

Board of Directors Annual Report 2009

President's Report

The past year has been a busy but productive one for CAG. As you know, the financial situation of the organization was reviewed and subsequently the head office restructured. It remains physically at the University of Toronto with the Institute for Life Course and Aging; we express our gratitude to the Institute and its Director, Lynn McDonald for the support that they continue to demonstrate for CAG.

The head office is now run by a part-time Operations Manager (Anthony Lombardo) and a 4-day a week Administrative Coordinator (Celine Hunter). This situation is working well. Currently the membership list is being moved to be an in-house function and, while there have been many glitches along the way, a new system should be in place shortly. Similarly the newsletter function has been moved in-house with responsibility held by Celine.

The last of the hotel contracts signed by the organization several years ago, which proved inordinately expensive in current times and with the current membership size, has been renegotiated for 2010 in Montreal.

Efforts are underway to enhance CAG as a bilingual organization. The lack of resources is hampering this effort, but funds are being sought; any suggestions from individuals would be welcome. It will be noticed that, at this year's meeting, simultaneous translation is offered and there is one plenary address delivered in French.

We're also undertaking a review of several policies that require updating. Examples are CAG policy statements and charging for membership lists and whether they should be distributed at all.

Electronic voting as approved by the membership has been implemented and is working well.

The Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting planning committee for this year, headed by Barb Payne, University of Manitoba, receives our heartfelt thanks for a wonderful job. A reminder that the meetings next year will be in Montreal; the conference hotel is the Sheraton Montreal; the dates are December 2nd through to December 4th (late for CAG). We urge all to attend. We see these meetings as an opportunity to revitalize the Quebec wing of the organization and to promote and enhance the organization as bilingual.

I would like to personally thank all of the board members and especially the executive with whom I work closely. Thank you also to Anthony and Celine without whom my job would be very difficult. All have made exceptional contributions to CAG.

Neena L. Chappell, PhD, FRSC
President, Canadian Association on Gerontology
Canada Research Chair in Social Gerontology

Rapport annuel du vice-président

La vice-présidence de l'ACG s'est préoccupée de trois dossiers cette année : premièrement, la place du bilinguisme au sein de l'Association; deuxièmement l'organisation de l'assemblée annuelle de l'ACG à Montréal en 2010; et, troisièmement, le démarrage d'un projet sur les « Villes amies des aînées » en collaboration avec l'Agence de santé publique du Canada et de l'Institut du vieillissement (IA) des Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada (IRSC).

L'ACG se veut une association canadienne dans la meilleure des traditions d'ouverture, de générosité et de diversité. La présence des deux langues officielles du pays a toujours préoccupé l'ACG. Malgré les difficultés, l'ACG a voulu maintenir sa dimension francophone. Des efforts ont été faits au cours de l'année pour améliorer la présence du français dans les communications de l'ACG avec ses membres. Les messages de l'ACG destinés aux membres sont redevenus disponibles dans les deux langues et la présence du français au Congrès de ces années a été assurée par divers moyens. Les efforts vont se poursuivre en ce sens. L'an prochain, le congrès de l'ACG aura lieu à Montréal, un congrès qui promet une expérience scientifique et éducative bilingue exemplaire.

Le comité scientifique responsable du congrès 2010 de l'ACG qui aura lieu à Montréal a été constitué. Dirigé par la Professeure Pierrette Gaudreau PhD de l'Université de Montréal et directrice du Réseau québécois de recherche sur le vieillissement (RQRV) du Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec (FRSQ), le comité scientifique représente les axes principaux de la recherche en gérontologie au Québec. Il est en mesure de mobiliser les chercheurs du Québec et de tout le Canada, de même que les praticiens et les décideurs, autour de discussions essentielles sur la recherche et les interventions en gérontologie. Le vice-président de l'ACG est membre de ce comité.

Une initiative de l'ACG sur les « Villes-amis des aînés » est en développement. Promue par l'ACG, l'initiative regroupe, en ce stade préliminaire de son développement, l'Agence de santé publique du Canada, l'IV des IRSC et des partenaires de villes et provinces du Canada. L'idée est de mobiliser ces organisations pour développer des connaissances et des capacités d'action à mettre au service d'interventions majeures aux bénéficiaires des personnes âgées et de toute la société. L'ACG agit comme promoteur de l'initiative et offre sa capacité de mobiliser chercheurs, praticiens et décideurs autour de projets de recherche, de formation et d'interventions communs. On prévoit que les étudiants seront sollicités de façon particulière sur la recherche et l'intervention. La capacité de l'ACG de diffuser les connaissances et l'information de multiples façons sera sollicitée par l'organisation d'ateliers pré-congrès, par des symposiums et la publication éventuelle d'un numéro spécial de la Revue canadienne du vieillissement. De même, l'ACG pourra développer un énoncé de politique qui découlerait de cette expérience qui unit recherche, connaissance et interventions.

