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Message from the President



Gorman Louie, MD, FRCSC

IT IS MY DISTINCT PRIVILEGE to write to you, the members of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons, as your President. It is indeed an honour to be entrusted with the responsibilities of representing our Society, as we move forward into our seventy-

second year. When I look back at my predecessors in this role, I am truly humbled to follow in their footsteps.

CSPS has changed substantially over the years, but the closeness and collegiality of our membership remains our hallmark. As Program Chair for the recently completed meeting in Winnipeg, I was reminded of this, by the willingness of our members to contribute in any role asked of them. It was these contributions that safeguarded a tremendously successful meeting on all accounts. The educational content and social activities and entertainment were exceptional. Compliments and thanks to local organizing leads Drs. Jennifer Giuffre and Tom Hayakawa for a superb effort in

facilitating local arrangements. Highlights of the meeting included a revamped Educational Foundation program featuring 'The Game of Skin and Bones' which showcased outstanding accomplishments in patient care from each academic teaching program. Kudos to Dr. Regan Guilfoyle (University of Alberta) for her winning presentation and EF President Dr. **Leif Sigurdson** for the innovative and stimulating program. Dr. **Tom Hayakawa** on drums and his band entertained us all on fun night and were joined onstage by Dr. **Rick Warren** on keyboard and Drs. **Gord Wilkes** and

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There are so many children everywhere in the Congo

THERE IS A STRONG INTEREST and considerable experience among CSPS members in providing humanitarian medical care and plastic surgeons have long been involved in overseas surgical missions. Operation Smile, Operation Rainbow, and many other plastic surgery organizations provide much needed plastic surgical care for cleft lip and palate, burns and other pathologies.

I was attracted to Doctors without Borders/Médecins sans

Contributed by Dr. Bing Siang Gan (London)

With Médecins sans frontières in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Frontières, an association of medical and non-medical personnel established in 1971 in Paris. MSF provides medical care to populations in distress, to victims of natural and man-made disasters and to victims of armed conflict. They do so irrespective of race, religion, creed or political convictions, while observing strict neutrality and impartiality in the name of universal medical ethics and the right to humanitarian assistance. Members undertake to respect their professional code of ethics and to maintain complete independence from all political, economic, or religious powers. In addition to providing medical care, MSF's other

main raison d'être is to bear witness. In 1999, MSF received the Nobel Peace Prize for its work. Currently MSF operates in 70 countries worldwide and has 30+ thousand employees of whom under 10% are internationals. At any point in time, MSF Canada has approximately 175-200 Canadians in the field, 2/3 of whom are non-medical and half of whom come from Quebec.

I recently returned from a 6-week mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, specifically in the northeastern province of North-Kivu

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THE CANADIAN SOCIETY'S Annual Business meeting was held in Winnipeg on Friday, June 23, 2017. The members present discussed Society business and made decisions which will affect the Society at large.

Annual Business Meeting

Board of Directors

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS was elected at the Annual Meeting of the CSPS in June in Winnipeg: President, Dr. **Gorman Louie** (Edmonton); Vice-President Dr. **Rob Harrop** (Calgary); Vice-President Elect & Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. **Bing Gan** (London); Secretary-Treasurer: Past President, Dr. **Peter Lennox** (Vancouver); Historian, Dr. **Steven Morris** (Halifax); Membership Committee Chair, Dr. **Tom Hayakawa** (Winnipeg); Director, Dr. **Frankie Fraulin** (Calgary); Director, Dr. **Carolyn Levis** (Hamilton); and Public Relations Committee Chair, Dr. **Mitchell Brown** (Toronto)

Board observers are: Local Arrangements Chair, Drs. **Lisa Korus** (Edmonton); Royal College Specialty Committee Chair, Dr. **Doug Ross** (London); Educational Foundation Delegates, Dr. **Patricia Egerszegi** (Montréal) and Dr. **Geoff Cook** (Saint John); Young Surgeons Committee Chair, Dr. **Chris Doherty** (London).

2017-2018 Nominating Committee: Drs. **Danny Peters** (Ottawa) and **Earl Campbell** (Calgary) were selected to serve along with Past Presidents Drs. **Peter Lennox** (Vancouver), Chair, **Howard Clarke** (Toronto), and **Edward Tredget** (Edmonton).

