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Are medical schools glorified trade schools providing training to individuals from an ever increasingly wealthy segment of society? Are they research factories cranking out products whose primary measure is their commercial value? Or are they a continuation of a centuries long tradition of scholarly endeavour to foster people and ideas dedicated to the betterment of the society that has supported them, focused on the search for health (and indeed meaning) on the part of its citizens, no matter what their status? In a world in which disparities of health and diffusion of purpose seem to be intractable problems these are profound questions.

Questions worthy of the best minds we can assemble under the broad umbrella of academic medicine and its expression in Canada, the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges.

The annual meeting of ACMC-CAME will take place in Québec City April 26-29, 2003. This assembly of thinkers and leaders in academic medicine will be provided with an opportunity to address the issue of the social accountability of medical schools, to reflect on international trends, to share current expressions of that accountability and to consider how we might build on those experiences and move to an entirely new level of accomplishment through joint actions and partnerships. Although much is being done, significantly more remains and there is increasing evidence of both the importance of this work and the opportunities to contribute. The ACMC and its members are well positioned to assist in this and the Québec meeting provides a timely venue for joint consideration and planning.

The issue was broadly joined at this year's ACMC-CAME meeting in

Calgary when keynote speaker The Honourable Roy Romanow held aloft the joint ACMC/Health Canada paper [*Social Accountability: A Vision for Canadian Medical Schools* which can be found at <http://www.hc-gc.ca/hppb/healthcare/> and stated that this was an expression of the finest of academic medicine in its enduring role to support the health of Canadians. ACMC's President Abraham Fuks and ACMC's Executive Director, David Hawkins explored the issue further with him and his staff. Mr. Romanow has subsequently articulated some of the expectations that Canadians might have of a fully engaged and committed academic health community. This moves academic medicine squarely into being seen as part of the solution rather than part of the problem in our current health care system. The roll-out from his Commission's final report is likely to result in significant changes to the way health care is organized, delivered, measured and accounted for. It behoves the academy to participate fully and contribute substantially to this most Canadian of endeavours.

This is one specific example of the way in which medical schools express their social accountability but there are many other examples of how they do and how they can demonstrate their commitment to a better and more civil society. Many of these activities are "foundation stones" for a better understanding and fulfillment of health. However they are frequently not recognized and are rarely linked together into a robust foundation on which to build a rational ethos of service.

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University of British Columbia

Dr. Alison Buchan has been appointed Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Medicine, effective March 1, 2002 for a three-year term to June 30, 2005. In her new role, Dr. Buchan will be accountable to the Senior Associate Dean, Research, Planning & Health Care System. Dr. Buchan has global responsibility for enhancing the research mission of the Faculty of Medicine. She will also take site specific responsibility for the Faculty of Medicine's Point Grey Campus based research activities. In addition, she will be responsible for the grant management process and the research database management and communication, she will also take a major leadership role in regard to planning as the new Co-Director of the Life Sciences Institute on the Point Grey Campus.

Dr. Joanna Bates has been appointed Senior Associate Dean, MD Undergraduate Education, effective August 1, 2002 for a initial three-year term. This is a new portfolio created in the Spring of 2002. The portfolio recognizes the increasing size and range of responsibilities within the area of MD undergraduate education as well as the explicit expansion of MD undergraduate enrolment. Accountable directly to Dr. Bates will be the Associate Deans of MD Undergraduate Curriculum, Student Affairs and Admissions as well as Assistant Deans (to be appointed) for the Northern Medical Program and the Island Medical Program. Hence, Dr. Bates will be the Senior Associate Dean in the MD Undergraduate Program with overall responsibility and chair the MD Undergraduate Expansion Taskforce and Curriculum Management Committee.

University of Calgary

Dr. Keith Brownell received the American Neurological Association
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Distinguished Neurology Teacher Award at the ANA annual meeting this year. Dr. Brownell is a professor of clinical neurosciences and medicine. He serves as the chairman of the neuroscience course for undergraduates and participates in teaching activities for medical students and residents in ethics and professionalism.