Je propose l'adoption de mon rapport,
François Béland, PhD
Vice-président
Association canadienne de gérontologie

Treasurer's Report

Since this time last year I think the CAG has made great strides to create "goodness of fit" between our revenue and expenditure streams. Working in concert with the CAG Board Executive we have taken the following steps:

- Reduced our national office fixed costs in terms of payroll and rent for space
- Developed and worked with a budget for 2009 that starts with the premise that almost all of our revenue comes from memberships and so that becomes the basis for calculating what expenses we can afford.
- We have finally seen the end of leasing costs for office equipment that was originally used in the Ottawa office and sat in storage until our lease expired a few months ago.
- I have worked with Mark Rosenberg, Editor in Chief of the CJA to create an understanding regarding revenue sharing between the CAG and the CJA that is realistic and attuned to the new partnership with Cambridge University Press. It is our hope that over the next five years both parties to this understanding will realize revenue. And this has not been the case for a good many years.
- Received from our auditors Financial Statements for 2008. This was something that could not be accomplished in 2007, largely as a result of some confusion associated with the moving of head office to Toronto from Ottawa and some uncertainties associated with our previous journal publisher.
- I would like to thank the members of the Board Executive, and Anthony Lombardo and Celine Hunter from head office for doing so much to help us realize our operational goals for 2009.
- Finally, I would like to thank the principal people behind the local organizing committee for this Winnipeg conference: Trish Macdonald and Barb Payne. Last winter we established a monthly tele-conference to make conference decisions and ensure that the local organizing committee, head office staff and the Board were all on the same page. Trish and Barb have done an excellent job of managing diverse organizational challenges and doing so within budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Tindale, Treasurer

Health and Biological Sciences Division

Abstract Review, Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting: There were 67 abstracts submitted for review by the Health and Biological Sciences Division; 33 paper, 29 posters, 4 symposiums, and 1 workshop. Abstracts were of high quality. Abstracts were subject to blind peer review by two reviewers per abstract. The 67 abstracts were accepted. Thanks to Katherine McGilton, Peggy MacLeod, Donna Beiswanger, Nancy Platt, Roslyn Compton, Barb Seplaki, Sherry Dahlke, Lorna de Witt, Lisa Keeping-Burke, and Veronique Boscart for their contribution to the review process.

GERI: I am pleased to represent the CAG on the on GERI, the Geriatric Education and Recruitment Initiative. GERI is a collaboration between the Canadian Geriatrics Society, the Canadian Association of Retired Persons, the Canadian Pensioners Concerned, the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry, the Health Care of the Elderly Committee of the College of Family Physicians, the National Initiative for Care of the Elderly, and the Canadian Association on Gerontology. It is led by Chris Frank. GERI has funding from Health Human Resources Canada to develop geriatric interest groups at several universities.

Submitted by Lynn McCleary,
Division Representative to the Board of Directors, CAG

Canadian Journal on Aging/La Revue canadienne du vieillissement CJA/RCV

Finances

The CJA/RCV would gratefully like to acknowledge SSHRC and CIHR – Institute on Aging for their continued financial support through the end of 2008 and into 2009. In 2008, the CJA/RCV applied to SSHRC, under its new guidelines, for a new three year grant for the period 2009 to 2011 and was successful. In 2009, the CJA/RCV and the CIHR – Institute on Aging (IA) concluded a new Memorandum of Understanding for the 2009 fiscal year (see below). We will be seeking an agreement for 2010 in the coming months.

At the end of 2008, the CJA/RCV concluded its association with the University of Toronto Press (UTP). This included a payment of approximately \$31,000 to the CJA/RCV, the net return on royalties and advertising. We will not know the financial results of our first year with Cambridge University Press (CUP) until the end of 2009.

In sum, with the 2009 to 2011 SSHRC grant, our agreement with CIHR-IA, and the one-time payment from UTP, the CJA/RCV is moving forward in a relatively strong financial position. We are also optimistic that with the plan worked out with CUP, this will continue over the next five years to the advantage of both the CJA/RCV and the CAG.