New Society Members accepted at this year's meeting are : **Active membership:** Drs. **Sabrina Cugno**, Montréal, QC; **Simon Frank**, Halifax, NS; **Sol Gregory**, Campbell River, BC; **Erika Henkelman**, Vancouver, BC; **Jennifer Klok**, Peterborough, ON; **Peter Kwan**, Edmonton, AB; **Adil Ladak**, Edmonton, AB; **Hae Mi Lee**, Ottawa, ON; **Megan Lyons**, White City, SK; **Jyoti McGregor**, Winnipeg, MB; **Daniel McKee**, Saint John, NB; **Mark McRae**, Hamilton, ON; **Christian Petroplis**, Winnipeg, MB; **Anne-Marie Pion**, Gatineau, QC; **Sarah Shiga**, Ottawa, ON; **Stephanie Thibaudeau**, Montréal, QC; **Dominique Tremblay**, Montréal, QC.

Honorary membership: Dr. **Joon-Pio Hong**, Seoul, Korea; Mr. **Umraz Khan**, London, England.

Junior Members added to the Society's Roster are: Drs. **Becher Alhalabi**, McGill University; **Karen Chung**, University of Toronto.

Future Annual Meetings: 2018: Jasper, Alberta; 2019: St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador; 2020: Québec, Québec.

Winnipeg Scientific Prize Winners

AWARDS FOR excellent scientific presentations were made at the 2016 Annual Meeting in Ottawa.

Basic Science Prize

The Educational Foundation Award for the Best Basic Science Study was presented to Dr. **Ahmed Al-Qattan** of the McGill University training program under Dr. **Mirko Gilardino**. Dr. Al-Qattan's study was entitled *The effect of nAG (a salamander-derived protein) on fibrosis in scleroderma fibroblasts*; with co-authors **L Lessard** and **A Philip**, both of whom acted as Research Supervisors.

Clinical Study Award

The FM Woolhouse Award for the best clinical presentation by a resident was won by Dr. **Aaron Knox** of the University of British Columbia program under Dr. **Mark Hill** for his presentation entitled *Performance of paediatric core procedural competencies amongst Canadian Plastic Surgery Residents*. His co-authors are **J Shih**, **D Courtemanche**, **J Fish**, **M Brown**.

Best Poster

The Educational Foundation Award for the Best Poster Presentation was given to Dr. **Joseph Catapano** of the University of Toronto training program under Dr. **Mitchell Brown**. His award winning poster was entitled *Documentation of corneal reinnervation and investigation of improved ocular surface health after corneal neurotisation in patients with neutrophilic keratopathy* with **SSM Fung**, **C Jobst**, **RM Zuker**, **A Ali**, **GH Borschel** (Research Supervisor).

Innovation Award

Recognition was given for the best presentation by a Resident in the area of Innovation. The prize was awarded to Dr. **Daniel Demsey** of the University of British Columbia program under Dr. **Mark Hill**.

CSPS 2017 President's Medal presented to Dr. Douglas Ross



Dr. **Douglas Ross** received the CSPS 2017 President's Medal from Dr. **Peter Lennox**.

This award recognizes a CSPS member who has made an extraordinary contribution to the betterment of the specialty of Plastic Surgery. It recognizes a singularly outstanding contribution at any stage of career.

New Plastic Surgeons certified in 2017

Congratulations to 25 Plastic Surgeons newly certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada:

Drs. Noor Alolabi, Khalid Arab, Arezoo Astenehe, Chanel Beaudoin Cloutier, Chris Coroneos, Morgan Evans, Joshua Gillis, Serge Goekjian, Victoria Hayward, Mike Hendry, Aaron Knox, Terence Kwan-Wong, Anne-Sophie Lessard, Claudia Malic, Svetlana Matei, Giancarlo McEvenue, Colin McInnes, Matthew Murphy, Hollie Power, Imran Ratanshi, Andrée-Anne Roy, Kathryn Sawa, Andrew Simpson, Jill Stone and Lauren Willoughby.

Dr. Demsey's presentation was entitled *Feasibility of using optical sensing to measure bore depth in surgical bone drilling* with, **JPG Arrunategui**, **N Carr**, (Research Supervisor), **A Hodgson** (Research Supervisor).

Presented to the CSPS Annual Business Meeting on June 23, 2017 in Winnipeg

Report from the President 2016-2017

BIA-ALCL

This continues to be an important issue facing plastic surgeons and our patients. I have been the Canadian representative to the Global ALCL network, which has worked to collect data and provide the most up to date information for members. I will continue in this role.

