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The GOC News

GOC Web Site to be Launched in April!

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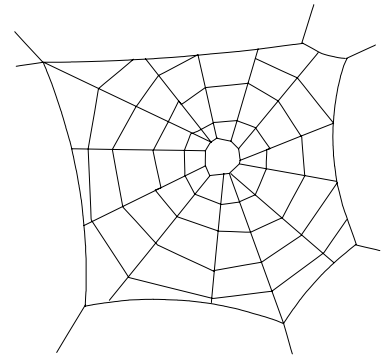
The GOC Web site is currently in beta-testing and will be launched to the general public on April 21, 2001 during the NCIC CTG meeting in Montreal. The site has received excellent reviews to date.

GOC's goal is to make the Web site the principal source of reliable and relevant information regarding gynecological cancer for Canadian patients and doctors. The site will include disease specific descriptions and treatment options, the latest-breaking news in gynecological cancer research and treatment, a listing of Canadian clinical trials, a CME events calendar, and an exclusive password protected "Members Only" section which will eventually house a complete membership directory, online video streaming, webcasting, and a fellowship training directory. The site offers the opportunity for physicians to network and to communicate regarding their research and specific areas of expertise. There is also a large component of the Web site designed specifically for the gynecological cancer patient. Periodically, an e-mail bulletin will be distributed to members alerting them of cancer news, new therapies or relevant information that has been posted on the Web and on our own site.

The GOC has enlisted a representative from each regional centre who will be able to provide our Web site with up-to-date information on an ongoing basis.

We also hope to enlist a gynecological patient as a member of our Editorial Board.

Please log on at www.g-o-c.org and send us your comments and suggestions regarding the Web site. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the evolution of the site, please contact Chantal Lacasse at clacasse@ottawahospital.on.ca.



GOC Executive Meeting Update

The GOC Executive met on December 1, 2000 during the SOGC ACM in Toronto. Many issues were on the agenda for discussion.

The Executive decided that GOC would proceed with a Vancouver bid for the IGCS 2006 meeting. Other meetings discussed included the new CPD Spring Meeting and the Annual General Meeting 2001 and their respective content. A GOC membership drive was discussed as was the establishment of a new membership category for nurse specialists and international members.

Executive members were given an

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News from the Secretariat

Elizabeth Waite, GOC National Coordinator

This past summer, GOC made a huge step in establishing a permanent secretariat at the SOGC national office in Ottawa. GOC also hired its first National Coordinator.

Establishment of the secretariat has

provided the opportunity for GOC to pursue a wide range of goals. In October 2000, all GOC members on the society's database were sent a package describing the new GOC and listing some of the society's goals. Thanks to the dedication of Dr. Joan Murphy, Dr. Michael Fung Kee Fung, Chantal Lacasse and many others, we have completed our membership database and have established a system for maintaining its accuracy. We are also very excited about the launch of our

new GOC Web site this April. In addition, we have expanded the quality and depth of our spring meeting, designating it as the Society's Continuous Professional Development meeting.

GOC has achieved an additional goal with the publication of this newsletter. We eventually hope to publish the GOC News on a bi-monthly basis. To assist us with this, we have designed a newsletter questionnaire for distribution to all members on a regular basis. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in filling it out. Information from all centres will also be placed on the Web site. Please feel free to send us news and information at any time.

The GOC secretariat exists for its members. Please contact me with any questions, concerns or comments. In addition, if you have any news or information you would like disseminated to all members, please do not hesitate to let me know. I may be reached by e-mail at ewaite@sogc.com, by phone at (613) 730-4192 or 1-800-561-2416 or by fax at (613) 730-4314. I look forward to hearing from you and to meeting many more of you in person!

Membership Drive

GOC has increased its membership portfolio to include both medical oncologists and radiation oncologists. We are currently seeking new members and encourage all centres to invite active medical and radiation oncologists and/or pathologists who fulfill the membership criteria to apply for membership in the Society.

Reap the Benefits of a GOC Membership!

GOC is:

- The only national specialty society devoted to issues of gynecologic cancer
- A forum for gynecologic oncologists to exchange research and clinical ideas and to launch health advocacy issues both nationally and provincially
- A platform to interact with and influence international societies such as IGCS
- Directly responsible for subspecialty training and fellowship CPD activity

Membership also Provides:

- Participation in a number of meetings including the CPD meeting at NCIC CTG and our Annual General Meeting
- Access to the GOC Web site's exclusive "Members Only" section
- A privileged subsidised rate of \$65.00US to the Gynecology Oncology Journal

Members are encouraged to be active, take leadership roles and assist GOC in promoting excellence in gynecology oncology health care. Annual membership fee is \$100.00. Call the GOC office at (613) 730-4192 or 1-800-561-2416 for an enrolment form and become a GOC member today.

Journal SOGC Applies for Indexing

The Journal SOGC is currently applying for indexing. The Journal continues to accept submissions and, together with the Gynecology Oncology Journal, remains an official journal of our Society. We encourage all members to contact Dr. Marie Plante, the Associate Editor of Oncology for the Journal SOGC, at marie.plante@crhdq.ulaval.ca to submit their articles.

