

Highlights of the June 2009 Board Meeting

The CAIR Board of Directors met June 13-14th in Halifax. The Board was pleased to host several guest speakers: **Ms. Sandra Banner**, Executive Director and CEO of CaRMS, spoke about **CaRMS and the R4 Internal Medicine Match**. **Dr. John Gray** of the Canadian Medical Protective Association spoke about **“Threats to Quality Assurance Protection”**. **Dr. Rocco Gerace**, of the Federal of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada spoke about the **“Agreement on Internal Trade and Labour Mobility”**.

Highlights of issues addressed by the Board included:

- **The R4 Internal Medicine Match has moved to a CaRMS-based algorithmic match system.** CAIR has heard residents' concerns that they may be put at a disadvantage by the late notification of a CaRMS match as they have already had documents sent to their program offices. We are aware that there still many questions to be answered, so we met with CaRMS in an effort to ensure that residents' concerns will be addressed quickly and efficiently.

CaRMS will accept all reference letters previously collected on residents' behalf by their program.

These letters can be forwarded immediately to CaRMS from your program's office and will be held waiting to be added upon receipt of your application. In addition, residents can request referees to prepare letters at any time until a request comes from the resident to send it electronically to CaRMS, or if they wish, referees can send the letter to CaRMS who will file them for the residents, awaiting the coversheet. Applicants will be able to sign on to AWS on **July 29th, 2009**.

Are you interested in an R4 video conference? CAIR is arranging to obtain a copy of the video conference recently held in Vancouver, to be posted on the CAIR website. However, should your program like to hold a video conference, CaRMS will be pleased to make themselves available to deliver a presentation and answer questions.

A CaRMS advisory committee has been created (as requested by CAIR). The Committee will address issues as they arise, help design surveys to be distributed to participants after the match, and contribute to the evaluation of the R4 Match. Please contact the CAIR Office at cair@cair.ca with your questions, concerns and comments as soon as possible.

The timetable for the First Iteration of the 2010 R4 Match is available through this link:

http://www.carms.ca/eng/r4_1stiteration_e.shtml

- **CAIR PGME Project**—Focus groups have been completed in 6 regions (ON, MB, NL, BC, MP and AB), and the results received have been compiled into the "Key characteristics of a high quality-residency program" document. The Education & Professionalism Committee will now examine **why** these characteristics are considered key elements of a successful program.

- **CAIR Capacity Project**—A literature review/ environmental scan has been completed. Focus groups were conducted in Saskatoon, Regina, Red Deer, Edmonton, and the Maritimes (including two at the June Board Meeting). Participants came from a range of specialty training sites, including urban & distributed. A draft questionnaire focusing on capacity issues has been developed and will be administered in early fall.

- **CAIR Website**—The redesign and redevelopment is progressing well and the Board was given a preview of the new site design, which will include, amongst other things, an E-Library, registration capabilities and survey development software. We look forward to seeing the new site launched this summer!

Upcoming Events

► CAIR is hosting a **Train the Trainer Accreditation Workshop** on Monday, July 20th, 2009 in Edmonton, Alberta.

The Workshop will be an interactive session with a mock program review conducted by 2 survey teams. The teams will meet with the Program Director, the Resident Group, and the Faculty and Resident Program Committee. This will be followed by a report back session to determine category of accreditation.

To register, contact the PARA Office at para-ab@shawbiz.ca or 780-432-1749 or the CAIR Office at cair@cair.ca or 613-234-6448 before **July 15, 2009**.

Please watch for dates for Train the Trainer Accreditation Workshops being held in your area!

► **More Accreditation Training Opportunities**—If you are attending the Royal College's International Conference on Residency Education (ICRE), September 24-26 2009 in Victoria, BC, you may wish to register at no cost for the **RCPSG Workshop for New Surveyors** on Wednesday and Thursday, September 23-24, 2009. The workshop consists of 3 sessions:

Wednesday, September 23 (evening)

Dinner followed by a workshop on "Designing and Managing a Program" (this session is optional for new surveyors)

Thursday, September 24 (0800 – 1130)

Accreditation Session

Thursday, September 24 (1300-1530)

New Surveyors Session

To register, contact Marvel Sampson, Workshop Coordinator at 613-730-8262 or erdu@rcpsc.edu by **August 21st, 2009**.