CSPS and CSAPS have worked collaboratively to distribute information to our members as it has become available from outside sources, including ASPs and ASAPS as well as other international societies.

I have had significant interaction with Health Canada, both written and in the form of conference calls. They are in the process of trying to bring themselves up to speed on this issue, and collaboration with HC will be important in the future.

I believe that this will become an increasingly important issue facing plastic surgeons and our patients, and that the CSPS should continue to have a strong presence in educating our members and patients.

Website Re Design

The new website is complete and functional, and has a much more modern look. There continue to be small issues that have been resolved over the past year. The Board has also worked over the last year to consider whether the Society should have a social media presence, and if so, what the scope of that should be. This will be further discussed and a plan developed for the future at the Fall Board meeting.

President's Medal

The President's Medal this year will be awarded to Dr. **Doug Ross** for his leadership in academic plastic surgery. Dr. Ross has served as the Chief of Plastic Surgery at the University of Western Ontario for many years, as an examiner and Chief Examiner for the Royal College, and is the current chair of the Specialty Committee in Plastic Surgery. He has also a past President of the CSPS. He has demonstrated a commitment to Canadian plastic surgery that is worthy of this recognition.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The 2017 CSPS Lifetime Achievement Award this year will be awarded to Dr. **Nancy McKee**.

International Representation

I had the privilege of representing the CSPS at the Brazilian Society of Plastic Surgery meeting in the fall of 2016. I gave

3 talks in 4 days, and represented the CSPS at the inaugural "World Forum on Safety, Complications and Upholding of Plastic Surgery." I suspect that this will ultimately become the new version of "IQUAM" within ICOPLAST.

Electronic Posters

This will be the second year trialing this format. They were well received last year. The feedback from this year, as well as cost analysis, will be useful in deciding the role of this format in future meetings.

Financial Status

Dr. **Bing Siang Gan** has provided excellent stewardship over the finances of the society.

2017 Meeting Invited Speakers

I have had the pleasure of inviting Dr. JP Hong from Seoul South Korea and Dr. Dike Drummond as speakers for the 2017 meeting. Dr. Hong is an internationally recognized reconstructive microsurgeon. Dr. Drummond specializes in physician burn out and physician health and strategies to improve these.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank my colleagues on the board, as well as Ms. Karyn Wagner, for their outstanding support and guidance over the past year. It has been a real privilege to represent the CSPS and the Board, and their contribution has been very much appreciated.

Membership application deadline

THE DEADLINE for submission of membership applications and letters of nomination to the Membership Committee is April 23, 2018.

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 22, 2018 in Jasper, Alberta.

New members will receive their certificate at the President's Banquet that evening.

Application forms are available on the CSPS website (www.plasticsurgery.ca) and from the Society Secretariat CSPS/SCCP, PO Box 60192 Saint-Denis, Montreal, QC H2J 4E1, telephone: 514 - 843-5415; Fax: 514 - 843-7005; csp_sccp@bellnet.ca.

In memoriam

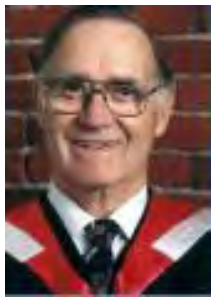


Dr. Reid Waters
August 4, 1917

Dr. **Reid Waters** graduated from Campion College in Regina and was then accepted into micro-biology at McGill University where he entered Medicine after only two years of the undergraduate program. Following his graduation in 1955, Dr. Waters completed his general

surgery and plastic surgery residencies at McGill. In 1962, he moved to Winnipeg to start his practice at the Winnipeg Clinic. In 1964, he helped establish a plastic surgery residency program in Winnipeg. He was an associate professor at the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Medicine for many years and became Chief of Plastic Surgery later in his career. In 1976, he was one of three Canadian plastic surgeons invited by the Chinese government to share the latest in burns care management and micro-surgery. In 1974, Reid Waters established his practice at Plastic Surgery Associates. Reid spearheaded the opening of Manitoba's first Surgery Centre for cosmetic and dental surgery, the Western Surgery Centre in 1985. He served as Head of Surgery at the Misericordia Hospital in the 1990s. He was very involved in the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons and in 1981, served as its president. He was also active as Chair of the Ethics Council with the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. Reid was deeply interested in continuing medical education and was one of the primary crusaders for the development of an educational foundation for the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons as well as inviting professors from all over the world to lecture annually to the Plastic Surgery residents in Winnipeg. He was a strong advocate for the best medical care, pioneered many groundbreaking surgeries and profoundly changed the lives of numerous patients. In 2007, Dr. Waters was awarded a lifetime achievement award from the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons, an honour for his outstanding contribution to the profession of plastic surgery.