Editorial Board

Between October 2008 and 2009, the editorial board was comprised of:

Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Editor-in-Chief (2004-2010)
Dr. Lucie Richard, Associate Editor-in-Chief (2006-2010)
Dr. Philippe Landreville, Psychology Section Editor (2009-2013)
Dr. Christopher Patterson, Health and Biological Sciences (2005-2009)
Dr. Cathy Ward-Griffin, Social Policy and Practice (2007-2011)
Dr. Margaret Penning, Social Sciences (2006-2010)
Dr. Barbara Mitchell, Book Review Editor (2009-2013)

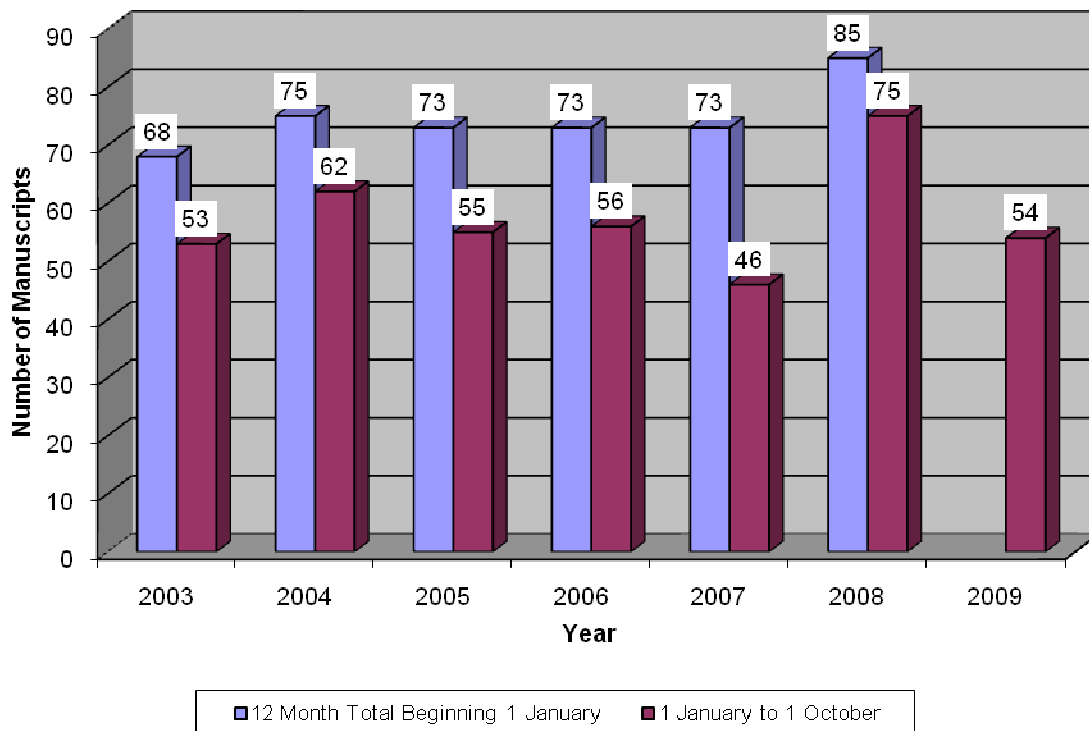
The search for a new editor-in-chief will begin in early in 2010 with a plan to announce my replacement at the 2010 ASEM and for the new editor-in-chief and Dr. Rosenberg to work together on the transition from October to December 2010.

Manuscript Submissions:

Following the move from UTP to Cambridge University Press (CUP), the production process for papers accepted for publication in the CJA/RCV has dramatically improved. CJA/RCV Vol. 28 Nos. 1, 2, and 3 have been published and distributed. No. 4 is now in the process of production and set for distribution mid December 2009. In other words, the CJA/RCV is now back on schedule addressing one of the key concerns that led to the change in publishers. All of the accepted papers for CJA/RCV Vol. 29 No.1, the SEDAP Special Issue on “Caring for an aging population: Context, policy and practice” are ready to send to CUP for publication in March 2010 and those for Vol. 29 No.2, 2010 continue to be collected.

Manuscript flow is likely to match or better 2008 (see Figure1).

Figure 1- Number of Manuscripts by Year, 2003 to 2009



A more detailed analysis is presented in Table 1. Depending on what one uses as the denominator, the acceptance rate in 2009 is 38.3 per cent (46/120) or 32.2 per cent (47/146). The editorial board continues to work hard to reduce the amount of time between first submission and a first decision, and the time it takes to reach a final decision. This reflects a number of ongoing problems including authors who are slow to respond to reviewer and editor requests for changes, reviewers who are slow to provide reports and most significantly, the difficulties section editors have in finding qualified reviewers.

Table 1: Current Manuscript Status as of 7 October 2009					
	Accepted	Rejected	In process	Withdrawn	
Between 01Oct08 and 31Dec08	1	5	20	0	26
01Jan09 - 20 Oct 09	46	37	33	4	120
TOTAL	47	42	53	4	146

Achievements in 2009

With the switch to CUP, the CJA/RCV replaced its old system of supplemental issues with special issues as part of the four issues per year. The first of these was CJA/RCV Vol. 28, No. 3 on the Canadian Longitudinal Survey on Aging (CLSA).

