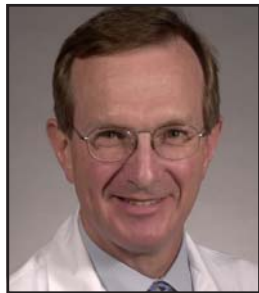


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Edward Tredget, MD, FRCSC

Message from the President

tremendous scientific and social success for our society and all attendees.

The meeting was preceded by our first **Strategic Planning Session** where the Board of Directors and past Presidents spent the entire day of Monday June 23rd, reviewing the mission of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons under the helpful guidance of Frank Byrnes, Human Potential Consultants Inc. and identifying the challenges to the society and plastic surgery in Canada for the near future. A major initiative from this session was the enhanced **Endorsement of BRA Day**, in Oct 15, 2014 which will see the CSPS provide economic support to the *Willow Organization*, a national not-for profit organiza-

tion of breast cancer survivors in support of Breast Reconstruction for patients undergoing mastectomy. In addition, the CSPS seeks to intensify its activities to support and encourage the development of Bra Day events in each city in Canada, where our members are involved in breast reconstruction so that we can assist survivors of breast cancer to inform and teach other newly diagnosed patients what reconstructive options are available to them, how others have benefitted and what can be done to advocate on behalf of breast cancer survivors to increase their access to reconstruction. At this year's meeting an enlightening paper was

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THE 68TH ANNUAL MEETING of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons was held June 24-28 in Montreal PQ as hosted by the chairman of the local arrangement committee, Gilles Beauregard, his wife Manon Choinière and their local committee Pat Bortoluzzi, Alain Gagnon, Patrick Harris and Lucie Lessard. The meeting was a

Contributed by Chris Forrest, MD, FRCSC (Toronto)

Dr. Ron Zuker receives 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award



DR. RON ZUKER graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto and after completing his Plastic Surgery training under Dr. W. K. Lindsay, embarked on a McLaughlin Travelling Fellowship learning about microsurgery, cleft care and burns in Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Eu-

rope. He was appointed to the staff at the Hospital for Sick Children in 1978 where he has remained and continues to be active to this day. He was Chief of the Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery from 1986 to 2002. When I took over his position in 2003, I knew that I could never fill his shoes but perhaps I could try to follow in his footsteps.

Ron is an ideal recipient of the CSPS Lifetime Achievement Award as there is no arena in the academic world where he has not made important and significant contributions. To this day, his career trajectory continues to rise and is a case-study in persistence, passion and innovative thinking.

Surprisingly Ron began his medical career in the Amazon Basin as a river doctor working for the Hospital Amazonica Albert Schweitzer in Pucallpa, Peru where his fluency in Spanish paid dividends. To this day, his commitment to global health continues with strong representation in Operation Smile. After he completed his surgical training he was integral in establishing the microsurgery program at the University of Toronto with Drs. Ralph Manktelow, Nancy McKee, Howard Clarke and Jim Mahoney. Quickly, Toronto became known as an epicen-

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THE CANADIAN SOCIETY'S Annual Business meeting was held in Montreal on Friday, June 27, 2014. The members present discussed Society business and made decisions which will affect the Society at large.

In Memoriam

Dr. Jean Paul Bossé

January 20, 2014

Annual Business Meeting

Board of Directors

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS was elected at the Annual Meeting of the CSPA in May in Montréal: President, Dr. **Edward Tredget** (Edmonton); Vice-President, Dr. **Howard Clarke** (Toronto); Secretary-Treasurer & Vice-President Elect: Dr. **Peter Lennox** (Vancouver); Past President, Dr. **Bryan Callaghan** (Ottawa); Historian, Dr. **Lucie Lessard** (Montréal); Membership Committee Chair, Dr. **Rob Harrop** (Calgary); Director, Dr. **W. Fred Watkins** (Kitchener); Director, Dr. **Bing Gan** (London); and Public Relations Committee Chair, Dr. **Kenneth Wilson** (Halifax)

Board observers are: Local Arrangements Chair, Dr. **Chris Taylor** (Victoria); Royal College Specialty Committee Chair, Dr. **Doug Ross** (London); Educational Foundation Delegates, Dr. **Douglas Ross** (London) and Dr. **Patricia Egerszegi** (Montréal); Young Surgeons Committee Chair, Dr. **Jennifer Giuffre** (Winnipeg, MB).