GOC Makes a Bid for IGCS 2006

Dr. Joan Murphy, GOC President, Dr. Kenneth Swenerton and Dr. Denny DePetrillo will visit Vancouver in the near future to assess sites for the IGCS 2006 meeting. This assessment is in preparation for the spring presentation of GOC's bid for the meeting at the SGO AGM in Nashville this summer. They will also work to establish a project plan and appropriate timelines for the various stages of the project. Initial negotiations and the bid presentation will be led by Dr. Murphy and Dr. Swenerton of Vancouver. We will keep you posted on the bid on our Web site and in future newsletter issues.

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online tour of the new GOC Web site by Dr. Fung Kee Fung and Research Assistant Chantal Lacasse. The site's linkages as well as its ongoing development was discussed, as was the procedure for ensuring the Web site is kept up to date with the formation of a Web site Editorial Board in which all centres will participate.

With the growing interest on the part of gynecological oncology societies in breast health and breast cancer, the GOC Executive will prepare a position paper on the role of the society and of the gynecological oncologist in general in this area. Also discussed was the need to formalize the relationship between the Royal College Nucleus Committee and the GOC. This will be discussed further at the Annual General Meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland in June 2001.

More details on these items appear in this issue of the GOC News.

New Positions

- *Dr. Robert Lotocki* of Women's Hospital in Winnipeg has been appointed the Director of the Manitoba Cervical Cancer Screening Programme.
- *Dr. Wylam Faught*, University of Ottawa, has been elected Chair of the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynaecology's Postgraduate Education Committee.
- *Dr. Tien Le* is now Residency Training Programme Director, Department of Ob-Gyn, University of Saskatchewan.

Corinne Boyer Chair

The Corinne Boyer Chair in Ovarian Cancer was inaugurated at the University of Ottawa in September 2000. Dr. Barbara Vanderhyden was recipient of this position, sponsored by Mr. Patrick Boyer. Mr. Boyer works in close association with NOCA (National Ovarian Cancer Association).

Gynecology Oncology Journal

By now, you are probably aware of GOC's new process for subscribing to the Gynecology Oncology Journal. Upon paying their yearly membership fees, members will receive a proof of payment form from the national office. This form is to be mailed to Academic Press with a cheque for \$65.00 US. All matters regarding subscriptions are to be brought to the attention of Academic Press. If you have not yet received your form, please call the GOC office.

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Mark Your Calendars

New GOC CPD Meeting

The GOC Executive has added to the quality and depth of its meeting at the April NCIC CTG Conference in Montreal, designating it as the society's CPD meeting. The meeting will run in the afternoon of Friday, April 20 and all day April 21. Dr. Provencher and Dr. Carey and the team from Montreal are currently developing a surgical course involving sentinel node mapping to be offered Friday afternoon. The Saturday morning programme will include speakers on relevant gynecology oncology controversies. The afternoon will include a challenging round of gynecologic oncology jeopardy. We look forward to seeing you there!

NCIC CTG Spring Meeting

The NCIC CTG Spring Meeting is planned for April 20-23, in Montreal. During this meeting, the Ovarian

Cancer Task Force, the Cervix Cancer Working Group and the new Endometrial Cancer Working Group will meet on Saturday, April 21. Contact LeeAnne Hall or Belinda Vandersluis at (613 533-6430).

GOC Annual Meeting

Plans for the Annual General Meeting are progressing rapidly under the leadership of Dr. Bryson. The meeting will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland June 15-17, 2001. Visiting speaker will be Dr. Jeff Boyd. Topics of discussion will include integration of molecular research into clinical practice and an international symposium will take place entitled "The Importance of the Gynecologist and Gynecologist-Oncologist in Hereditary Ovarian/Breast Cancer." In addition, there will be abstract presentations and a meeting of the GOC Executive.

Cervical Cancer Conference

GOC is a co-sponsor of the International Conference on Cervical Cancer taking place April 6-8 in Baltimore, Maryland. The conference will bring together leaders from the multiple disciplines concerned with cervical cancer causation, prevention and screening to define the present state of knowledge and to determine questions that need answering and how to answer them. For more information, contact the Continuing Medical Education Office at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, (410) 955-2959.

Dr. Joan Murphy represented GOC and SOGC at the recent Cervico Cancer Prevention Network meeting held in Ottawa. She also represented GOC at the Commission for Cancer on Cancer Control Strategies in Ottawa, February 1-3, 2001.

Awards

Dr. Dan Grisaru, second year fellow of the University of Toronto's gynecological oncology programme, has recently received the following awards:

- PSI Resident Research Award 2000, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto
- Award for Oral Presentation, Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada, Ottawa
- Selected for National Gynecologic Oncology Fellows Forum 2001, Tucson, Arizona

Dr. Michael Fung Kee Fung et al. Won the Dr. Janis Bormanis Education Technology Award, University of Ottawa, for innovation in medical education and technology.

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