As part of the agreement with CIHR-IA, a new section was created: CIHR-IA – Profiles. The first of these appeared in Vol. 28 No.2 and the second will appear in Vol. 28, No. 4. The former by Dr. Anne Martin-Matthews et al. was a retrospective/prospective discussion of policy issues first raised in a joint publication of CJA/RCV and *Canadian Public Policy* 10 years ago. The latter is by Dr. Hubert Warner and Dr. Felipe Sierra and raises the provocative issue of investing in basic research on aging.

Vol. 28, No. 4 also contains a commentary by John Osborne, Professor Emeritus from the University of Alberta. While commentaries are not new to the CJA/RCV, they have been rare in recent years and we hope to encourage more in future issues.

Finally, it has not been my practice to single out section editors, but in 2009 Dr. Barbara Mitchell came on board as book review editor and has breathed new life into an important part of the CJA/RCV. With the exception of special issues, it our intention to publish book and media reviews in all issues but special issues, but obviously this is, at least, partially dependent on our book and media reviewers, their timely submissions and Dr. Mitchell's recommendation to publish.

Future Special Issues

As already mentioned, the first issue of 2010 will be a special issue on caring co-edited by Dr. Margaret Denton and Dr. Isik Zeytinoglu. Other special issues planned for later in 2010 or 2011 are a second special issues supported by the Social and Economic Dimensions on an Aging Population (SEDAP) on Vulnerable Older Populations with guest editors Dr. Bruce Newbold (McMaster University) and Dr. Kathi Wilson (University of Toronto); a special issue on social exclusion being organized by Dr. Julia Rozanova (Brown University) and Dr. Andreas Hoff (Oxford University); a special issue to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the *Butterworths Perspectives on Individual and Population Aging Series* with Dr. Herb Northcott acting as the guest editor.

Publisher:

In 2009, we began a five year agreement with CUP. I would like to use this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to Robert Dreesen who worked out the agreement with the CAG and CJA/RCV and continues to have overall responsibility for the journal on the CUP side. I would also like to recognize Jonathan Geffner from CUP who has responsibility for turning our submissions into a journal. Beyond Robert and Jonathan is a whole team at CUP that has worked extraordinarily hard to produce and market the CJA/RCV around the world in a way that we have never seen before in the history of the CJA/RCV. I am confident that our partnership will only grow and improve over the course of the five year agreement.

Electronic Dissemination and Manuscript Submission

The CJA/RCV is now distributed electronically through CUP (CJA/RCV On-line) and Project Muse (<http://muse.jhu.edu/search>). The former is available to all members of the CAG and all subscribers. The latter is available to anyone whose library is a member of Project Muse, a global network of academic/institutional libraries (for more details go to the Project Muse website).

Another feature of the CUP CJA/RCV web site is that papers are electronically available prior to the release of the final printed version of the paper. This is an increasingly important new feature in the evolution of the CJA/RCV because it allows earlier reference to papers to be published in CJA/RCV and thus improves the impact ratings of the journal.

In addition, the CJA/RCV submission and editorial processes has become completely electronic. The new ScholarOne site was launched on October 5, 2009 for the online submission and review of all manuscripts submitted to the CJA/RCV, which we hope will help to improve production, diversify the researcher and reader bases, and return CJA/RCV to the front ranks of gerontology journals.

Final Words:

As always, I would like to express my appreciation to Barbara Mitchell, Philippe Landreville, Christopher Patterson, Margaret Penning, Lucie Richard, and Cathy Ward-Griffin for their collective hard work and patience over the past 12 months. This year a special mention needs to go to Kerri Arthurs, my student assistant, who works tirelessly, without complaint, and who even laughs at my bad jokes. From the CJA/RCV side, it was Kerri more than anyone else who spent hours preparing all of the documents required to launch our new online submission and review platform through ScholarOne. Without all of the people from CUP, the editors and Kerri, the CJA/RCV would never happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark W. Rosenberg
Editor-in-Chief

Social Sciences Division

In April of this year I sent out an e-mail blast to all current members asking them to contact me if they had any comments they would like to share about the organization and its future growth and development. I received very little feedback from the message, however, did receive some concerns about the membership renewal process and ensuring members were notified when their membership was up for renewal. This information was shared with Neena and there is an understanding that CAG membership renewal is in the process of being revamped.