2014-2015 Nominating Committee : Drs. **Gilles Beauregard** (Montréal) and **Murray Allen** (Ottawa) were selected to serve along

with Past Presidents Drs. **Bryan Callaghan** (Ottawa), Chair, **Douglas Ross** (London) and **Patricia Bortoluzzi** (Montréal)

New Society Members accepted at this year's meeting are : **Active membership**: Drs. **Michel Alain Danino**, Montréal, QC; **Lisa Dickson**, Hamilton, ON; **Omar Fouda Neel**, Montréal, QC; **Charles Ferron**, Ottawa, ON; **Rebecca Greer-Bayramoglu**, Orangeville, ON; **Brian Hasegawa**, Stratford, ON; **James Kennedy**, Calgary, AB; **Michael Laliberte**, San Francisco, CA; **Catherine Lecours**, Québec, QC; **Ryan Mitchell**, Pittsburgh, PA; **Ryan Neinstein**, Toronto; **Alexander Seal**, Vancouver, BC; **Hani Sinno**, Montréal, QC. **Associate membership**: **Hasan AlAjmi**, Abha, Saudi Arabia

Junior Members added to the Society's Roster are: Drs. **Hollie Power**, *University of Alberta*; **Grayson Roumeliotis**, *University of Ottawa*.

Future Annual Meetings: **2015**: Victoria; **2016**: Ottawa.



DR. JEAN PAUL BOSSÉ graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the Université de Montréal in 1959. In 1965, following residencies in plastic surgery at

Hôtel-Dieu de Montreal and at the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital, he received a Specialist's Diploma in plastic surgery from the Quebec College of Physicians, and was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He then acquired further specialization in microsurgery and hand surgery in the United States, France and Switzerland.

From 1976 to 1985, Dr. Bossé was chief of the Plastic Surgery Service at Hôtel-Dieu, and program director of plastic surgery at Université de Montréal. He was promoted full Professor in 1982. Dr. Bossé was a member of numerous Hand and Plastic Surgery Societies and served as president of many of these, including the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons and Manus Canada. In 1983, he was president of the International Congress of the Confederation of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery (IPRAS), and served as general secretary of that Confederation from 1983 to 1992. He was also a founding member of several national and international Societies, including the Canadian and the American Society of Microsurgery.

Throughout his career, he promoted quality in plastic surgery teaching in his Province and abroad. He continuously supported exchanges between plastic surgeons in Quebec and those in French speaking countries and South America.

Both in Canada and internationally, Dr. Jean-Paul Bossé was recognized for his contributions to Plastic Surgery and the community of its practitioners. Dr. Bossé was a member of several international Hand and Plastic Surgery Societies, he was a Past President of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons (1979) and MANUS Canada and a founding member of the Canadian and the American Microsurgery Societies.

In 1979, Dr. Bossé was elected President of the International Congress of the Confederation of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery held in 1983 in Montreal. He subsequently served as Secretary

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Montreal Scientific Prize Winners

AWARDS FOR excellent scientific presentations were made at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Montréal.

Basic Science Prize

The Educational Foundation Award for the Best Basic Science Study was presented to Dr. **Amanda Murphy** of the Dalhousie University training program under Dr. **Jason Williams**. Dr. Murphy's study was entitled *Angiotensin receptor blockade is associated with decreased cutaneous scar formation in a rat model: a preclinical study*; with co-authors S Al-Youha, **M Bezuhly**. **Clinical Study Award**

The FM Woolhouse Award for the best clinical presentation by a resident was won by Dr. **Joshua Wong** of the University of Alberta program under Dr. **Jon Toy** for his presentation entitled *Electrical stimulation enhances sensory nerve regeneration: a randomized double-blind placebo controlled clinical trial*. His co-authors are **J Olson**, **M Morhart**, **KM Chan**. **Best Poster**

