



CARO-ACRO Newsletter

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Welcome to the first e-newsletter of CARO

Since the launch of the CARO-ACRO web site on June 1st, 2000, there were over 1200 accesses to the site from 22 countries. So far, 145 members activated their online membership and we are glad that a majority have indicated that they wanted to receive a regular online CARO-ACRO newsletter.

Special thanks to Susan Broadbear, Irene Lange-Mechlen, the WAG team and all those who contributed to this successful launch.

The CARO-ACRO web site was created to provide a portal to the internet. The results of the Website Survey of December 14th, 1999 indicated what the members of CARO-ACRO wanted from their web site. The site at present meets over 90% of the members' requests.

<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/comm/surveys/webs.html>

We need the help of CARO members to provide information of interest to the Radiation Oncology community and to maintain the content of the site.

To easily access the CARO-ACRO web site, <http://www.caro-acro.ca>, you can:

- Bookmark it.
- Make it as the default site on your browser, or

- If you access the internet through a network, you could ask your I.S department to provide a link to the CARO-ACRO site on the default screen. (At the Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre, a direct link is provided from the intranet).

Please encourage your colleagues who are CARO members to register online to have access to the members' only section. Those who have not yet activated their online membership will have to contact CARO-ACRO head office to register.

Members who have registered and activated their password will soon have access to secure areas containing:

- CARO members' e-mail.
- Minutes of the Annual General Meetings (AGM).
- Minutes of the Board Meetings.

We plan to run a regular **mini survey** to obtain your opinion on a variety of issues. On the first page there is a sample survey. Please take a minute to submit your response. It will help us test the survey module. Please send us your questions for future surveys.

The CARO-ACRO web site is now linked to ASTRO, ESTRO, COMP,

CAMRT and the database of Health on Net (HON), which contains a set of principles for accuracy on the net. <http://www.hon.ch/HONcode/Conduct.html>

The CARO-ACRO site has been included with a description of its content to the database of medical/health web sites queried by **MedHunt**, the Health on the Net Foundation medical/health search engine. This search engine is posted on the home page of the CARO website.

In the *What's New* section, <http://www.caro-acro.ca/index.html>, you can read about:

- Outstanding Canadian cancer researchers recognized. Dr. Timothy Whelan is being honoured with the *William E. Rawls Prize*, which recognizes investigators early in their career whose work has led to important advances in cancer control.
- CARO / Nycomed Amersham Radiant Program Award Recipients.
- Quality Assurance Program for Canadian Radiation Therapy Facilities.
- Directory of Radiation Oncology Fellows 1995 - present.

Meetings of Interest are listed in the *Meetings* section. The 14th CARO-ACRO Scientific meeting in Edmonton will be held in Edmonton September 22-24, 2000. Details about the location, convention centre and scientific program are available at <http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/meet/meet.html>.

Under **meeting links**, ACR, ASTRO and Oncolink, provide a list of upcoming conferences and meetings which may be of interest to the members.

The *Education* section, <http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/educ/ed.html>, consists of the following subsections:

- Public
- MOCERT – Maintenance of Certification
- Residents and fellows
- Radiation oncologists
- Awards and scholarships

It contains modules for the public and Radiation Oncologists on Prostate Brachytherapy (by Dr. G. Morton and the CARO-ACRO Nycomed-Amersham Radiant program) and Historical Vignettes by Dr. C. Hayter, Chair of the CARO-ACRO History and Archives Committee. Other educational modules are under development.

A section on Radiation Technology is in preparation thanks to CARO partner Siemens Oncology Systems Division.

Please let us know what other special educational modules you would like to see on the site.

The CARO-ACRO Centenary exhibit, which toured the country (1995-97), is now on permanent display at the Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre. The official unveiling took place on the 22nd June 2000.

To submit an advertisement for a job posting, click on the **Employment** section or <http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/jobs/jobs.html>.

The first page has a button on the top of the screen *Post a Job* which opens a submission form. Please complete the form, include your email address and details of the position you are advertising. Send your posting to

CARO Head office for verification. It will then be sent for posting at the next update. Routine site update is done every Tuesday.

The next phase of development of the CARO-ACRO website will provide improved educational and communication facilities.

We welcome your comments, both favourable and unfavourable, regarding the website. Please send me your comments and suggestions for improving it, so that it meets your needs. cyril.danjoux@tsrcc.on.ca

Please send any items of interest you would like included in the August issue of the newsletter to Susan Broadbear.

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