My primary role as Division Chair was in facilitating the review of abstracts for the 2009 CAG conference. The Social Science Division had been seeing a steady increase in the number of abstracts submitted for consideration at the CAG conference, reaching 90 abstract submissions last year. This year, however, we saw a worrisome drop in the numbers of abstracts submitted. In fact, we had the lowest number of abstracts submitted since 2006. Forty-three abstracts were submitted this year including 26 paper submissions, 13 posters, 3 symposia, and 1 workshop. With the assistance of two other reviewers with expertise in social science approaches to aging, all of the abstracts were accepted for inclusion in this year's program.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry L. Dupuis, Ph.D.
Divisional Chair, Social Sciences

Social Policy and Practice Division

There are 128 members in the Social Policy and Practice Division. A message was sent to past members in the summer encouraging them to join. Past and current members have been invited to a get-together at the Winnipeg conference (October 22, at 5:00 in the Cambridge Room) where we can network, share our work and our vision for both the Division and CAG.

Our membership is engaged and productive—53 submissions to the Social Policy and Practice stream have been accepted for the 2009 conference: 32 papers, 13 posters and 8 symposium.

Penny MacCourt, Division Chair

Psychology Division

I am pleased to report on the activities of the Psychology Division over the past year.

Membership issues were identified in the 2008 Psychology Division report as the most critical issue for the Division to address in the coming year. The efforts of the CAG head office to clarify membership issues and provide contact information for use by the Division Chairs is appreciated. The Division membership list includes approximately 100 names (numbers fluctuate slightly over the course of the year as individuals leave, join and change their Division identities within CAG). Of note, the Division membership is diverse, with members representing different professions, disciplines, sectors and provinces. An objective for the coming year will be to develop a better understanding of the composition of the Division and its relationship to other Divisions (members can belong to one or more Divisions). Of particular interest is the question of student representation in the Division.

An email list for communication with the Division has been constructed. Correspondence was sent to all members of the Division in February 2009 to encourage identification of issues and concerns that should be taken to the Board by the Division Chair, in April 2009 to invite participation in the abstract review process, and in September 2009 to encourage attendance at the Division meeting to be held at the ASEM in Winnipeg. In each case, a small but consistent segment of the membership responded, and their support of the Division is appreciated. Again, efforts by the CAG head office to provide translations so that correspondence could be sent in most cases in both French and English is appreciated.

Twelve abstracts were received for review by the Psychology Division (six posters, four papers and two workshops). One abstract was in French and the rest were in English. All abstracts were accepted for presentation at the ASEM following review by two volunteer reviewers from the Division. Overall, the quality of the submissions was noteworthy although the quantity is a concern. As Division Chair I extend thanks to both our reviewers and to those who submitted their work for presentation.

The CAG Board initiated a discussion at the 2008 ASEM with respect to governance models, one major question being whether the Division structure still best serves the organization. One objective for the coming year will be to gain a clearer understanding of the Division membership's thoughts on this issue. Discussions among the membership at the 2009 Division meeting in Winnipeg will encompass this issue and others under the rubric of "meet and greet, brainstorming, visioning and planning for CAG 2010".

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Gibson, PhD, CPsych
CAG Psychology Division Chair

Education Division

The Interdisciplinary Education Committee (IEC) has the potential throughout the year to meet the learning and support needs of many members of the Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG). Current IEC divisional responsibilities include receiving and reviewing abstracts for paper presentations at the ASEM, sponsoring the Divisional Meeting at the conference, and reviewing awards requests. Each responsibility is discussed below in relation to future changes discussed at the September Board Meeting. Recommendations for each responsibility will complete this report.

Abstracts for Presentations:

Considering the economic climate of the past year, we were fortunate to have 52 abstracts submitted to the IEC for review. Two of the abstracts were for symposia and required 4 reviewers for the 4 and 5 respective abstracts associated with each symposium. The 50 remaining required 2 reviewers per abstract and an additional reviewer in case of a disagreement for a total 108 reviewers. A call went out for reviewers from the 151 IEC membership list and 4 people responded. The chair set up a free gmail account to communicate with the Committee and began soliciting volunteers with the capabilities to review specific topics, a long and tedious process. Many members contacted belonged to other Divisions as well as IEC and declined or failed to respond. However, students were involved where appropriate and this process worked well.

Student Awards:

This year, two doctoral students Sherry Dahike and Florian Bobeuf are awarded the Margery Boyce Bursary and Donald Menzies Bursary respectively. Sherry is enrolled in the Nursing PhD programme at the University of British Columbia and will use the bursary to add to her extensive nursing knowledge and practice. Florian is completing his doctorate in Gerontology, in the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports at the University of Sherbrooke. He is focusing his research on therapies associated with biology and the physiology of ageing. We wish both students well and hope to have them present their respective research at future CAG Conferences.

