relevance to the membership. I hope to see many of you at the upcoming ASCO meeting in Chicago and wish you a relaxing summer.

Sincerely,



Hal Hirte, MD, FRCP(C)
CAMO President

Chers collègues,

Ce fut un plaisir de voir plusieurs d'entre vous à la Réunion scientifique annuelle à Toronto le mois dernier. Je vous remercie pour votre soutien continu envers notre Association.

Le Comité directeur de l'ACOM, composé de moi-même à titre de président, du Dr Bruce Colwell à titre de président désigné, de la Dre Desiree Hao à titre de secrétaire-trésorière et du Dr Chris Lee à titre de président sortant, continuera d'exercer son rôle pendant la prochaine année. De même, la direction des comités sera assurée par : Dre Rashida Haq (Comité du DPC), Dre Bindi Dhesy-Thind (Comité des bourses) et Dr Bruce Colwell (Comité des ressources humaines). Les mises en candidatures au poste de secrétaire-trésorier(ère) seront acceptées en novembre. Veuillez communiquer avec Mme Campbell si ce poste vous intéresse ou si vous souhaitez proposer quelqu'un.

La Réunion scientifique annuelle, coprésidée par les Dres Krista Noonan et Rosalyn Juergens, a connu un franc succès. Un nombre record de participants (178) y ont assisté et une quantité sans précédent de résumés (65) ont été soumis. Félicitations aux auteurs des trois meilleurs projets de recherche d'un résident présentés par Dre Di Jiang (1e place), Dr Daniel Khalaf (2e place) et Dr Zachary Veitch (3e place). Merci à tous les résidents qui ont présenté des communications orales et des affiches, ainsi qu'à leurs superviseurs. Les présentations de cette année étaient toutes de grande qualité et traitaient d'une vaste gamme de sujets.

Merci aux conférenciers du symposium scientifique qui ont développé le thème de la réunion, « Un nouveau pilier du traitement du cancer : L'immunooncologie ». Parmi les présentations figuraient les suivantes : le Déjeuner-symposium sur l'immunothérapie dans le traitement de carcinomes urothéliaux (Dr Arjun Balar),

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Immuno-Oncology (But Were Afraid to Ask) (Dr Jonathan Bramson), The Clinical Landscape of Immuno-Oncology – Where are we now and where are we going? (Dr Michael Smylie), et Implementing Immuno-Oncology in Community Practices (Dr Michael Humphreys). Le symposium proposait également une présentation sur l'aide médicale à mourir, Physician Assisted Dying: A new Canadian Landscape, par le Dr Jeff Blackmer qui a brillamment expliqué l'évolution de cette option et ce à quoi l'on peut s'attendre à l'avenir. Les vidéos de chacune de ces présentations sont disponibles sur le site Web de l'ACOM.

Lors de la Réunion générale annuelle tenue après le symposium en matinée, les participants ont été informés des initiatives mises en œuvre au cours de la dernière année. En novembre dernier l'ACOM a signé une entente d'adhésion commune avec la SEOM. En plus de faciliter la coordination d'initiatives éducatives avec la SEOM, l'entente offre aux membres de l'ACOM une cotisation réduite à la SEOM ainsi que des frais d'inscription réduits pour son congrès de l'automne (consulter le site Web de l'ACOM pour les détails). La tenue de la Réunion annuelle à l'Hôtel Chelsea avant la réunion du printemps du Groupe canadien des essais sur le cancer (GCEC) a été étudiée, de même que les résultats de l'évaluation des besoins acheminée aux membres afin d'obtenir leurs commentaires au sujet de la Réunion annuelle. Les membres ont exprimé l'intérêt d'explorer diverses options, notamment celle de maintenir la réunion au même moment de l'année tout en choisissant un différent lieu à Toronto, ou encore d'opter pour un autre moment de l'année et possiblement de la tenir conjointement avec une autre réunion (p. ex. la Conférence canadienne sur la recherche sur le cancer, qui a lieu en novembre). Le Comité directeur a convenu que la réunion de l'an prochain se tiendra de nouveau à l'Hôtel Chelsea à Toronto, le 26 avril 2018. Or, le Comité discutera plus amplement du moment et du lieu des réunions futures tout en tenant compte des résultats de l'évaluation des besoins et des commentaires des membres. La Dre Hao a présenté le rapport de la trésorière, précisant que l'Association est en bonne santé financière. La Dre Dhesy-Thind a fait le point sur le Comité des bourses et a annoncé que l'ACOM a subventionné une bourse de recherche pour 2016-17 (Dre Doreen Ezeife). La Dre Hsu a présenté une mise à jour de « La compétence par conception » du CRMCC et des échéanciers pour sa mise en œuvre. Le Dr Maroun a déposé le rapport des SOC et discuté d'une occasion qui se présente à l'ACOM, soit d'agir à titre d'organisme d'agrément pour le Collège Royal en matière d'activités éducatives liés à l'oncologie. Cela pourrait assurer à l'ACOM une plus grande visibilité dans le paysage de la formation en oncologie au Canada et générer des recettes supplémentaires pour l'Association. Le Comité directeur rencontrera des représentants du Collège Royal dans un proche avenir pour discuter plus amplement de cette possibilité.

