CNSF Presidents Column

December is here, and the New Year is approaching. This is a good time to look at what has been accomplished during 2015; what was a success, what we can do better and what goals are yet to be met.

New young members have injected enthusiasm and creativity into our Scientific Program Committee. I want to thank Tejas Sankar, Alex Henri-Bhargava and the members of the SPC for their tireless work. The June 2016 Congress will be superb. Even better than 2015 in Toronto, which was excellent. There are brand new courses this year, and there really is something for everyone. The Congress may be much smaller than the AAN, or AANS but sometimes smaller is better.

At the CNSF, you have a conference that helps you learn about the things you don’t do on a regular basis. It is the opportunity for the MS Neurologist to learn how to deal with the stroke patient that will come in when he is on call. It is the time for the general Neurologist to learn about MS, so that he can feel comfortable handling the patient who was seen at the MS clinic but will not be followed there. It is a place where surgical techniques can be discussed and illustrated, and you can meet the speaker easily after the session for further details. The CNSF Congress is where you can meet with your Canadian colleagues, set up joint projects, or find a good resident for a Fellowship program. And everyone is welcome to teach their colleagues about the specialty they do best.

Special courses this year include how to be an independent medical expert, new ways to diagnose and investigate disorders of consciousness and ethics / physician assisted death amongst many others. I hope all of you make time to come to this Congress. Quebec City is a beautiful place, and the Congress will be of benefit to all.

Another goal has been to increase membership, and increase the involvement of current members. This has been a difficult task. Despite encouragement, no one has written to tell me what they would want to see, learn or present at the next Congress. Please feel free to do so.
We are specifically trying to involve the residents, and many things are being put in place to do so. First year residents have always had free membership to the CNSF through their parent organization (CNS, CNSS, CACN). We are going to publicize this more forcefully. Also of note is that we are hoping that most, if not all, programs will pay membership for all their residents, and we will encourage all programs to do so. This is of great benefit to residents who want to attend the Congress, as registration fees have been lowered substantially for resident members, and are inclusive of all activities. I also want to thank our resident representatives Bill Wang, Leyila Kaseka and Theo Mobach for their new initiatives. These include a newsletter and an addition on the website.

I am hopeful that 2016 will be even better for the CNSF than 2015, and I hope to see all of you in Quebec City in June.

Respectfully
Jeanne Teitelbaum
President, CNSF

2016 Membership Renewals

2016 Membership Dues Notices will be mailed out shortly. Please submit your dues payment by January 31, 2016. Payment can be made through our secure online payment system. Sign in with your member ID# and last name. Thank you for your ongoing support! We are working to enhance your benefits of membership.

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Within each issue of the CJNS, our Editor-in-Chief selects one submission that he believes has exceptional merit. The article is selected based on the quality of the paper and broad interest to our readers. The Editor’s Choice article is provided with immediate open access so that it can reach a wider range of readers. Have a look and see Dr Chen’s selections from our most recent issues.

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2016 CNSF Congress – June 21-24 – Quebec City!

Thank you to our SPC and PDC committees for making admirable progress on our 2016 CNSF Congress Program. We will be updating the CNSF website with specific details as they become finalized. http://congress.cnsfederation.org/
Have a look at our current Program-at-a-Glance

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2016 CNSF and Congress Supporters

Our thanks and appreciation go out to the following organizations who have already committed their support to the CNSF and our Congress in June 2016:

- UCB - Platinum Level
- Biogen Idec - Gold
- Eisai - Silver
- Genzyme - Silver
- Novartis - Silver
- EMD Serono - Bronze
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CNSF - Society News and Links

CSCN
CSCN is pleased to announce the annual Canadian examinations

EMG Examinations – Saturday, June 25, 2016 in Quebec City, QC
EEG Examinations – Saturday, June 25, 2016 in Quebec City, QC

Visit the CSCN page on the CNSF website for complete details and examination applications.

CNSS

Physician Assisted Death - CNSS has formed a subcommittee to develop a societal position paper on Physician Assisted Death. This is Chaired by Dr. Sean Barry. If you would like to participate, please contact spbarry@dal.ca or ian.fleetwood@yahoo.ca

Lifetime Achievement Award - We are now accepting nominations for the CNSS Lifetime Achievement Award. Please submit nominations to ian.fleetwood@yahoo.ca. The nomination deadline is February 29, 2016.