IEC Divisional Meeting at the Conference:

Following the call for CAG abstracts, the Chair sent an invitation to IEC Division members to participate in a symposium where members would present papers focusing on Interdisciplinary Education in Gerontology. The symposium follows this year's meeting where the discussion will revolve around changes to our organizational structure and second, how to develop a core course that may be implemented and evaluated in receptive faculties/departments teaching Gerontology. Canadian society is ageing and how we prepare professions and disciplines to meet the needs of older adults will be a critical issue for education across Canada.

Recommendations from the Chair:

This past year has offered insights into possibilities for future reorganization. Based on the assessment of the Divisional system, participation throughout the year is limited and members have little input unless they attend the ASEM. Similarly, we need to lower the boundaries between and among divisions for participation to happen. Special interest groups and the subsequent best practice guidelines may prove helpful as shown in the successes that RNAO has exhibited.

Funding for communication and participation in divisional activities is an issue. Never the less, a number of IT free or pay-for-use systems are available that would support increased communication and stimulate participation throughout the year. Support from these organizations maybe sought to further these forms of communication.

The student bursaries are a wonderful way to encourage student involvement in CAG. Since these bursaries are supporting advanced learning and are for relatively small amounts, CAG travel grant in partnership with one of the Canadian airlines would be helpful. For example, research of this year's winners will certainly advance the care of older adults, and the teaching and learning of students.

In summary, members are busy and committed people. As members of CAG, however, we need to find ways to participate in the organization throughout the year to support one another to advance Gerontological care and research.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Cruttenden, RN, PhD
Chair, Interdisciplinary Education Committee

Student Connection - Connexion Étudiante (SC-CÉ)

What is the SC-CÉ?

Established in 1997, the Student Connection – Connexion Étudiante (SC-CÉ) is a national network for students interested in aging issues. The SC-CÉ is organized by student members of the Canadian Association on Gerontology – Association Canadienne de Gérontologie (CAG-ACG). The SC-CÉ acknowledges the continued financial support of the CAG-ACG.

SC-CÉ Executive Committee

Officers

<i>President</i>	Anthony Kupferschmidt	Simon Fraser University	2007-2009
<i>Vice-President</i>	Angela Johnston	Simon Fraser University	2007-2009
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Stacey Stewart	University of Waterloo	2008-2010

Members-at-Large

<i>Website Manager</i>	Chris Gonsalves	Queen's University	2007-2009
<i>Distribution List Manager</i>	Michael Campo	Simon Fraser University	2008-2010
<i>Newsletter Coordinator</i>	Susan Jurczak	Dalhousie University	2004-2009

<i>Immediate Past President</i>	Sean Keays	Simon Fraser University	2007-2009
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SC-CÉ Book Display Committee

<i>Chair</i>	Sean Keays	Simon Fraser University	2009
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SC-CÉ Nominations Committee

<i>Chair</i>	Sean Keays	Simon Fraser University	2007-2009
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Member
Member

Susan Jurczak
Tiana Rust

Dalhousie University
University of Alberta

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2008 - 2009 Activities

1) SC-CÉ Executive Committee Meetings

- Available to all SC-CÉ members at www.cagacg.ca/studentconnection/SC_CE.htm or upon request.

2) SC-CÉ Website (www.cagacg.ca/studentconnection)

- Features resources and information for all SC-CÉ members.
- The SC-CÉ permanent email address (scce@cagacg.ca) is featured on the website and promotional materials.
- One significant addition this year was a search engine bar to enable search capability within the website.
- The SC-CÉ has been working to develop a new website, which should be launched soon.

3) SC-CÉ Distribution List

- Enables regular and direct email contact with SC-CÉ members.

4) SC-CÉ Listserv

- A Yahoo Groups forum for SC-CÉ members to discuss aging-related topics and share their knowledge and experiences.
- Discussion topics are initiated by SC-CÉ members and the SC-CÉ Executive Committee.
- This forum has been temporarily suspended to evaluate the alternative use of a Facebook group for the SC-CÉ.

5) SC-CÉ Facebook Group

- Launched last year, this forum is being evaluated to replace the SC-CÉ listserv as an environment for discussion of aging-related topics and sharing of knowledge and experiences.
- Discussion topics are initiated by group members and the SC-CÉ Executive Committee.
- Twenty-two individuals have elected to join the SC-CÉ Facebook group to date.

6) CAG-ACG Newsletter

- The SC-CÉ contributed content to each CAG-ACG newsletter published during the period of this annual report.
- Submissions regularly feature information on Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting (ASEM) events, listserv topics, awards and bursaries, Executive Committee openings and other volunteering opportunities, incoming and outgoing Student Representatives, and other SC-CÉ activities.