University of Toronto

Ms. Diana Alli, Administrative Coordinator (Student Affairs) was the winner of the David Eberle Award of the Faculty of Medicine. The award, made possible by the Class of 1992, is awarded to an individual in the faculty who has demonstrated a unique contribution to the student medical experience, showing such qualities as extraordinary compassion, understanding and guidance.

Professor Peter Coyte of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation has been elected President of the Canadian Health Economics Research Association for a two-year term effective May 2002. The association is a national membership-based, non-profit organization that promotes Canadian health research through providing an effective forum for communication.

Professor Adel Fam of Medicine was the winner of the 2002 Laurentian Conference Award, given in recognition of exceptional contributions to the international rheumatology community.

Rajesh Gupta, a Lecturer in Medicine and Professor Moira Kapral were winners of this year's Dr. E. Mary Hollington Award in clinical teaching. Professor Ian Taylor of Surgery won the award in the preclinical or basic

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2003 ACMC-CAME Annual Meeting April 26 to April 29, 2003 Hilton Québec, Québec City

This is the main conference for academic medical educators in Canada. It is a joint conference of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges and the Canadian Association for Medical Education.

The 2003 Annual Meeting Program Committee is busy organizing a comprehensive educational program. Members include: Dr. Marc Desmeules, Chair and former Dean of Medicine (Université Laval), Dr. Jean Gray (Dalhousie University and CAME representative), Dr. Stephen Aaron (University of Alberta and CAME representative), Dr. David Hawkins (ACMC), Ms. Susan Maskill (ACMC), Dr. Claude Laberge (Université Laval), Dr. Michel Rouleau (Université Laval) and Dr. Marianne Xhignesse (Université de Sherbrooke).

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Michel Bureau, President and CEO, Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec (FRSQ) will be the guest speaker at the Welcoming Ceremony, Sunday, April 27th.

With the able assistance of Camille Fortier, a memorable social evening is being organized for Monday, April 28th. All participants are invited to attend the social event which will be held at the Hilton Québec. Cocktails will be served in the Panorama room whose many windows offer a magnificent view of Old Québec City, the Saint-Lawrence River and Parliament Hill. A buffet will

follow which will be served in Porte du Palais in the hotel. A band will entertain you during the buffet and for dancing during the rest of the evening. Sounds like an event not to be missed! Tickets will be limited.

The themes of the two plenary sessions will be:

- **Social Accountability: Moving Beyond the Rhetoric**, Monday, April 28th.
- **Social Accountability in the Laboratory: Genetics and Genomics in the Eastern Québec Population**, Tuesday, April 29th.

The Preliminary Program, along with the conference registration and hotel reservation forms, will be available in January. Also check our website (www.acmc.ca) for annual meeting information which will be updated on a regular basis.

Mark your calendar now for this important conference for medical educators and administrators. See you in Québec City!

Note: Airline seat sales for the conference dates are often offered in early January. Watch your local paper. When making Air Canada reservations, please call 1-800-361-7585 (conference reservation line) and mention the CV number CV103275. For your information, you cannot use this convention number when making airline reservations on-line.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

ACMC / CAME Annual Meeting Dates

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| 2003 | April 26 — April 29, Hilton Québec, Québec City |
| 2004 | April 24 — April 27, Casino Nova Scotia Hotel (formerly Sheraton Halifax), Halifax |
| 2005 | April 30 — May 3, Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium & Convention Centre, Delta Bessborough & Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon |

Imputabilité sociale au laboratoire : la génétique et génomique dans la population de l'Est du Québec *Séance Plénière-29 avril 2003*

Le contrat social qui lie une Faculté de médecine à la communauté qu'elle dessert concerne tous les aspects de sa fonction : l'enseignement, les soins et aussi la recherche. Il a été proposé de mesurer l'imputabilité sociale d'une Faculté de médecine en recherche par la démonstration de programmes de recherche qui impliquent les partenaires de la communauté (Hennen, 1997). Les activités de recherche dans le domaine de la génétique et de la génomique qui se sont développées en rapport avec les populations fondatrices de l'est du Québec rencontrent certains de ces objectifs. Les outils qui ont été mis au point et les expertises réunies fournissent un bon exemple d'une recherche adaptée aux besoins spécifiques d'une population particulière.