The Educational Foundation Award for the Best Poster Presentation was given to

Dr. **Chris Coroneos** of the McMaster University training program under Dr. **Nick Strumas**. His award winning poster was entitled *Obstetrical brachial plexus injury (OBPI): a national clinical practice guideline* with S Voineskos, M Coroneos, **A Thoma**, **J Bain**, M Brouwers

Epidemiology and Biostatistics Award

Recognition was given for the best presentation by a Resident in the area of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. The prize was awarded to Dr. **Heather Baltzer** from the University of Toronto program headed by Dr. **Mitchell Brown**. Dr. Baltzer's presentation was entitled *A mixed-methods assessment of direct and indirect patient costs following hand trauma* with M Roy, C Novak, **S McCabe**, **P Binhammer**, H von Schroeder.

The J.F. Murray award for Excellence in Surgery of the Hand was given to Dr. **Achilleas Thoma**, *Health Related Quality of Life in patients undergoing palmar fasciectomy for Dupuytren's disease* with MN Kaur, T Ignacy, **C Levis**, S Martin, E Duku.

Presented to the CSPS Annual Business Meeting on June 27, 2014 in Montréal

Report from the President 2013-2014

As we gather in Montréal for the 68th Annual Meeting of the CSPS, my term as President is rapidly drawing to a close. It is an important time to thank the membership for this opportunity to lead our organization for the past year, and to thank the Board for their engagement, guidance and support. The administrative leadership that we receive from our Executive Director, Karyn Wagner is continually a strength from which we continue to benefit.

Perhaps the most exciting news for our specialty broke at year-end 2013 when the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons announced their decision to decline the application for a new **AFC Diploma in Oculoplastic Surgery**. This represented a monumental victory for the Plastic Surgery Specialty Committee advocacy team headed by Dr. **Richard Warren** who had invested nearly two years of cogent compelling arguments at various levels of appeal hearings to convince the Royal College of the need to preserve intact the status of the specialty of Plastic Surgery.

Other CSPS progress this year flows directly from action items approved by the Board last November and these projects include:

Workforce Planning Membership Survey: commissioned with Nielsen (Harris Decima) to measure the opinions and practice environment of our members as we consider the training and deployment of health human resources in our specialty. This is mostly completed and was reported at the Board Meeting. Dr. **Bing Gan** has represented our Society at the most recent **Royal College Symposia on Health Human Resources** and his report was provided at this meeting.

Strategic Plan: at the time of writing we are days away from our strategic planning exercise, which will help us establish a set of values and objectives for the CSPS over the next 3-5 years. Frank Byrnes from Human Potential Consultants Inc. was selected (from an RFP) to facilitate our half-day June 23 session to refresh our mission, vision and values.

Operating Plan and Budget: instituted as an annual deliverable from management to be approved each November by the Board. This will serve as a helpful tool in allocating expenses and monitoring revenues.

Mobile Meeting App for mobile devices is a reality for this 2014 meeting. An idea introduced by Dr. **Doug Ross** during

his term as President was further developed over the past winter resulting in an app which will hopefully be uploaded by all meeting delegates this year. It may enable the eventual elimination of paper programs and evaluation sheets.

President's Award will be given this year for the first time and marks the beginning of a new tradition which will honour a member who at any stage of career has made an outstanding contribution to our specialty as determined by the president and the two most recent past presidents. We are most grateful to Dr. **John Semple** who generously agreed to commit his creative talent to the design and production of the award.

Regional Societies are a vital part of our professional community in Canada and I was honoured to be invited to represent CSPS at the most recent meetings of two of these – the Atlantic Society in Fox Harbour, NS and the Northwest Society in Sun Peaks, Kelowna, BC. Both meetings had excellent scientific programs. These two regional societies along with the Quebec Association of Plastic Surgeons deserve the support of the Canadian Society and we should look for ways to work more closely with them.

