

# CAG Newsletter

## Bulletin d'information de l'ACG

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### President's Remarks

Congratulations to Barb Payne, Trish MacDonald and their team! Those of you who joined us for the Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting in Winnipeg in October will know what a smash success it was! The keynote speakers were superb, the paper and poster sessions were great, the food was excellent and the venue with all sessions on the same floor and all rooms opening into a gathering area worked exceptionally well. Thank you to everyone whose efforts made this such a great meeting including CAG staff, both Anthony Lombardo and Celine Hunter – thank you for assisting with meetings and thank you for keeping our operations going on a day-to-day basis. Many thanks as well to our event sponsors and exhibitors who were also essential to the success of our conference.

As noted at the Annual General Meet-

ing, the organization is moving to become both more active and more visible in its leadership of gerontological issues within Canada. Under the guidance of François Béland, Vice President of CAG, plans are moving forward to show active leadership in the area of age friendly cities/communities. Under the leadership of Joe Tindale, Secretary Treasurer CAG, the organization is continuing its look at how to be best organized to meet the needs of its' members. I urge all members to write anyone on the executive or board or the head office of CAG with your ideas. I also invite you to let us know if you would like to be more involved in the organization.

Next year, 2010, we look forward to seeing you in Montreal for equally worthwhile meetings. In 2011 CAG is planning to hold its ASEM in Ottawa while



*President Neena Chappell*

hosting the PanAmerican meetings of the International Association on Gerontology and Geriatrics. We will welcome our colleagues from both the United States and Latin America at this gathering.

Wishing you all the best of the holiday season and a prosperous and fulfilling 2010.

*Neena Chappell*

### Message from the Manager of Operations

I would also like to extend my thanks to the Winnipeg Local Organizing Committee for their time and dedication to making our 38<sup>th</sup> meetings the success that they were. We also want to thank all of our participants who submitted and shared their exciting work with our conference delegates, making for a wide variety of stimulating pre-conference workshops, keynote addresses, symposium sessions, as well as poster and paper sessions. And, of course, many thanks to all of our members who attended our conference. Please find in this edition of the newsletter more information about this year's conference, as well as the biographies of our award winners. We are

pleased to report that planning for the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting in Montreal, from December 2 – 4, 2010 is well underway, under the leadership of Dr. Pierette Gaudreau, the acting director of the Quebec Network for Research on Aging (RQRV).

As Neena mentions, we are moving forward on a number of exciting new initiatives with our organization, and we look forward to sharing with our members the news of our progress. Many of these initiatives spring from the work of our Board of Directors, who volunteer their time to ensure the CAG continues to reach its goals and serve its membership. As we end another year, I would

like to thank our Board of Directors for their dedication and service to our organization. I extend my thanks as well to Celine Hunter here at the CAG head office, whose support to me, to the Board and to our membership at large, is invaluable.

We at the CAG head office wish all of our members a very safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to working with you in 2010, and we hope to see many of you in Montreal in December!

*Anthony Lombardo*



*Manager of Operations  
Anthony Lombardo*



# Report on the 38th Annual Scientific & Educational Meeting

The Board of Directors and CAG head office staff would again like to congratulate Barb Payne and Trish Macdonald on a truly outstanding job done in facilitating the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting (ASEM). The dedication put forth is a testament to the loyalty and ability of CAG members to further gerontological research and knowledge.

The Fairmont Winnipeg provided the ultimate conference experience, with meeting venues strategically located together on one level as well as su-

perb dining and accommodation facilities. Conference registration, exhibitor, volunteer, pre-conference workshop and dinner event involvement, is summarized in the tables below. Also note the attendance figures from Canada and the United States.

Thank you to all participants, individuals and sponsors who provided generous support—without your help this event would not have been such a success!

Thank you also to the keynote speakers: Norma Drosdowech, Dr. Valerie Gideon, Dr. Stephen Cunnane, Dr. Max Cynader and Dr. James Fries for their enthusiastic sessions throughout the conference. All provided outstanding knowledge and food for thought.

We are highly anticipating the year 2010, especially the return of the ASEM to Montréal, Québec which will be held from December 2 – 4. We hope to see you there!

*\* See 'ASEM at a Glance' on page 6 for an assortment of photographs from the ASEM \**

## Conference Registration

	Number of Delegates					
	CAG Member	Non-Member	CAG Student Member	Student Non-Member	CAG Senior	Senior Non-Member
Friday Only	3	12	0	6	0	3
Saturday Only	1	5	1	3	0	1
Full Conference	81	123	58	6	7	34
<i>Sub total</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>38</i>
<b>TOTAL NO. OF DELGATES: 344</b>						

## Volunter/Exhibitor Participation

	No. of Attendees
Volunteers	16
Exhibitors	21

## Prairie Dinner

	No. of Attendees
Regular	63
Student	35
Senior	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>

## Registration by Region

	No. of Attendees
Canada	
Alberta	32
British Columbia	32
Manitoba	175
New Brunswick	3
Newfoundland and Labrador	4
Nova Scotia	6
Ontario	77
Prince Edward Island	7
Québec	11
Saskatchewan	6
USA	
California	1
North Carolina	1
North Dakota	2

## Pre-Conference Workshop Attendance

	No. of Attendees
Exploring Age-Friendly Environments	73
Long-Term Care: Deer Lodge Centre	27
Elder Abuse: Rippling Effects of Multi-Disciplinary Approaches	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>

# CAG Awards 2009

Thank you to all those who attended the 38th Annual Scientific & Educational Meeting. The conference would not have been a success without your support and we look forward to seeing you all next year in Montreal!