**Dr. Derek Puddester
CAIR Award
for Resident Well-Being
Recognizing Outstanding
Contributions**

to Resident Well-Being in Canada

CAIR is pleased to recognize those, who with enthusiasm, passion and proficiency have contributed to **improving resident well being** in Canada.

For several years Dr. Derek Puddester was a member of the CAIR Board of Directors and served as CAIR President where he represented the well-being of all the residents in Canada. His efforts re-focused CAIR's role in resident well-being and the Board has created this award in honour of his achievements.

Award Eligibility

- Residents registered in Canadian programs;
- Other physicians, including program directors, educators or others;
- Administrators associated with medical organizations;
- Any other individual(s), programs or organizations closely associated with resident well-being in Canada

Award Criteria

To qualify, nominees must:

- Demonstrate a firm commitment to resident well-being through specific actions and initiatives;
- Exemplify creativity and leadership in taking action to improve and promote resident well-being;
- Bring about change that has the potential to result in positive, long-term improvement to resident well-being in Canada.

**Dr. Joseph Mikhael
CAIR Award
for Medical Education
Recognizing Outstanding
Contributions to
Medical Education in Canada**

CAIR is proud to honour those, who with enthusiasm, passion and proficiency have contributed to **improving undergraduate and postgraduate medical education** in Canada.

For several years Dr. Joseph Mikhael was a member of the CAIR Board of Directors where he worked tirelessly to represent the interests of all the residents in Canada. His efforts re-focused CAIR's role in medical education and the Board has created this award in honour of his achievements.

Award Eligibility

- Residents registered in Canadian programs;
- Other physicians, including program directors, educators or others;
- Administrators associated with medical organizations;
- Any other individual(s), programs or organizations closely associated with medical education in Canada

Award Criteria

To qualify, nominees must:

- Demonstrate a firm commitment to medical education through specific actions and initiatives;
- Exemplify creativity and leadership in taking action to improve and promote medical education;
- Bring about change that has the potential to result in positive, long-term improvement to medical education in Canada.

**The Lois Ross CAIR Award
for Service to Residents
Recognizing Outstanding
Contributions to the
Advancement of Resident Life
in Canada**

For many years Lois Ross served as Executive Director of CAIR and PAIRO where she worked diligently to advance resident life in Canada. In recognition of her countless contributions to resident well-being and residents in Canada, the Board has created this award in honour of her achievements.

Award Eligibility

- Residency training program administrators, residents, administrators associated with medical organizations;
- Any other individual(s), programs or organizations closely associated with the advancement of resident life in Canada

Award Criteria

To qualify, nominees must:

- Demonstrate a firm commitment to the advancement of resident life through specific actions and initiatives;
- Exemplify creativity and leadership in taking action to improve and promote resident life advancement;
- Bring about change that has the potential to result in positive, long-term improvement to resident life advancement in Canada.

Nomination Process

Nominations may be submitted, accompanied by suitable documentation, by any member of the Canadian Association of Internes and Residents, provincial housestaff organizations, or organization associated with CAIR. Necessary documentation includes:

- **Description of Nominee:** Provide a maximum 2-page personal profile describing the nominee's candidacy for the award. Suggested content of the nomination letter includes: the contribution of the nominee in resident well-being / medical education; impacts and outcomes of the nominee's actions; who has benefited from this initiative; how the nominee's actions have inspired others; the innovative aspects of the nominee's actions;
 - **Letter of Support:** one letter of support from separate individuals or organizations familiar with the nominee's activities;
 - **Current Curriculum Vitae**
- Nominations may be submitted electronically by email to cair@cair.ca or by fax to 613-234-5292. Hand written submissions will not be accepted. Please address nominations to:

Chair, CAIR Awards Committee
c/o CAIR
412 – 151 Slater Street
Ottawa, ON K1P 5H3

The deadline for nominations is September 1, 2009.