La session plénière du mardi a pour but de présenter certaines réalisations de ces programmes de recherche mis au point depuis une vingtaine d'années afin de stimuler une discussion sur les moyens à prendre pour étendre l'imputabilité sociale des Facultés de médecine en recherche. Claude Laberge, professeur à l'Université Laval et directeur du Réseau de médecine génétique appliquée du Québec a préparé un programme excitant pour cette session plénière qui sera présidée par le doyen Pierre Durand de la Faculté de médecine de Laval. Les conférenciers réunis sont des chercheurs renommés qui ont collaboré à des projets communs dans le domaine de la génétique

et de la génomique. Ils ont tous bénéficié des ressources particulières que fournit la population de l'est du Québec pour leurs études. Leurs projets tentaient en même temps de répondre à des problèmes propres à cette communauté.

Gérard Bouchard, professeur à l'Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC), sociologue, historien, chercheur et écrivain nous présentera le projet BALSAC dont il est le fondateur et directeur. Ce fichier de population informatisé permet la construction automatique des généalogies ascendantes et descendantes depuis le 17^e siècle pour la région du Saguenay. Cette remarquable infrastructure alimente 27 projets dans le domaine de la génétique humaine. Les chercheurs des 4 Universités co-propriétaires – Montréal, McGill, Laval et UQAC- collaborent à ces travaux.

Thomas J. Hudson, professeur à l'Université McGill est une des étoiles montantes de la recherche en génomique en Amérique du nord. Investigateur principal du Centre d'Étude sur le Génome de l'Hôpital Général de Montréal, il est aussi directeur adjoint du Whitehead Institute au Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ses travaux d'avant-garde couvrent plusieurs aspects de la génétique et de la génomique humaine. Il s'intéresse notamment à l'étude des maladies déterminées par des traits génétiques complexes.

Jacques Simard, professeur à l'Université Laval est rattaché au Cen-

tre de recherche en endocrinologie moléculaire et oncologique du CHUL. Ses travaux portent sur les caractéristiques génétiques et épidémiologiques des cancers héréditaires du sein et de l'ovaire. Il nous livrera son expérience comme investigateur principal d'un projet international qui a nécessité l'établissement d'un réseau de collaborateurs dans plusieurs hôpitaux régionaux du Québec.

Claude Laberge nous parlera du rôle d'un Réseau de médecine génétique appliquée dans la promotion de la génétique communautaire, le support à la collaboration et la défense des intérêts des individus et de la population. Les enjeux éthiques et le partage des retombées de la recherche avec la population seront discutés.

Nous anticipons avec beaucoup d'enthousiasme la tenue de cette session. L'expérience acquise par les chercheurs en génétique et génomique sur la population de l'est du Québec amorcer une réflexion productive sur l'imputabilité sociale des Facultés de médecine en recherche. Toutes les personnes intéressées aux impacts sociaux de la recherche sont invitées à participer activement à cette session qui se tiendra le mardi 28 avril 2003.

Marc Desmeules
Président
Comité chargé du programme

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The meeting in Québec City offers an opportunity to address both of these challenges-to better display and to better deploy action in this area. Opportunities will be provided for the academic leaders in Canadian medicine to address the questions: How does the academy express, foster, teach and

measure its social responsibility?

This will be done subsequent to the keynote address to set the stage: **Social Accountability: The Next Frontier?** by Dr. Charles Boelen **Social Accountability in Biomedical and Health Research** by Dr. Alan Bernstein **Social Accountability in Public Health Care Policy** by Dr. Thomas Ward

By day's end, the best of Canadian academic medicine should have a more

complete understanding of their collective understanding, collective accomplishments and collective plans for action to further the contributions of scholarship and education to a more thoughtful future....surely the enduring responsibility of a centuries long dedication to the science and art of medicine.