In memoriam



Dr. James Ross
August 31, 2016

Dr. Ross began his university education at UNB but was interrupted by World War 2 when he shifted gears to train as a para-trooper, receiving the rank of Company Sergeant Major. Just as his troop, the 1st Canadian Parachute Brigade was to be deployed, the war

ended and he returned to university. He graduated from Dalhousie University Medical School in 1951. Following postgraduate training in Halifax and Toronto, he continued his studies as a travelling fellow in England and Europe. He became the first qualified plastic surgeon in the Maritime Provinces, beginning his practice in 1959. Dr. Ross was instrumental in the creation of the first two burn units in the Maritime Provinces. He specialized in the treatment of accident victims, cleft lip and palate reconstructions and burn treatments. He established the foundations of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Dalhousie in 1972. He was the author of numerous medical articles and served as President of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons in 1982. He was committed to encouraging and supporting students in their medical studies and created a nursing scholarship at UNB in his mother's name. His surgical skills were internationally renowned. Jim was hosted by the Czech government, to thank him for his dedication and medical attention entrusted to plane crash patients of the Czech crash that occurred in Gander in 1967. In 1976, Dr. Ross and three of his colleagues were invited by the Chinese Plastic Surgeon's Association to share medical knowledge and procedures. This information was invaluable at the time and augmented medical techniques in Canada tremendously.

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near the borders with Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi. This area has seen almost non-stop conflict since independence in 1960, much originating in geopolitical and local issues related to colonization, independence, language, natural resources, corporate greed and world politics. Since 1960, in the Congo, millions of people have perished through armed conflict, civil strife and medical issues such as malnutrition, infectious diseases and the absence of medical care.

I worked with several other surgeons in a small district hospital providing surgical care in the broadest sense of the word. We worked on a one-in-three call schedule and were responsible for ward duties, the emergency room and the OR's. In 6 weeks of work, I performed around 400 operative cases. The case mix included specific plastic surgery care like wound debridements, skin grafting for burns, infectious disease surgery, such as for soft tissue infections and osteomyelitis, and fracture care, including facial, hand and long bone fractures. In addition to those cases, we also took care of bowel obstructions and perforations, incarcerated hernias, inguinal hernias, pediatric surgery, gynecological and obstetrical emergencies and others. On a daily basis, we saw patients with gunshot wounds.

Surgery was done under comparatively primitive circumstances, sometimes without lights, with only marginal anesthesia, with few instruments, often not even a cautery and without modern techniques such as internal fixation or instruments such as staplers for bowel anastomoses. It was an eye-opening experience, with so many seemingly preventable deaths occurring, but also very gratifying when one could save a life.

It is hard to imagine that, in fact, the overwhelming majority of people on this earth have access to only a fraction of the medical care that we consider completely normal here in Canada. In the Congo, the average person lives on less than one dollar a day and more than 150 out of every 1000 children die before the age of 5. Canadian surgeons, including plastic surgeons, can contribute tremendously to alleviate suffering in many places. In the words of James Orbinski, a past Canadian president of MSF in his memoir *An Imperfect Offering: Humanitarianism is about more than medical efficiency or technical competence. In its first moment, in its sacred present, humanitarianism seeks to relieve the immediacy of suffering, and most especially of suffering alone.*"

Working for less fortunate people is very rewarding and can be done here in Canada, as in locations like the inner cities or in the North, or elsewhere in the world in

poorer countries or countries ravaged by war and political turmoil.

For information on working with MSF, see the recruitment pages at www.msf.ca.

The CSPS website now includes a Global Surgery section where overseas missions will be listed by Society members at: <http://plasticsurgery.ca/about/global-outreach/>

The Challenge Mug returns to Winnipeg



Drs. Joshua Vorstenbosch, Julian Diaz, Blair Peters, Robert Strazar, Edward Buchel, Michal Brichacek

DEFEATING A POWERFUL FIELD of contenders, the Challenge Mug team from the University of Manitoba brought the Mug home.

They will be responsible for the 2018 Challenge in Jasper, Alberta on the evening of June 21st.