7) SC-CÉ Student Representative Program

- Student Representatives liaise between local university and college campuses, local Faculty Representatives and the SC-CÉ Executive Committee.
- There are presently 22 Student Representatives from 16 universities spanning seven Canadian provinces. Six universities have two Student Representatives sharing this role.
- A full list of Student Representatives (including name, institution and email address) can be found at www.cagacg.ca/studentconnection/sreplist.htm.

- SC-CÉ Student Representatives at multiple institutions have promoted the CAG-ACG and hosted aging-related events, including interdisciplinary seminars and workshops, networking events, 'Career Evenings', aging research poster competitions, and information sessions.
- A 'Student Representatives Only' section of the SC-CÉ website hosts resources including customizable business card templates, bilingual promotional posters and past minutes of Student Representative meetings.
- The SC-CÉ organized an informal event entitled "Meet and Greet the SC-CÉ Student Representatives" at the 2008 ASEM. The intention of this event was to offer Student Representatives an opportunity to meet one another in person. The event was well attended and the SC-CÉ will strive to hold comparable events at future ASEMs.

8) SC-CÉ Student Representative Recruitment Incentive Award

- In 2004, the SC-CÉ applied for and received a Student Development grant from the International Association of Gerontology (IAG). This one-time only grant is designed to foster the development of student sections within IAG member societies such as the CAG-ACG. One of the development strategies included in this grant was the recruitment of new SC-CÉ members by offering awards for Student Representatives who recruit new students. Between 2004 and 2008, seven such awards were distributed from these funds.
- The purpose of this award is to encourage Student Representatives to recruit new CAG-ACG student members and promote, organize and host local aging-related events. It is awarded to the SC-CÉ Student Representative who collectively recruits the most new CAG-ACG student members and organizes the most local aging-related events.
- This award is valued at the cost of a CAG-ACG Student or Recent Graduate membership. These funds are allocated to the cost of a CAG-ACG Student, Recent Graduate or Regular membership.
- For more information, please visit www.cagacg.ca/studentconnection/SC-CE_student_representative_recruitment_incentive_award.html.
- The original Student Development grant has now been exhausted. The cost of future competitions may instead be covered by SC-CÉ funds provided by the CAG-ACG.

9) SC-CÉ Excellence in Research on Aging (ERA) Award

- To encourage the continued engagement of promising researchers and scholars in the CAG-ACG, in 2007 the SC-CÉ introduced an award for members conducting research focused on aging at the graduate level and demonstrating exemplary scholarship in this field.
- This award is valued at the cost of a CAG-ACG Student or Recent Graduate membership. These funds are allocated to the cost of a CAG-ACG Student, Recent Graduate or Regular membership.
- There have been six recipients of this award to date. The 2008 recipients were Heather Hanson (University of Western Ontario), Janet Love (University of Victoria) and Jennifer Swindle (University of Alberta).
- For more information, please visit www.cagacg.ca/studentconnection/Awards.htm.

10) Division-Student Mentorship Program

- The objective of this program (www.cagacg.ca/whoweare/260_e.php) is to support informal, professional mentoring of SC-CÉ members to complement formal, advisor-student relationships by pairing interested students with regular CAG-ACG members.
- In past years, the SC-CÉ has worked closely with the CAG-ACG Division Chairs to coordinate this initiative. However, this program has been temporarily suspended.

11) SC-CÉ Book Display

- Publishers donate book titles to the SC-CÉ to display throughout the ASEM. Recommended titles are also solicited from the CAG-ACG membership and can be submitted to scce@cagacg.ca at any time.
- Delegates are invited to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the books on display. Student volunteers staff the display and sell tickets. The names of winners are drawn and posted on the final day of the ASEM. Raffle winners can pick up their choice of book that day.
- All proceeds directly support the SC-CÉ and its members. The CAG-ACG generously donates the exhibit space for this fundraiser to the SC-CÉ.
- 2008 was the sixth consecutive year that the SC-CÉ has coordinated and expanded the Book Display. Thirty-four publication houses donated 208 titles (363 books in total) for the 2008 SC-CÉ Book Display, which raised \$709.50. Last year's Book Display Committee Chair, Bonnie Purcell, deserves high praise for the success of this event.
- The SC-CÉ will coordinate the Book Display at the ASEM again this year.