Dr. **Ed Buchel** has advanced the Plastic Surgery Journal into a fully incorporated for-profit status. He has constructed through a consultative process a board structure and share allocation, detailed in his report. As Editor in Chief he is owed a debt of gratitude from CSPS which remains the principal owner of the Journal.

Dr. **Howard Adams** continues to ably represent the CSPS at the CMA meetings and to report to the Board.

The work of planning the 68th Meeting of CSPS has been shouldered by many: **Ted Tredget** for the Scientific Program, **Doug Ross** the Educational Symposium, **Lucie Lessard** the GAM Meeting, **Jennifer Giuffre** the YPS Symposium and **Gilles Beauregard** the local arrangements host. **Peter Lennox** has kept a watchful eye on our finances all year, and signed many cheques.

My respect and gratitude go out to all of you who have made this an enjoyable year for me and a productive year for the 'Canadian Society'.

Dr. Richard Warren receives first CSPS President's Award



THE INAUGURAL presentation of the President's Award took place in Montréal on June 27, 2014. The first recipient is Dr. **Richard Warren** of Vancouver for his seminal work in reaffirming and defining the specialty name of Plastic Surgery before the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

The award is established to recognize an outstanding contribution to Canadian plastic surgery by a member of CSPS at any stage in a surgeon's career.

The selection of a recipient is made annually by a jury comprised of the President and the two most immediate Past Presidents.

As he has done in the past, Dr. **John Semple** generously agreed to lend his creative talent to the design of this award. Karyn Wagner, Executive Director, coordinated the timely production.

Congratulations to Dr. Warren on this recognition of his extraordinary work on behalf of Canadian plastic surgeons.

Visiting professor funding available

Visiting professor funding is available through the Educational Foundation of the CSPS.

The maximum amount per individual is Cdn\$1,500 to cover travel expenses, hotel accommodations and honorarium. Funds will be allocated with priority given to a professor visiting more than one center.

Application for funding may be made by contacting the Educational Foundation of the CSPS, 1469 St. Joseph Blvd. E. #4, Montreal, QC H2J 1M6 (Phone: 514-843-5415; Fax: 514 - 843-7005; e-mail: csps_sccp@bellnet.ca).

Victorious! University of Alberta - they did it again!



FOLLOWING A SECOND win in Calgary (!), the **University of Alberta** fielded a winning team to take the prize again in Montréal.

This year it was a very timely foosball competition organized by the Edmontonians as the previous year's winners. Eight teams competed in a well organized match that once again saw the Albertans taking home the mug.

Congratulations to U of Alberta team members: Drs. **Kate Elzinga, Eric Fung, Mike Morhart, Kim Sun and Josh Wong,**

Canadian training programs are again invited to field their teams for the 2015 Challenge Mug to be run in Victoria on Thursday, June 4, 2015. Don't miss the opportunity to take up the challenge!

Transfer to Senior member status

CSPS MEMBERS WHO have reached their sixtieth birthday are eligible to request transfer to Senior Member status.

Society By-Laws define Senior Members as: "...Active Members who, on attaining their 60th birthday, may apply in writing to transfer to this category. They shall retain a vote, but may not hold office. They will not pay annual dues, but will pay convention subscription on attendance. Sick or disabled members may also apply for transfer to this category."

Senior Associate Members "...shall be non-voting members and may not hold office. They will not pay annual dues, but will pay convention subscription upon attendance."

To request transfer please address a short note to CSPS/SCCP, 4-1469 St. Joseph Blvd. E., Montreal, QC H2J 1M6, Fax: 514-843-7005; csp_sccp@bellnet.ca.

CSPS 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award

THE TENTH ANNUAL CSPS Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Dr. **Ronald Zuker** (Toronto) It was presented at the President's dinner during the Society's 68th Annual Meeting in Montréal.

Nominations for the 2015 Award will be accepted until January 15, 2015. In addition, nominees previously proposed will be carried over for consideration.

Description of the Award Purpose

This award honors an established plastic surgeon who is a member of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons and has made an outstanding contribution to the profession and to the CSPS.