Membership - As reported at the AGM in June, our membership numbers have tapered off slightly. If you know of anyone in your community who is interested in joining our Society, please have them submit an application to Donna-Irvin@cnsfederation.org

CNSF Congress planning - Congratulations to Tejas Sankar, Joe Megyesi, Gelareh Zadeh, Kesh Reddy and others, who have been instrumental in putting together a stellar neurosurgical program for our annual Congress in Quebec City next June. There is plenty of interesting and novel content and we are introducing a couple new forums that should allow more interaction. Please plan to attend.
Parachute Canada – ThinkFirst

Canadian Registry of Spinal Cord Injuries due to ice hockey

Since 1982, ThinkFirst has been documenting the annual incidence of spinal injuries in hockey, and Parachute Canada continues this important work, through physician surveys and questionnaires from ice hockey organizations and the media. They have recently published an update of the registry in the Clinical Journal of Sport Medicine entitled "Update and Overview of Spinal Injuries in Canadian Ice Hockey, 1943 to 2011: The Continuing Need for Injury Prevention and Education." Here is the link to the abstract: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26247551

Parachute Canada wishes to express their gratitude for the continuing participation in this important Registry. The aim being to evaluate the effectiveness of prevention programs in order to better prevent spinal injuries in hockey.

Parachute Canada once again asks for your assistance in determining the current incidence of these injuries. This survey covers the time period from January 1st, 2012 to December 31, 2013. Please fill out the survey whether or not you have cases to report.

http://icehockeyspinalsurvey-english.questionpro.com

For more details, questions or paper forms, please contact:
Dr Charles H Tator Charles.tator@uhn.on.ca

Clinical Trials Database

Have a look at all the details of current clinical trials. These sites contain information on publicly and privately supported clinical studies on a wide range of diseases and conditions. The Web site is maintained by the American National Library of Medicine (NLM) at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Clinical Trials - Canada
Clinical Trials - International

Royal College Fellows – Earn MOC credits for your volunteer work on CNSF committees and with the CJNS.

Did you know that you can likely record MOC credits for your volunteer work on various CNSF committees and for article reviews for the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences? See the information below from the Royal College:

1. Participating in committees
For participating in certain committees, you may claim 15 credits per year per committee. The purpose or activity of the committee (working group, task force or similar title) must be to improve or enhance the quality, safety, or effectiveness of the healthcare system. The committee must have a formal structure with an appointment process and defined terms of reference. It must also meet on a regular schedule.
2. Peer review of journals and/or grant applications
The learning associated with peer reviewing journal articles and research grant applications can be submitted as an activity in Section 2 (Systems Learning): Peer Assessment for 15 credits per year.

3. Reviewing & providing feedback on applications submitted for MOC Section 1 or 3 credits. Participation in the review of MOC applications for Section 1 and/or 3 credits by your Society/Association can be submitted as an activity in Section 2 (Systems Learning): Peer Assessment for 15 credits per year.

4. Participating in a clinical practice guideline development committee
A physician’s participation in a clinical practice guideline development committee can be submitted as an activity in Section 2 (Systems Learning): Practice guideline development for 15 credits per year.

5. Peer reviewing a colleague’s practice and providing feedback
You may record reviews that you do of your colleague’s practice under Section 2 (Systems Learning): Peer Assessment and you will receive 15 credits for the year.

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Neurosurgery

Academic Position, Functional Neurosurgeon
University of Calgary, Cumming School of Medicine
Calgary, Alberta

Continuing Professional Development
January – February events:

- 1st Annual Conference of The Movement Disorders Society Of India
  Chennai, India
  January 8 to 10, 2016

- Early Years Conference
  Vancouver, BC
  January 28 to 31, 2016

- Traumatic Brain Injury Conference
  Toronto, Ontario
  January 29, 2016

- Lifelong Learning in Paediatrics
  Whistler, BC
  February 5 to 7, 2016

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