The glorious CSPS Challenge Mug



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Moein Momtazi on bass guitar. During the Presidential evening gala, **Dr. Doug Ross** was awarded the CSPS President's Medal for his service to Plastic Surgery in Canada. Among the many roles he has served, he has been Chief Examiner for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, President of both the Educational Foundation and CSPS, and currently continues to serve as Chair of the Plastic Surgery Specialty Committee at the RCPSC. Thank you Doug for your tireless commitment and countless contributions to the Society and our profession. Congratulations to **Dr. Nancy McKee** who was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Her numerous career accomplishments were highlighted in a heartfelt tribute from former mentee, **Dr. William Kuzon**.

As autumn passes and winter approaches, we are moving on with Society affairs. The fall Board meeting was recently held at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, the site of the upcoming annual meeting next June.

BIA-ALCL

Dr. Peter Lennox continues to liaise on behalf of both CSPS and CSAPS with Health Canada to provide the most current information on BIA ALCL to our members, medical practitioners, and the general public. Presently, there is no data base for registering or reporting cases of BIA ALCL in Canada leading to a distinct paucity of information regarding the magnitude of the problem in this country, among our profession as well as regulatory bodies. To address this need, **Dr. Lennox** in collaboration with **Dr. Mitch Brown** are planning an initiative to establish a data base, first of retrospective cases, followed by prospective reporting and data collection. Another initiative includes disseminating information about the disease to family physicians to increase awareness and educate primary care providers. A big thank you to Peter for his ongoing diligence.

BRA-Day

It is remarkable that BRA Day is now in its seventh iteration and continues to grow each year. Events were held in twenty-seven centres across the country during the month of October this year. CSPS continues to be an integral part of this initiative with our members providing expert advice to participants and the Board contributing financial support in the amount of \$10,000 to this most worthy cause. Congratulations to event organizers for a job well done!

Social Media

The social media committee under the guidance of **Dr. Frankie Fraulin** continues

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Dr. Nancy McKee receives the CSPS 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award



Dr. William Kuzon, Dr. Nancy McKee, Dr. Howard Clarke

CSPS 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CSPS Lifetime Achievement Award was given to **Dr. Nancy McKee** (Toronto). It was presented at the President's dinner during the Society's 71st Annual Meeting in Winnipeg.

Nominations for the 2018 Award will be accepted until February 1, 2018. 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.

In memoriam



Dr. Robert Harris
July 19, 2017

DR. ROBERT HARRIS completed his medical studies at the University of British Columbia in 1957, then went East for post-graduate training in the McGill University teaching hospital system. He did experimental surgery and earned a M.Sc. degree.

His clinical formation was in the specialty of plastic and reconstructive surgery, and he went on to a fellowship in surgery of the hand in Great Britain, France, and Switzerland. He subsequently took the examinations for his Royal College of Surgeons (Canada) fellowship standing. From his research work and clinical trials, **Dr. Harris** published more than 20 scientific journal articles and textbook chapters. His 45 years of clinical practice were divided between three Montréal teaching hospitals, Hôpital Saint-Luc, the Montréal General Hospital, and St. Mary's Hospital where he was Chief of Plastic Surgery, and two Cornwall community hospitals. He was determined to communicate with his francophone patients in their own language and became fluent in French. **Dr. Harris** became the first full-time plastic and reconstructive surgeon in the Seaway community. He developed the outpatient clinic concept with **Dr. R.D. Tombler**, orthopedist, at the Hôtel Dieu Hospital in Cornwall and cultivated the practice of outpatient surgery, especially applicable to skin cancer patients. In addition to clinical practice, **Dr. Harris** pursued his interests in surgical research and pioneered an electrophysiological technique for distinguishing sensory and motor fibres in peripheral nerve repair. He was a founding member of the Canadian Society for Surgery of the Hand (Manus Canada) and a member of the American Hand Surgery Association. He was elected to the active membership of the distinguished American Society for Surgery of the Hand after presenting and publishing original work on rheumatoid arthritis of the hands.

Send nominations to CSPS Secretariat, PO Box 60192 Saint-Denis, Montreal, QC H2J 4E1, Fax: 514-843-7005
csp_sccp@bellnet.ca, **before February 1, 2018.**

to explore the initiative of the Society engaging in social media along with its ramifications. It recently completed a survey of the CSPS membership to gauge the level of interest and desire for the Society to continue the pursuit of this initiative. Relevant issues include need/benefits to the society, costs, content (who supplies, moderates, and edits) and finally which social media platform. At this time, the movement is at a relative standstill and the issue will be addressed further in a panel discussion to be coordinated by Dr. **Chris Doherty** (Chair YPS) during the summer meeting.