Every year CAG recognizes individuals for outstanding work in Gerontology. This year marked the recognition of three such individuals for various awards—Congratulations!

**Dr. Robert Tate**, Betty Havens Award in Longitudinal Research;

**Sherry Dahlke**, Margery Boyce Award;

**Florian Bobeuf**, Donald Menzies Award.



Dr. Robert B. Tate (Ph.D. 2000) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Tate is the Director of the Manitoba Follow-up Study, Canada's longest running prospective study of cardiovascular disease and aging ([www.mfus.ca](http://www.mfus.ca)). His primary interests are with epidemiology and biostatistics, specifically as they relate to longitudinal studies. Dr. Tate has authored or co-authored 133 peer-reviewed publications in national and international journals of general medicine, epidemiology, cardiovascular disease and aging.

Ms. Dahlke marks 2009 as the thirtieth year of her practice as a Registered Nurse (RN). Since her graduation as a Diploma Nurse, she has eagerly pursued further education while working in clinical roles. To date, Sherry has completed a Degree in Vocational Education and two degrees in Nursing (BScN and MSN). Over the years, she has worked in a variety of clinical roles such as hospital staff nurse, team leader, nursing professor, and Geriatric outreach nurses. These roles have resulted in a keen interest in improving older adult care. To that end, she organized a Gerontological Interest Group (GIG) with nursing instructors interested in exploring and supporting nursing education of older adults and in conducting research about older adults. She also leads a group of nurses in organizing and hosting Healthy Aging conferences for the general public. Ms. Dahlke is currently a PhD student at UBC where the focus of her doctoral research is on understanding how beliefs of aging, knowledge of aging, and workplace settings influence nursing practice with hospitalized older adults.



M. Bobeuf is currently working towards a Ph.D. in gerontology at the Université de Sherbrooke. His studies include a clinical project where older people and risk factors of cardiovascular diseases are investigated under the supervision of Dr. Khalil and Dr. Dionne. Florian has presented results at international conferences and currently has three items in press. During his undergraduate and Master's degrees in education and physical activity and sport at the University of Rennes 2 in France, he participated in research on the effect of physical training in athletes and with cellular models on biochemical parameters. Throughout that time he practiced sports assiduously and now defends the colors of the Université de Sherbrooke at the federal level in athletics. He also participates in the training of future kinesiologists. After completing his Ph.D., Florian would like to continue being active in sports research and education.

**Award and application information is available online at [www.cagacg.ca](http://www.cagacg.ca)**

**Please visit us to review the awards being offered in 2010!**



# Student Connection - Connexion Étudiante (SC-CÉ)

*Anthony Kupferschmidt, SC-CÉ President*

The last several months have been productive ones for the SC-CÉ. Once again the CAG-ACG Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting (ASEM) was a strong success. With the tremendous support of this year's ASEM Organizing Committee, the SC-CÉ was pleased to offer several activities designed to enhance the conference experience for student and recent graduate delegates.

This year, the SC-CÉ organized a workshop of specific interest and benefit to both students and other conference attendees. Entitled *From Manuscript to Publication: Shining Light on the Refereeing and Publishing Process*, this session included a panel of student speakers and Drs. Mark Rosenberg and Lucie Richard from the Canadian Journal on Aging.

The seventh annual SC-CÉ Book Display was again popular and well received. Over \$400 was raised and four free SC-CÉ memberships were awarded. SC-CÉ Past President Sean Keays chaired this event for a second year – thank you very much for offering your time and expertise again this year, Sean. Special thanks are also due to Kristin

Reynolds and everyone who volunteered to staff the Book Display during the ASEM. The SC-CÉ is currently recruiting a chair for next year's Book Display. If you love books, this is a great opportunity to get involved with the SC-CÉ. If you are interested or want to learn more, contact us at [scce@cagacg.ca](mailto:scce@cagacg.ca).

Having a chance to talk and share ideas with other delegates in a more informal setting is an important part of any conference experience. This year, the SC-CÉ Breakfast Meeting and the Student Social Night Out at a fabulous Winnipeg bistro provided both the perfect opportunity for catching up and meeting new colleagues. The SC-CÉ owes sincere thanks to Nancy Newall and the ASEM Student Organizing Committee for their work making the conference appealing and accessible for students.

It was also wonderful to see such a strong Canadian student presence at the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) World Congress in Paris, France. To read more about the international work of the SC-CÉ, please see *Around the World with the Student Con-*

*nection* in this edition of the CAG-ACG Newsletter.