The award will be made on the basis of teaching, research, innovation and service to the community or other endeavors.

Nominees for this annual award will be reviewed by the CSPS Nominating Committee.

Eligibility

Members in good standing of the CSPS for at least 20 years are eligible.

The Award

The Award consists of the waiver of registration fees for the Annual Meeting in the year in which the award is bestowed and a plaque given at the annual President's Banquet.

Nomination Procedure

The complete nomination consists of a letter from a member of the CSPS formally proposing the nominee and outlining the nominee's specific contributions to plastic surgery and to the Society accompanied by the nominee's curriculum vitae.

Send nominations to CSPS Secretariat, 1469 St. Joseph Blvd. E. #4, Montreal, QC H2J 1M6, Fax: 514-843-7005 csp_sccp@bellnet.ca, **before January 15, 2015.**

Membership application deadline

THE DEADLINE for submission of membership applications and letters of nomination to the Membership Committee is April 9, 2015.

New members are accepted into the Society upon a vote of the members present at the Annual Business Meeting. This meeting will take place on Friday, June 5, 2015 in Victoria, BC.

Application forms are available on the CSPS website (www.plasticsurgery.ca) and from the Society Secretariat CSPS/SCCP, 1469 St. Joseph Blvd. E. #4, Montreal, QC H2J 1M6, telephone: 514 - 843-5415; Fax: 514 - 843-7005; csp_sccp@bellnet.ca.

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presented on the first inaugural BRA Day event in Calgary by **Robert Harrop MD**, Divisional director of Plastic Surgery at the University of Calgary, which was an outstanding success by all appearances. Their local meeting was in addition to a number of successful Bra Day events held at other Canadian cities over the past year and fashioned a template for others interested in sponsoring their first BRA day event. **A Breast Reconstruction and Awareness Day Sponsorship Package 2014** partnering with the Willow Organization is available on line via Natalie Witkin (nwitkin@willow.org) for any members interested in offering a BRA Day in their city.

Among a number of issues identified and discussed at the retreat was the need to combine the activities of the Educational Committee, Educational Foundation and abstract review committee into one overarching **Program Committee** to improve the organization and quality of our annual meeting. Ultimately, the Board of Directors passed a motion on the final day of the meeting to develop a single Program Committee, chaired by the Vice President of our society with membership to include the chair and vice chair of the Educational Foundation, the President of GAM Canada, the chair of the Young Plastic surgeons group, a number of members at large with the President of the CSPS as ex officio member. The intent is to reduce duplication, broaden the input into the content of the meeting, and ultimately continue to improve quality and efficiency of the meeting for the benefits of our membership.

Although many of us have attended retreats of various types in the past with mixed results of the time invested, in general the meeting was viewed as highly successful and useful for our society and our past **President Bryan Callaghan** is to be congratulated for his vision, inspiration and hard work to conduct a successful session on behalf of the CSPS.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting on Tuesday June 24th, a very successful and well-attended hands on Oral Maxillofacial Trauma course sponsored by the AO organization and organized by Dr. **Gorman Louie** was conducted.

This year's guest to the Group for the Advancement of Microsurgery (GAM) meeting was **Julian Pribaz** from Boston, and the sessions were well attended with ample numbers of outstanding approaches to reconstruction in two overarching lectures as well as a number of free papers and posters offered part of a highly successful and edu-

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ter of excellence and attracted dozens of trainees from around the globe including Professor Fu Chan Wei who, stimulated by his teachers, formed the world's largest microsurgery unit at Chang Gung Hospital in Taipei.

Dr. Zuker is one of the original pioneers of microsurgery. He is a founding member of the American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery and the Group for Advancement of Microsurgery (GAM Canada). He has had leadership positions in our specialty's important societies including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, the American Association of Pediatric Plastic Surgeons, the American Burn Association, the American Cleft-Craniofacial Association, the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, the American Society of Peripheral Nerve, the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, the Congress of the International Microsurgery Society, the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons amongst many others, culminating with the Presidency of the International Society of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery Congress in Vancouver 2011.