12) SC-CÉ Involvement & Activities at 2008 CAG-ACG ASEM

- Meet and Greet the SC-CÉ Student Representatives (Oct. 23, 2008)
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Aging (CIHR-IA) & SC-CÉ Student Research and Networking Breakfast (Oct. 24, 2008)
 - This catered event was sponsored by the CIHR-IA in a cost-sharing relationship with students in attendance.
- "Leadership and Networking Opportunities for Canadian Gerontology Students" workshop (Oct. 24, 2008)
 - This is the fourth in what is now an annual ASEM workshop series organized by the SC-CÉ. This workshop was also possible thanks to the support of the British Columbia Network for Aging Research (BCNAR; www.bcnar.ca) and the National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly (NICE; www.nicenet.ca).
- SC-CÉ Breakfast and Annual General Meeting (AGM) (Oct. 25, 2008)
- SC-CÉ Student Social Night Out (Oct. 25, 2008)
 - All attendees are responsible for their own costs. Special thanks to Catherine Gordon and the ASEM Student Organizing Committee for coordinating a successful event.
- SC-CÉ Book Display
- Spot the Dot Program
 - Coloured dots on nametags identify all student delegates attending the conference to facilitate student networking with other students, with faculty and with other researchers and professionals. The Spot the Dot Program is brought to you by the local ASEM Student Organizing Committee and the SC-CÉ.

13) SC-CÉ Involvement & Activities Planned for 2009 CAG-ACG ASEM

- SC-CÉ Breakfast and AGM (Oct. 24, 2009)
- "From Manuscript to Publication: Shining Light on the Refereeing and Publishing Process" workshop organized by the SC-CÉ with the support of the Canadian Journal on Aging - Revue Canadienne du Vieillissement (www.cagacg.ca/publications/510_e.php) (Oct. 24, 2009)
- SC-CÉ Student Social Night Out (Oct. 24, 2009)
- SC-CÉ Book Display
- Spot the Dot Program
- The Student Social Night Out and Spot the Dot Program are brought to you by the local ASEM Student Organizing Committee and the SC-CÉ.

14) SC-CÉ Elections

- Held electronically in Nov. 2008 (Secretary-Treasurer, Distribution List Manager and Newsletter Coordinator).
- To be held electronically in Nov. 2009 (President, Vice-President, Website Manager and Newsletter Coordinator).

15) International Collaboration & Promotion

- Participated in the 2008 North American Regional Committee (NARC) meeting of the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG).
- Developed, convened and participated as a speaker in an IAGG 2009 World Congress symposium entitled, "Organization and engagement of gerontology and geriatrics students at the national, regional and international level". This symposium featured student and recent graduate speakers from four different IAGG member countries and was developed with input from Dr. Norah Keating (SC-CÉ Advisor and NARC Chair).
- Organized and chaired a meeting of the International Council of Gerontology Student Organizations (ICGSO; www.iagg.com.br/webforms/iaggHistorico.aspx) at the IAGG 2009 World Congress. At this meeting, ICGSO members voted in principle to support a membership and governance structure proposed by the SC-CÉ. SC-CÉ President Anthony Kupferschmidt was also voted to serve as Acting President of an interim ICGSO Executive Committee that will oversee the development of a formal structure for ICGSO by 2013.
- Gave the first oral report to the IAGG Council on behalf of the ICGSO at the IAGG 2009 World Congress.

16) Other New Initiatives

- CAG-ACG Bylaw Amendments
 - The SC-CÉ has been working with the CAG-ACG Board of Directors to develop proposed CAG-ACG bylaw amendments that would clarify the voting rights of Student and Recent Graduate members at the CAG-ACG AGM. Amendments of this nature would recognize the value and voice of SC-CÉ members to make meaningful contributions to the CAG-ACG in the future as Regular members.
 - In order to determine the scope of possible amendments, the SC-CÉ was tasked by the CAG-ACG Executive Committee with researching student member voting privileges within other comparable national and gerontological organizations with student membership categories. A summary of these survey findings are available upon request to scce@cagacg.ca.
 - These potential bylaw revisions will be proposed to the CAG-ACG membership shortly.
- CAG-ACG Undergraduate Student Membership Category
 - Approved in principle as a result of a SC-CÉ motion at the Nov. 2007 CAG-ACG Board of Directors meeting, the development of this new membership category has been delayed due to financial constraints and will be revisited again in the future.
- SC-CÉ Student Local Interdisciplinary Network (LINK) Seed Grant in Aging
 - In the absence of a gerontology or aging-specific program or department, centre on aging, or pre-existing aging-related student group on a campus, it can sometimes be challenging to bring together local students interested in aging issues. Developed as a direct result of feedback from SC-CÉ Student Representatives, this seed grant will provide financial support to connect local students in the field of aging on campuses without existing linkages.
 - For more information, please visit www.cagacg.ca/studentconnection/Awards.htm.

Respectfully submitted,

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