Robert Woollard
Plenary Session Chair

CAME Update

The Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME) welcomes you to the 2003 Annual Meeting in Québec City. The theme of "Social Accountability of Canadian Medical Schools" is an exciting opportunity to look beyond our physical boundaries and into the communities that we serve. Whether you are involved in undergraduate, post-graduate or continuing medical education, this meeting should extend our vision to encompass the overlooked and underserved areas of medical education.

CAME will host workshops, research and development sessions and a large number of educational posters at this meeting, including facilitated poster discussions. The number and quality of submissions have been large (51 posters, 37 workshops, 37 R&Ds) so the deliberations of the selection committee were not easy. CAME will also recognize individuals who have contributed to medical education in Canada at both the senior and junior levels and will provide "Certificates of Merit" to those who have made invaluable contributions to medical education endeavours in their own faculties. Each Canadian medical school, through the school CAME Board member, is encouraged to put forward names wor-

thy of a Certificate of Merit. Last year's Certificate of Merit awardees were: Dalhousie University – Dr. Toni Suzuki Laidlaw; Université de Sherbrooke – Drs. Danielle Bourgaux and Guy Waddell; Université de Montréal – Drs. Marquis Fortin, Jean-Victor Patenaude and Serge Quéirin; University of Ottawa – Dr. Erin Keely; Queen's University – Dr. Susan Mofatt; University of Western Ontario – Drs. Peter Haase and Jeffrey Nisker; University of Manitoba – Dr. Cheryl Kristjanson; University of Saskatchewan – Dr. Kurt Williams; University of Alberta – Drs. David Rayner and Tzu-Kuang Lee; and University of Calgary – Dr. Ward Flemons. If your university is not represented here, please contact your local CAME Board representative and make a nomination. The number of certificates awarded at each school is determined by the size of the entry class.

Thanks to the tireless work of Dr. Paul Grand'Maison, Past-President of CAME, we now have a Vision Statement: "To promote excellence in all aspects of medical education in Canada" and a Mission Statement: "To advocate for medical education and medical educators by supporting faculty and educational development and encouraging research in medical education through networking and scientific

activities". The annual meeting is one aspect of this work but we recognize that other opportunities are also important and have been pursuing these as well. One concrete example of this activity is the decision to work collaboratively with the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges (ACMC), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) and the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) to plan a joint medical education meeting in Saskatoon in the Spring of 2005. Although the planning process is just beginning, there is enthusiasm and willingness on the part of all organizations involved to develop such a meeting and CAME has been asked to provide leadership of the planning committee. We hope to create a meeting as exciting and challenging as the Conjoint Meeting of the CFPC Section of Teachers and the RCPSC Educational Research and Development Unit held in Toronto in 1998.

CAME is here to serve and represent the medical education community in Canada. Contact us if you would like to join the committee, submit a paper or learn more about the organization.

Jean Gray
President

VISIT THE ACMC WEB-SITE FOR ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS

- ***SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY: A VISION FOR CANADIAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS***
www.acmc.ca/issues.htm
- ***SECOND ACMC BRIEF TO THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE IN CANADA***
www.acmc.ca/issues.htm
- ***FIRST ACMC BRIEF TO THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE IN CANADA***
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- ***PLENARY PRESENTATIONS OF THE 2002 ANNUAL MEETING***
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science category. The faculty's Dr. E. Mary Hollington Awards recognizes excellence in undergraduate medical education and recipients are selected by the fourth-year undergraduate class.

Professor Amira Klip of Pediatrics was the 2002 winner of the Dales Award in medical research, created by the University of Toronto's Life Sciences Committee to encourage investigators of outstanding caliber to pursue research in the area of general medicine.

Professor Martin Schreiber of Medicine was selected as this year's Dean A.L. Chute Award (the Silver Shovel) of the Faculty of Medicine, given to an undergraduate teacher considered by the fourth-year class to have demonstrated excellence in overall teaching in the second, third and fourth years of the undergraduate medical education program.

Professor Charles Boone of the Banting & Best Department of Medical Research was this year's winner of the National Cancer Institute of Canada William E. Rawls Prize, sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society. The prize recognizes a young investigator whose work has led to important advances in cancer control within the past decade.