Have you checked out the SC-CÉ Facebook site lately? Please do, as we are sure you will enjoy the new user-friendly format. There you can read about all of the latest SC-CÉ activities, as well as meet and chat with other SC-CÉ members. You can even join in a lively discussion group on topics of interest to SC-CÉ members. Watch for a new topic every month.

If you would like to learn more about the SC-CÉ or how you can become involved, please contact us at [scce@cagacg.ca](mailto:scce@cagacg.ca) or visit [www.cagacg.ca/studentconnection/](http://www.cagacg.ca/studentconnection/).

## Current SC-CÉ Executive Committee Members

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Anthony Kupferschmidt

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Angela Johnston

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Stacey Stewart

**Distribution List Manager:**  
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**Immediate Past President:**  
Sean Keays



*SC-CÉ members and friends enjoy dinner during the Student Social Night Out at the 2009 ASEM*

# Around the World with the Student Connection

*Anthony Kupferschmidt, SC-CÉ President*

Over the last 8 years, the CAG-ACG Student Connection - Connexion Étudiante (SC-CÉ) has worked to advance the role of students in the field of aging around the globe. In 2001-2005 when Canada was home to the Secretariat of the International Association of Gerontology (IAG, as it was known at the time), the SC-CÉ was invited to develop a Guide to Establishing Student Sections within IAG Member Organizations. This resource was made available internationally and paired with the IAG Student Section Development Grant initiative to foster the creation and growth of national gerontology student groups. As a result, and in addition to supporting other emerging groups, the SC-CÉ was able to directly assist with the formation of the Student Network of the New Zealand Association of Gerontology in 2004.

So we are very pleased that the SC-CÉ now has another opportunity to take a leadership role among

national organizations of gerontology and geriatrics students. In 2002, the IAG voted to establish the International Council of Gerontology Student Organizations (ICGSO). The ICGSO held its inaugural business meeting at the 2005 International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) World Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with a membership of 16 student and new professional sections affiliated with IAGG member societies. Unfortunately, discussion of the future of the ICGSO at this meeting did not translate into concrete advancements at first.

But building upon these early successes and with the generous support of the IAGG and other student representatives, the SC-CÉ organized two events at the 2009 IAGG World Congress in Paris, France. The first was an international symposium, entitled *Organization and Engagement of Gerontology and Geriatrics Students at the National, Regional and International Level*. The

student and recent graduate speakers reviewed the diverse status of student sections internationally, and discussed how best to advance a student presence within the IAGG.

The second event was the second ICGSO business meeting. I had the privilege of chairing this meeting of more than 35 student and new professional representatives from 17 countries (and all 5 IAGG regions) with or without recognized student sections. Attendees agreed upon aims, approved a draft governance structure, and established an acting executive committee to pilot the ICGSO through its next few formative years. I am honoured to have been nominated to lead this international transition team and represent the SC-CÉ in this capacity. Over the next two years, we will work to develop the ICGSO bylaws and advance its formal involvement in the IAGG.

As the study of gerontology and geriatrics grows around the world, so too will the voice of students in the field of aging. All CAG-ACG members can take pride in the important role that the SC-CÉ has taken and continues to take on the world stage.

For more information please visit [www.cagacg.ca/studentconnection](http://www.cagacg.ca/studentconnection) or contact [scce@cagacg.ca](mailto:scce@cagacg.ca)



*Left: The ICGSO Acting Executive Committee at the 2009 IAGG World Congress (from l to r): Andre Santos (Brazil), Kelly Fitzgerald (USA), Helen Feist (Australia), and Anthony Kupferschmidt (Canada).*

## ASEM at a Glance



*Top from left to right: Norma Drosdowech, Ukrainian Dancers at Friday night Prairie Dinner, Dr. Max Cynader.  
Bottom from left to right: Dr. Stephen Cunnane, Dr. Valerie Gideon, Dr. James Fries.*

## Save the Date!

### Baycrest - Berkeley present The Frontal Lobes, 20th Annual Rotman Research Institute Conference

**When:** March 22—26, 2010

**Where:** Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front Street West, Toronto, Canada

Organized by Drs. D. T. Stuss, R.T. Knight. Please visit [www.rotman-baycrest.on.ca](http://www.rotman-baycrest.on.ca) for further information.

### International Federation on Ageing 10th Global Conference

**When:** May 3-6, 2010

**Where:** Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, Melbourne, Australia

The Conference will provide a reliable platform for a global information exchange and point of connection for all, working to generate positive social change for older people. Visit [www.ifa2010.org](http://www.ifa2010.org) for more information.

### 7th World Conference International Society for Gerontology

**When:** May 27-30, 2010

**Where:** Marriott Pinnacle Hotel, Vancouver, Canada

Host organization: Gerontology Research Centre, Simon Fraser University. Make sure to watch for further information at [www.sfu.ca/grc/isg/2010](http://www.sfu.ca/grc/isg/2010).

### Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology (FICCDAT)

**When:** June 5-8, 2011

**Where:** Toronto, Canada

Co-hosted by March of Dimes Canada and Toronto Rehab. For