His CV is rich with accolades, honors, peer-review papers and scientific presentations. He has been teaching residents and medical students in Plastic Surgery since 1978. He has taught fellows from all points of the globe. He has given lectures on 4 of the 5 major continents. He has well over 100 scientific peer review publications and book chapters. One of his most significant contributions has been his textbook entitled Principles and Practice of Pediatric Plastic Surgery (co-edited with Bruce Bauer and Mike Bentz) which has become the go-to book for Pediatric Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and is heading for a 3rd edition any day now! He has acted as a great mentor for the latest generation of reconstructive microsurgeons and is generous in sharing his surgical secrets.

It is easy to say that the backbone of Ron's career has been his dedication to clinical excellence and innovation. The Zuker name has been integral in shaping the sub-specialty of pediatric plastic surgery through his contributions in microsurgery, cleft lip and palate and upper extremity surgery. However, Ron will be best known for his work as the "Smile Doctor". His passion has been the restoration of facial function in patients with facial paralysis and Moebius syndrome. To this end, he has revolutionized the ap-



BREAST RECONSTRUCTION AWARENESS DAY

OCT 15

Become an affiliate and bring BRA Day to your community

BRA Day promotes education, awareness, and access for women who may wish to consider post-mastectomy breast reconstruction through informative, community-based events across Canada. In 2013, there were 15 BRA Day events across Canada and over 30 countries participated. Organized by Willow Breast & Hereditary Cancer Support in Canada, BRA Day is a collaborative effort that includes plastic surgeons, plastic surgery nurse specialists, the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons, corporate sponsors, breast cancer organizations and volunteers. www.bra-day.com.

ORGANIZE A BRA DAY EVENT

Plan an event to shed light on the importance of understanding post-mastectomy care choices. Consider offering short lectures on breast reconstruction options; patient stories; ask an expert, and a volunteer led Show & Tell lounge where women can see first-hand the results of reconstruction. No event is too big or too small.

HOST A SHOW & TELL LOUNGE

89% of women want to see what breast reconstruction surgery results would look like before undergoing treatment.* Show & Tell goes beyond the before and after photos to help women have a realistic expectation of what reconstruction can and cannot achieve.

WILLOW MAKES IT EASY

Planning is simple with helpful tools:

- Starter Guide
- Show & Tell Guide
- Marketing & PR Toolkit
- Online event registration
- National Sponsorship

ABOUT WILLOW

Willow is a national non-profit organization that provides breast cancer help and practical information to all Canadians. Willow provides women with information they need to understand their breast reconstruction options, navigate the health care system and connect with others who have experienced breast reconstruction and know first-hand the challenges of living in a post-mastectomy body. www.willow.org

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proach to the management of established facial paralysis using free functioning muscle transfer with the gracilis muscle being the workhorse. With Dr. Ralph Manktelow, he developed innovative and novel techniques for transfer of the gracilis muscle from the leg to restore the smile in patients with facial paralysis. Surgeons from around the world visit him to learn this remarkable procedure. He has been recognized for his passion by the Moebius Foundation and the Smile Foundation of South Africa. There is a photo in the collage of Ron's office memorabilia showing him shaking hands with Nelson Mandela in recognition of his service to patients with facial paralysis. Ron holds honorary degrees as Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and Honorary Fellowship of the College of Plastic Surgeons of South Africa.

Everyone is well aware of Ron's interest in smile surgery but here are ten little known facts about Dr. Ron Zuker's clinical achievements

1. He has one of the largest experiences in the separation of conjoined twins in the world (seven).

2. He has set the bar high creating unprecedented success rates following living donor-related liver transplant surgery by evolving microsurgery into the team.