Professor John Bradley of Anesthesia was the winner of the 2001-2002 W.T. Aikins Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching in the course/program development and coordination category while **Professor William Chapman** of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology won the award in individual teaching performance. The W.T. Aikins Awards are the faculty's most prestigious awards for commitment to and excellence in undergraduate medical education.

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Notable Awards

Ronald V. Christie Award

The Ronald V. Christie Award of the Canadian Association of Professors of Medicine was awarded this year to Dr. David Hawkins, Executive Director, ACMC. It is awarded each year to a former Chair of a Canadian Department of Medicine who has made outstanding contributions to academic medicine in Canada.

Canadian Paediatric Society Ross Award

This annual award was presented to Dr. Judith Hall, Department of Pediatrics, University of British Columbia. It is presented to an individual who demonstrates excellence of achievement in the field of paediatric research, education, child health care and child advocacy.

University of Ottawa Alumni Awards of Excellence

Dr. Noni MacDonald, former member of Faculty and now Dean of Medicine at Dalhousie University, received the Community Service Award. Dr. Jean-Pierre DesGroseillers, Class of 1960, received the Professionalism Award.

Canadian Medical Association May Cohen Award for Women Mentors

Dr. Rose Goldstein, Associate Dean, Professional Affairs received the first annual award for being a formidable activist on behalf of women in medicine.

The CMA May Cohen Award will be awarded annually to a woman physician who has demonstrated outstanding mentoring abilities.

Former Dean Named an Officer of the Order of Canada

Dr. Mamoru Watanabe, former Dean of the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine, has been named an Officer of the Order of Canada. The Order of Canada is our country's highest honour for lifetime achievement, established in 1967 to recognize outstanding achievement and service in various fields of human endeavor.

Dr. Watanabe, O.C., has helped shape national health care education, research and policy for nearly four decades, and is well known for his outstanding medical research. Professor Emeritus at the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine, he has brought international recognition to the faculty for its expanded research role and its pioneering use of telemedicine in rural Alberta.

College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan

celebrates 50 years 1953 – 2003

All the latest updates on Anniversary events will be posted at:
www.usask.ca/medicine/50th

Imputabilité sociale : au delà de la rhétorique Séance Plénière—28 avril 2003

Les facultés de médecine sont-elles des écoles de métier survalorisées qui forment des étudiants tirés d'un segment de plus en plus riche de la société? Sont-elles des usines de recherche qui fabriquent des produits dont la mesure première est leur valeur commerciale? Ou sont-elles la continuation d'une tradition séculaire visant à créer des gens et des idées dévoués à améliorer la société qui les a appuyés, et qui visent la recherche de la santé (et en fait, la recherche d'un sens) de la part de ses citoyens, peu importe leur statut? Ce sont là des questions profondes, dans un monde où les disparités aux plans de la santé et des buts semblent être des problèmes insolubles.

Ce sont des questions dignes des plus grands esprits que nous puissions rassembler sous l'égide de l'Association des facultés de médecine du Canada, qui chapeaute la médecine universitaire et son expression au Canada.

L'assemblée annuelle de l'AFMC-ACEM aura lieu à Québec du 26 au 29 avril 2003. Cette assemblée de penseurs et de chefs de file de la médecine universitaire sera l'occasion de discuter de la question de l'imputabilité sociale des facultés de médecine, de réfléchir aux tendances internationales, d'échanger sur les expressions actuelles de cette imputabilité et d'examiner comment il serait possible de profiter de ces expériences pour en arriver à un nouveau degré de réalisation par le biais d'actions conjointes et de partenariats. Bien que l'on en fait déjà beaucoup, il reste encore énormément de pain sur la planche, et l'importance de ce travail ainsi que les possibilités d'y contribuer sont de plus en plus évidentes. L'AFMC et ses membres sont bien placés pour donner leur appui, et l'assemblée de Québec sera le moment idéal pour procéder à l'examen et à la planification de ce travail.