L'exposé de la Dre Vivien Bramwell, « Pionnière de l'oncologie au Canada » de cette année, « Moving Westward – An Opportunistic Career in Medical Oncology » nous a offert une merveilleuse vue d'ensemble de sa carrière remarquable.

Je me réjouis à la perspective de continuer à travailler avec le Comité directeur et avec vous tous afin de profiter des occasions de renforcer notre Association et de veiller à ce qu'elle demeure pertinente pour ses membres. J'espère vous voir nombreux à la réunion de l'ASCO à Chicago et je vous souhaite un été reposant.

Bien cordialement,



Hal Hirte, M.D., FRCP(C)
Président de l'ACOM

Highlights CAMO 2017 Annual Scientific Meeting

April 27, 2017, Toronto, ON

THEME

A NEW PILLAR OF CANCER TREATMENT: IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY

The Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists was held on Thursday, April 27 in Toronto, Ontario. The theme was "A New Pillar of Cancer Treatment: Immuno-Oncology". We welcomed 178 attendees from across Canada. Three major symposium sessions were held including the CAMO Keynote Speaker, the CAMO Symposium and the Pioneers in Canadian Oncology Lecture Series.

Highlights of the meeting included the CAMO Keynote speaker by [Dr. Jeff Blackmer](#) who presented a lecture entitled "[PHYSICIAN ASSISTED DYING: A NEW CANADIAN LANDSCAPE](#)".

The afternoon Symposium highlighted three (3) speaker.

[Dr. Jonathan Bramson](#) presented a talk on "[EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY \(*BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK*\)](#)".

[Dr. Michael Smylie](#) delivered a talk on "[CLINICAL LANDSCAPE OF IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY - WHERE ARE WE NOW AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?](#)".

[Dr. Michael Humphreys](#) was the final speaker and presented a talk on "[IMPLEMENTING IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY IN COMMUNITY PRACTICES](#)".

If you were unable to attend the CAMO Annual Scientific Meeting but would like to view the speaker presentations, [CLICK HERE](#).

2017 ABSTRACT AWARDS

This year 65 abstract submissions were received by residents/fellow members, of which 53 were poster presentations (6 mini-orals) and 8 were oral presentations. Participants were able to circulate during breaks and lunchtime to view all of the poster submissions.

The 2017 Abstract Awards were presented by Dr. Rosalyn Juergens & Dr. Krista Noonan:

First place was awarded to [Dr. Di \(Maria\) Jiang](#) for her abstract entitled "[CETUXIMAB \(CET\) CLEARANCE AND SURVIVAL IN PATIENTS \(PTS\) WITH METASTATIC COLORECTAL CANCER \(MCR\)](#)".

Second place was awarded to [Dr. Daniel Khalaf](#) for his abstract entitled "[INVESTIGATING GENETIC DETERMINANTS OF POOR RESPONSE TO ANDROGEN DEPRIVATION THERAPY \(ADT\) IN PATIENTS WITH METASTATIC PROSTATE CANCER USING CIRCULATING TUMOUR DNA \(CTDNA\)](#)".

Third place was awarded to [Dr. Zachary Veitch](#) (best poster) for his abstract entitled "[ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIVE DOSE INTENSITY \(RDI\) FOR ADJUVANT DC OR FEC-D CHEMOTHERAPY IN BREAST CANCER - A POPULATION BASED ANALYSIS](#)".



From left to right (Dr. Daniel Khalaf, Dr. Zachary Veitch, Dr. Krista Noonan, Dr. Rosalyn Juergens & Dr. Di (Maria) Jiang)

CAMO AWARDS DINNER

In addition to an intense full day symposium, the 2017 CAMO Awards Dinner was held at the Ontario Heritage

Trust on Thursday, April 27, 2017. CAMO members enjoyed mingling with their colleagues and listening to the Pioneer Lecture.

The CAMO Pioneers in Canadian Oncology Lecture Series was created to pay tribute to Canadian pioneers in the field of oncology. The highlight of the evening was the CAMO Pioneer Lecture Series Award Presentation, which was awarded to **Dr. Vivien Bramwell** who delivered the Pioneer Lecture entitled **"MOVING WESTWARD - AN OPPORTUNISTIC CAREER IN MEDICAL ONCOLOGY"**



From left to right (Dr. Hal Hirte & Dr. Vivien Bramwell)

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Congratulations to the following recipient of the 2016-2017 CAMO Fellowships:

Fellowship Recipient: Dr. Doreen EZEIFE " **ESTABLISHING A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD: DEVELOPMENT OF A VALUE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK FOR ONCOLOGY DRUGS**".



From left to right (Dr. Doreen Ezeife & Dr. Bindi Dhesy-Thind)

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The learning objectives are:

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- Identify patients who could benefit from a palliative care approach earlier in the illness
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- Expand your role in providing a palliative care approach in your setting(s)

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To access this module: <http://pallium.ca/e-learning-resources/taking-ownership-online-learning-module/>

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