3. He described using the masseter nerve to power the gracilis muscle for facial reanimation and smile reconstruction.

4. With Dr. Greg Borschel, he has developed techniques for re-innervating the insensate cornea.

5. He performed the world's first lower limb allotransplant.

6. He has an anatomic point named after him.

7. He has expertise in the management of congenital giant melanocytic nevi.

8. He was in a television show with Monty Python original John Cleese describing the importance of the smile.

9. He has done innovative research with functional MRI in Moebius patients.

10. He is not afraid to cite Bob the Builder as one of his strongest influences and inspirations.

Ron's career began with a focus on the delivery of health care to those in greatest need. He continues to exhibit this high level of altruism with devoting a huge amount of his energy to helping children with clefts in low and middle-income countries spending time in South America, Africa and India with the Operation Smile group.

His latest endeavor is the creation of the Pediatric Vascularized Composite Allotransplantation program at the Hospital for Sick Children pushing the clinical limits of reconstructive surgery.

On a more personal level, Ron is very much the family man and is devoted to Gail and his three sons. He loves ducks and has a wonderful story to tell of a turtle in Algonquin park.

It is a small world under the microscope but it is incredible how far it can take you in the real one. His name is synonymous with excellence and innovation. In the arena of innovative reconstructive microsurgery, Ron has few equals. Dr. Ron Zuker has made significant innovations in the unique areas of conjoined twins, composite vascularized allotransplantation, free functioning muscle transfer, solid organ transplantation and global outreach.

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cational meeting. Congratulations to **Lucie Lessard** for a successful term as President and to incoming president **Sheina Macadam**.

The Educational Foundation sponsored a Breast Symposium where **Dan Del Vecchio**, Boston, MA highlighted the use of large volume fat grafting as one of their invited speakers. Very comprehensive discussions of approaches to breast reconstruction were outlined in the initial section followed by discussion of breast augmentation well presented by our own members.

The main body of the CSPA meeting featured 100 free papers and posters including 48 residents papers and interspersed with four lecture series by invited Canadian Experts. **Doug Ross** discussed **Management of ligamentous injuries of the wrist and upper extremity** and **Michael Morhart** featured **Treatment of scaphoid fractures and their complications**.

Anie Philip PhD, was recognized at our meeting as a local talented basic scientist who has taught research and wound healing to many plastic and other surgical trainees in Montreal after her recruitment by Harvey Brown, 1986 past president. Her lecture on the **Role of TGF- β and its receptors in wound healing and fibrosis** was interesting and well received. **Patricia Bortoluzzi** provided a wide-ranging and very interesting review of **Advances in Pediatric Plastic Surgery** on the final morning of the meeting followed by **Tom Bell** who discussed **Recent trends in the assessment of the ageing face** which was a conservative, instructional lecture that was well thought out.

Rob Cartotto reviewed the **Role of Plastic Surgeons in Burn Care in Canada** where he pointed out that numbers of burn patients continue to remain steady over the years despite regional changes. Small numbers of our member-

ship appear to be working hard, dealing with many of these life-threatening challenges to our specialty and while we continue to try to train residents to fill his well-described unmet need, "general surgery creep" into the field threatens to replace plastic surgeons as the primary care providers for burn patients in Canada.

The **Farmer lecture** as invited by , CSPA President, Dr. Bryan Callaghan was **Jeffery Simpson** a journalist from Ottawa, who gave a very insightful discussion of the Future of the Canadian Health Care System. **John Herdman** was the CSPA Guest Speaker and as the coach of the bronze medal winning Women's Olympic soccer team he described the highs and lows of Olympic athletes and team competition. He challenged our plastic surgery group to strive for individual excellence in performance much as he successfully achieved with the women's soccer team in the London Olympics.

Michael Beuhly gave the **Ross Tilley lecture** describing how the Tilley Foundation supported his fellowship training and how it has assisted him in developing an academic research oriented practice in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Residents receiving awards at the Montreal CSPA included **Amanda Murphy** for Angiotensin receptor blockade decreased scar formation (Basic Science); **Joshua Wong** , Electrical stimulation enhances sensory nerve regeneration (Clinical Study); **Heather Baltzer** for A mixed-methods assessment of direct and indirect patient costs following hand trauma (Epidemiology & Biostatistics); **Chris Coroneos** for Obstetrical brachial plexus injury (OBPI): a national clinical practice guideline (Poster). The youngster, **Achilles Thoma** received the *James F Murray Award for Excellence In Hand Surgery*, for his paper entitled *Health related quality of life in Dupuytren's disease*.