La question a été abordée de façon générale lors de l'assemblée de l'AFMC-ACEM de cette année, tenue à Calgary, lorsque le conférencier principal, l'honorable Roy Romanow, nous a présenté le rapport conjoint de l'

AFMC/Santé Canada [*Imputabilité sociale : Une vision pour les facultés de médecine du Canada* que l'on peut retrouver à l'adresse <http://www.hc-gc.ca/hppb/healthcare/>] en déclarant que c'était là l'expression de ce qu'il y a de mieux en médecine universitaire et de son rôle durable, qui est de favoriser la santé des Canadiens. Par la suite, il a demandé à rencontrer le président et le directeur exécutif de l'AFMC, Abraham Fuks et David Hawkins respectivement, afin qu'ils puissent approfondir la question avec lui et son personnel. Depuis, M. Romanow a énoncé certaines des attentes que les Canadiens peuvent avoir d'un milieu de la santé universitaire qui soit pleinement engagé envers la cause. Ainsi, la médecine universitaire commence à être perçue comme faisant partie de la solution plutôt que du problème dans l'actuel système de soins de santé. Le rapport final de la Commission aura sans doute pour effet d'apporter d'importants changements à la façon dont les soins de santé sont organisés, offerts, mesurés et justifiés. Il incombe aux milieux universitaires de participer pleinement et de faire une contribution substantielle à cette entreprise des plus canadiennes.

Il s'agit là d'un exemple bien précis de la façon dont les facultés de médecine peuvent exprimer leur imputabilité sociale, mais il existe bien d'autres exemples de comment elles peuvent démontrer leur engagement envers une meilleure société civile. Bon nombre de ces activités sont les « pierres angulaires » d'une meilleure compréhension et d'une meilleure réalisation de la santé. Toutefois, elles ne sont souvent pas reconnues et sont rarement reliées entre elles pour servir de base solide sur laquelle bâtir un fondement rationnel du service.

La réunion à Québec sera l'occasion de se pencher sur ces deux défis : comment démontrer une meilleure action dans ce domaine et comment déployer cette action. Les leaders universitaires en médecine canadienne auront l'occasion de se pencher sur les ques-

tions suivantes : Comment les universités peuvent-elles exprimer, favoriser, enseigner et mesurer leur responsabilité sociale?

Ce travail se fera après le discours-programme afin d'établir le contexte : **Imputabilité sociale : La nouvelle frontière?** par le docteur Charles Boloen.

Imputabilité sociale en recherche biomédicale et en santé par le docteur Alan Bernstein.

Imputabilité sociale dans les politiques en matière de soins de santé publique par le docteur Thomas Ward.

Quand tout sera terminé, les plus grands esprits de la médecine universitaire canadienne devraient avoir une meilleure idée de leur compréhension, leurs réalisations et leurs plans d'action collectifs afin d'accroître les contributions universitaires et de l'éducation pour assurer un avenir plus éclairé... ce qui est certainement la responsabilité durable du dévouement séculaire envers la science et l'art de la médecine.

Robert Woollard
Président de la séance plénière

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Social Accountability in the Laboratory: Genetics and Genomics in the Eastern Québec Population

The social contract linking a faculty of medicine to the community it serves deals with all aspects of its function: teaching, care and research. It has been proposed that the social responsibility of a faculty of medicine in the area of research can be measured through the demonstration of research programs involving its community partners (Hennen, 1997). The research activities in the area of genetics and genomics which have been developed in relation to the founding population of Eastern Québec meet some of these objectives. The tools which have been created as well as the expertise gathered provide a good example of research adapted to the specific needs of a particular population.

The objective of Tuesday's plenary session is to present some of the achievements of the research programs which have been implemented over the past 20 years, in order to promote discussion on actions to be taken to extend the social responsibility of faculties of medicine in the field of research. Claude Laberge, a professor at Université Laval and Director of the , Réseau de médecine génétique appliquée, has prepared an exciting program for the plenary, which will be chaired by Dean Pierre Durand of the Faculté de médecine, Université Laval. The guest speakers are renowned researchers who have collaborated on common projects in the field of genetics and genomics. They have all benefited from the particular resources provided for their studies by the population of Eastern Québec. At the same time, their projects attempted to resolve problems specific to that community.