Competence by Design

Dr. **Doug Ross** continues to chair the Plastic Surgery Specialty Committee at the Royal College. Competence by Design (CBD) is gaining traction. In early 2018, workshops, with Royal College educators, are scheduled to guide teaching programs in the transition to the new educational model. Strategies will be formulated to facilitate implementation in 2019.

CSPS History

The CSPS History Project under the direction of Dr. **Steven Morris** is a remarkable undertaking to chronicle the development of Canadian Plastic Surgery over the last 35 years. For the past year, medical student Yaesh Sardiwalla has been criss-crossing the country conducting video interviews with senior members of our Society. To date fifty-five interviews have been completed with many more to come. Another key initiative of the project is compiling biographical profiles of all CSPS members. Please contribute by submitting your autobiography to sfmorris@dal.ca. Our gratitude and sincere thank you to Dr. Morris for spearheading this Herculean task.

Plastic Surgery Journal

It would appear the Plastic Surgery Journal is once again on sound footing after the turmoil of the last year and a half when our Journal was sold by Pulsus without our knowledge or consent. A five year contract was signed with our new publisher, Sage in December 2016. Thank you to Dr. **Ed Buchel**, Editor in Chief, Drs. **Danny Peters** and **Doug McKay**, Co-Editors, and Dr. **Don Lalonde**, Journal Committee Chair for their guidance and stewardship during this period of transition.

Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons

J.P. Hong a microsurgeon from Seoul, South Korea was a guest speaker at GAM and CSPS in Winnipeg. He was enthusiastically received not only from an academic and educational perspective, but also socially due to the warmth of his

personality. The respect and admiration was mutual and in a gesture of reciprocity, Canada has been invited to participate as the guest nation for the annual meeting of the Korean Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons scheduled for November 10-12, 2018. The meeting is the largest plastic surgery gathering in Asia with more than 1,500 regional and 300 international surgeons participating. I have personally attended scientific meetings in Seoul and can attest to their quality and academic merit. This is a wonderful opportunity for any members who have a desire to visit this vibrant, modern and culturally diverse megalopolis.

Mid-Atlantic nations meeting

Our society was invited to participate in initial planning to explore the feasibility of convening a joint meeting of Mid-Atlantic nations including several Nordic countries, North America, and the UK. The impetus for a collective meeting between the Mid-Atlantic countries is to foster increased collaboration between their respective plastic surgery societies. The meeting is not necessarily intended to replace national society annual meetings, but might in some instances. In late August a conference call was moderated by Dr. Jeff Janis, president-elect of ASPS, with participation by Canada, Sweden, Norway, Finland, and the UK. The inaugural meeting proposed for mid-June 2020 is to be 2.5-3 days, covering all aspects of plastic surgery with a target audience of plastic surgeons, residents and nursing personnel. An Organizing Committee with representatives from each participating country will be formed for all planning, decision making and division of workload.

Northwest Society

As President of CSPS, I have received an invitation from Fred Ehret, President of the Northwest Society of Plastic Surgeons to attend their annual meeting being held in Oahu, Hawaii from February 17-21, 2018.

2018 CSPS Annual Meeting

The 2018 annual meeting is on the horizon. The program committee met via teleconference recently and plans for speakers and topics are proceeding under the able leadership of Program Chair, Dr. **Rob Harrop** and Educational Foundation Chair, Dr. **Patricia Egerszegi**.

Please contact them with any suggestions you may have regarding educational content:

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Dr. **Lisa Korus**, Local Organizing Committee Chair, promises an outstanding social program. As your representative to the Society, please feel free to contact me (glouie@ualberta.ca) at any time throughout the year with any comments,

questions, or concerns you may have. Jasper, in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, I hope to see you in there!

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, PO Box 60192 Saint-Denis, Montreal, QC H2J 4E1, Fax: 514-843-7005; cspss_cccp@bellnet.ca.

Visiting professor funding available

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

The maximum amount per individual is Cdn\$2,000 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, PO Box 60192 Saint-Denis, Montreal, QC H2J 4E1 (Phone: 514-843-5415; Fax: 514 - 843-7005; e-mail: cspss_cccp@bellnet.ca).