Relatively new sessions at the CSPA annual meeting continued to offer outstanding educational value on Thursday afternoon via the **Young Plastic Surgeons** session, hosted by **Jennifer Guiffre**, where **Steven Bellemare** from the CMAA offered advice on avoiding litigation in a panel on cosmetic surgery challenges before the *Masters of Disaster* continued to highlight the session.

Additionally, President Callaghan continued to welcome and encourage the **Plastic Surgery Nurses** group at their symposium where an interesting agenda continued to grow and enhance the nurses who care for plastic surgery patients.

Quite apart from the educational aspects of the Montreal meeting, were a number of entertaining and fun activities that were outstanding. This included the rich depth of talented musical entertainment of the Montreal region which included a stun-

ning and outstanding solo performance by Marie-Josée Lord at the gala dinner and extended into a highly entertaining **Beyond the Knife** session at the close of the meeting Saturday morning where our own member and breast reconstruction specialist, Alain Gagnon described his life as a concert pianist. Together with one of his DIEP reconstruction patients, Madame Robert violinist, they gained local and international recognition of excellence, whose extraordinary talents were clearly evident during his presentation. The gala dinner was enhanced by the presentation of Lifetime Achievement award to **Ron Zuker** who chronicled his career as a pediatric surgeon in Toronto and abroad.

The CSPS also was fortunate to have the opportunity to provide a President's Award to acknowledge the enduring and outstanding work of **Richard Warren, UBC** who not only has been the chair of the Specialty Committee in Plastic Surgery for many years, but also was instrumental in defending our claim to the name *Plastic Surgery*. Over the past year on behalf of the CSPS, he achieved the support of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons to maintain the exclusive right to the terms of our specialty by fending off a number of challenges from other competing specialties to embody our name in some form in their additional certifications which has been a controversy for the CSPS for a number of years. Great work Rick!

As a comparatively small specialty, one becomes acutely aware of the many persons who volunteer their time and effort on behalf of the CSPS. This includes invited speakers, reviewers, committee members, judges, and moderators who work on our behalf for little reward and recognition but on which our society depends for its success.

Finally, **Karyn Wagner** aptly described by Doug Ross and many other past presidents as "*the navigator of our ship*", continues to amaze each of us with her talents whether it is in depth computer expertise for our meeting organization and the affairs of the CSPS, friendly experienced guidance or her positive supportive attitude. Arising from our strategic planning session, the board of the CSPS has recognized and increased our support for her efforts on our behalf. We have allocated funds for the acquisition of larger office space for the CSPS, with enough space to house an additional employee who will be identified and recruited to provide her additional *complementary* assistance in new initiatives of the CSPS.

Thus, it is abundantly clear as the Montreal meeting has illustrated, the CSPS is a close, friendly society of many dedicated plastic surgeons with diverse skills which continues to grow academically, financially and socially such that the future

is strong and bright. Montreal 2014 CSPS was jammed full of interesting and useful information to challenge the stamina of all who attended. Thus, we encourage everyone to begin planning to attend the next bigger and better annual meeting of the CSPS in 2015 in Victoria.

Jean Paul Bossé, from page 2

General of IPRAS until 1992. From 1992-2000 he served as President of IPRAF, the educational foundation of the International Confederation.

In recognition of his contribution to the advancement of plastic and reconstructive surgery, Dr. Bossé was honoured in 1990 as the first recipient of the Medal of Honor presented by the Quebec Association of Plastic Surgeons. In 1992 in Berlin, Germany, he was presented with the Dieffenbeck Medal, an accolade reserved for the world's most distinguished plastic surgeons. In 2006 he received the CSPS Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his contributions to the art and science of plastic surgery and to the plastic surgery community.

Dr. Bossé participated in numerous research programs dedicated to microsurgery, hand surgery and facial expression authoring more than 350 scientific presentations, articles and videos.

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