Gérard Bouchard, a professor at Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (UQAC), as well as a sociologist, historian, researcher and author, will present the BALSAC project of which he is Founder and Director. This computerised population database makes possible the automatic building of ascending and descending pedigrees from the 17th century on for the Saguenay region. This remarkable infrastructure feeds 27 projects in the field of human genet-

ics. The researchers of the four co-proprietary universities – Montreal, McGill, Laval and UQAC – are cooperating on this project.

Thomas Hudson, a professor at McGill University, is one of the rising stars of research in genomics in North America. Chief investigator at the Montreal General Hospital Genome Centre, he is also Assistant Director of the Whitehead Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His state-of-the-art work covers several aspects of human genetics and genomics. He is particularly interested in studying diseases which are determined by complex genetic traits.

Jacques Simard, a professor at Université Laval, is with the Département d'anatomie et de physiologie at the Centre hospitalier de l'Université Laval. His research deals with the genetic and epidemiological characteristics of hereditary breast and ovarian cancers. He will present his experience as chief investigator on an international project which required the establishment of a network of collaborators in several regional hospitals throughout Québec.

Claude Laberge will talk to us about the role of an applied genetic medicine network in the promotion of community genetics, the support for cooperation and the defending of the interests of individuals and of the population. The ethical stakes and the sharing of research benefits with the population will also be discussed.

We very much look forward to this session. The experience of the researchers in genetics and genomics of the population of Eastern Québec provides all the ingredients required to begin a productive discussion on the social responsibility of faculties of medicine in the area of research. Anyone interested in the social impacts of research is invited to take an active part in this session.

Marc Desmeules
Chair, Annual Meeting
Planning Committee

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The Committee on Medical School Libraries held a very successful day long meeting during the annual ACMC meeting and also sponsored a workshop on "The Canadian National Site Licensing Project (CNSLP) – Electronic Information to the Desktop". The long delayed implementation of the CNSLP project has benefited universities in Canada but has raised major issues of which ACMC Board should be aware.

- a) The CNSLP has not been a substantial benefit to the health sciences community as there is limited health content contained within it. It has been useful as a model for future agreements but does not help with major issues currently faced by academic health sciences libraries and the communities of users which they serve.
- b) The resurgence of research activity due to increased funding has highlighted the rapidly deteriorating ability of the academic health sciences libraries to support the information needs of the health sciences research community. While funding for research has increased, the lack of equivalent increases in funding for support services for research activities is most evident in the academic health sciences libraries.
- c) There is an increasingly evident gulf in access to information opportunities for academic health sciences personnel and their colleagues who work in affiliated teaching hospitals and clinical health care systems. A "HAVE/HAVE NOT" situation is developing where university people have much broader access to health information resources. This is not supportive of the team approach that is so vital to effective clinical health care.

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Professor Yves Talbot of Family and Community Medicine was elected President of the International Society of Equity & Health for a two-year term effective June 2002. Founded four years ago, the society promotes equity in health and health services internationally through research, education, publication and communication.

Professor Emeritus Robert Salter of Surgery received the Award of Merit from the International Federation of Surgical Colleges, an organization that includes the officers of 76 national surgical colleges and associations. Salter was honoured for "distinguished service rendered to the federation as a past president and to world surgery"

Professor Sangeeta Metha of Medicine won the 2002 Elsie Winifred Grann Memorial Trust Award in medical science, created by the University of Toronto Life Sciences Committee to encourage young investigators to pursue research related to breast cancer or to pulmonary, kidney and urinary diseases.

Professor Eleftherios Diamandis of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology was awarded the 2002 Abbott Award of the International Society of Oncodevelopmental Biology, given for outstanding contributions in the field of basic or clinical oncology.

Professors Daniel Drucker and **Susam Quaggin** of Medicine were this year's winners of the 2002 Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation (CSCI) Distinguished Scientist Award and the CSCI Joe Doupe Young Investigator Award respectively.

RIME Workshop on Qualitative Educational Research in the Health Professions

(being offered at the 2003 ACMC-CAME Annual Meeting)

Health professional educators have different questions than they used to. In the last decade, questions about professionalism, teamwork, ethics, communication and safety have become a persistent part of the agenda for teachers, curriculum developers, administrators and researchers. As we begin to grapple with how to teach and evaluate in these domains, it is becoming evident that they are not easily reduced to quantifiable issues, and with this realization has come an increased reliance on qualitative methodology in health professions education research. As the need for qualitative research grows, so too does the need for education in the paradigm's conventions for rigor and excellence. The ACMC Research in Medical Education Committee has organized this workshop with funding support from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research.

The workshop titled: "**Qualitative Educational Research in the Health Professions: Designing, Funding, Conducting and Reporting a Quality Study**" is being offered on Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. A maximum of 25 participants can be accommodated in this workshop.

This workshop will combine didactic and interactive approaches to get participants thinking critically about what constitutes excellence in qualitative educational research. Concrete examples from funded and published qualitative research in health professions education will be used to focus discussion on key issues in four domains:

1. Designing a study. Issues will include: assembling the right team, articulating an approach, defining an appropriate sample, selecting methods for triangulation
2. Writing a competitive grant. Issues will include: where to apply, educating reviewers about rigor, using numbers appropriately, outlining analysis steps, articulating outcomes, preparing a realistic budget.

3. Conducting a study. Issues will include: ethical concerns in qualitative research, using the iterative process, making the most of insider experts, ensuring rigorous analysis.

4. Reporting a study. Issues will include: the rhetoric of qualitative results, using textual quotes effectively, the length problem, educating the reader, the role of theory.

This workshop is not intended as an in-depth lesson in any of the steps of qualitative research but to introduce participants to the key variables that require attention at each stage of a study's evolution, and to share with them some proven strategies for success. A workbook of samples will be available for participants.

In early January the 2003 Annual Meeting Preliminary Program will be mailed out which will include the conference registration form. Complete the registration form, including choosing this workshop option and sent it to ACMC as instructed. Register early as only 25 can be registered for this workshop.

Workshop Leaders: Lorelei Lingard, PhD, is an experienced qualitative researcher in the health professions education domain. Her research program focuses on inter-professional team communications in healthcare, with particular emphasis on how novices are socialized into team roles, and how team communication patterns impact patient safety. In four years, she has captured over \$700,000 in peer-reviewed grant funding for qualitative research and has collaboratively conducted more than 20 qualitative studies. Her work has won awards at international education meetings and has been published in international education journals. **Natasha Kachan, MEd**, has four years experience as a research assistant and project manager on qualitative research studies in education. She is an expert in the daily complexities of fieldwork, recruiting and consenting subjects, training and managing research assistants, and using qualitative data analysis software.

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To assist in addressing the issue of equity of access to important health knowledge information sources, the members of the committee support the "National Network of Libraries for Health" proposal currently under development by the Canadian Health Libraries Association in conjunction with Health Canada. Our committee has participated in the development of the proposal that is hoped will secure some initial federal funding.

Long term development of this proposal will require significant support from many members of the Canadian health sciences community. We ask that the ACMC Board of Directors consider support of this proposal in principle and also consider the role of ACMC institutional members in support of CME objectives that can be supported by the network.

George Beckett
Chair (2002)

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Dalhousie	27.11	27.71	6	6	91	91
Manitoba	33.35	27.94	10.5	9	85	85
McGill	27.53	28.03	7.6	7.6	78	78
McMaster	30.99	30.4	7	6	96	98
Memorial	26.00	27	7	7	84	85.5
Montreal*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ottawa*	10.27	9.97	3	3	89	88.75
Queen's	19.13	19.9	5.96	6.0	88	85.5
Saskatchewan*	11.00	11	2	2	89	89
Sherbrooke*	-	-	-	-	-	-
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British Columbia Biomedical	53.20	56.5	10.2	13.55		84
Laval*	-	20.35	-	6.09		101.5
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