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**CARO's Inaugural Independent Annual Scientific Meeting**  
**La Belle Province, Québec City**  
**Radisson Hôtel Gouverneur Québec**  
**September 21-23, 2001**

Dr. Gabrielle Kane and the Education Committee of CARO have been working diligently to put together our first independent Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in the romantic, wonderful old city of Québec. A city of fine wine, fine food, and elegant old world ambiance, it is the perfect setting for stimulating intellectual scientific exchange and for the opportunity to renew old friendships and welcome new ones.

The theme of this year's meeting is "**Clinical Outcomes**". Our own **Dr. William Mackillop** from the Kingston Radiation Oncology Research Unit, along with other invited faculty, will discuss issues of wide interest to our specialty such as waiting times, access to resources and development and use of appropriate outcome measures. This symposium is crucial for our members and our Association as we become increasingly involved in establishing appropriate standards of care. We have made an encouraging start with the CARO manpower standards document and the establishment of the CARO standard for maximum waiting times for treatment but there is much work yet to be done. This symposium will provide us with new insights into this increasingly important work for our Association.

In addition to this exciting symposium we are honoured to have **Dr. Marie Overgaard** from Denmark as this year's CARO Lecturer. For those of you who have not heard her speak, you are in for a rare treat. She is without question one of the most outstanding speakers I have ever had the privilege to hear. At her Gold Medalist talk at ASTRO, she received a rare prolonged standing ovation. In addition to her talk, she will participate in a panel discussion along with **Dr. Tim Whelan, Dr. Ivo Olivotto and Dr. Katherine Vallis** on the controversies of nodal irradiation in breast cancer.

As per our tradition, a leading distinguished Canadian Radiation Oncologist, **Dr. Carolyn Freeman**, has been chosen as this year's Gordon Richards Lecturer. Dr. Freeman is a previous President of CARO, and is from McGill University in Montreal.

**Dr. Ida Ackerman**, University of Toronto, has agreed to take up the challenge of providing a refresher course in gynecology in two hours. Hopefully this will be highly interactive and although it will be early in the morning — no sleeping will be allowed.

There will be workshops, including one on 3-D planning and Simulation which will require registration to optimize interactive learning. So sign up early!

Finally, concurrent proffered paper sessions, resident paper sessions and poster sessions will highlight our diverse research efforts in the fields of clinical oncology, technical radiotherapy and physics, clinical epidemiology, basic science and education. Abstracts will be submitted online this year on the CARO website. Those papers chosen for presentation will be published in the Red Journal. For details on abstract submission see the attached, "Call for Abstracts".

Please join us in Québec City to help make this our most successful meeting yet. In addition to our scientific program, Lucie Blondeau and Marie Larochelle have organized an outstanding social program in their beautiful city. Let's face it, have you ever had a bad meal in Québec City?

We look forward to seeing you there. For further information, visit our website at [www.caro-acro.ca](http://www.caro-acro.ca) and watch for further missives from us about our September meeting.

**Ida Ackerman**

## **Deadline for Submission: April 1, 2001**

250-word abstracts are to be submitted on-line through our website at [www.caro-acro.ca](http://www.caro-acro.ca)

Look under the *What's New?* Section. To go directly to the abstract form, log on to

[http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/meet/abstracts/q\\_abstract/index.htm](http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/meet/abstracts/q_abstract/index.htm)

For program and meeting information, log on to <http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/meet/meet.html>

# CARO COMMITTEES

Education Committee  
Gabrielle Kane, Chair

There is so much to talk about in terms of Education!!!

<b>ROCERT</b>	<b>ETHICS SYMPOSIUM</b>	<b>COSBIE LECTURE</b>	<b>WEB EDUCATION</b>	<b>ASM</b>
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## **ROCERT**

**Maintenance of Certification, Radiation Oncology style...**

The old MOCOMP system is being retired this year and CARO will be able to assess and accredit CME programs. Guidelines and criteria are being developed, and will be posted on the website shortly. Lee Manchul will be the first ROCERT accreditor, but I hope that people from other centres will also volunteer. (Lee could claim that she did not volunteer, but was bullied because her office is close to mine!)

Not all CME events need to be externally assessed for Category 1 credits. Rounds, policy and guideline reviews, retreats and other smaller events can be self-accredited by the organizing committee, if they meet certain educational criteria. Events must:

- be planned by a representative committee
- be based on the needs of the participants
- state what participants could learn from the activity (objectives)
- be interactive (at least 25% of the format)
- be evaluated
- have attendance records kept by the planning committee in case any attendee needs to demonstrate proof of attendance if audited by the Royal College.

These features optimize participation, relevance and learning at meetings, and will help organizers get away from considering only bums-on-seats types of CME.

## **Ethics in Montréal**

Lee Manchul (Toronto) has organized an interesting symposium on Research Ethics, which will be held jointly with COS, at the NCIC meeting in Montreal on Saturday, April 21, 2001. It should be very useful to all those involved in any form of research, and provoke stimulating discussions. Naturally, this symposium fulfills all of the ROCERT criteria, and your participation will provide you with Category I credits that you can submit on-line to RCPSC. See information elsewhere in this newsletter.

## **Education news on the CARO-ACRO Website**

Cyril Danjoux has a few grey hairs that contribute to his distinguished appearance - working as our webmaster has caused most of that depigmentation. More and more of the Education Committee's information will eventually be found on the website. We are aiming to have a completely electronic platform for our annual scientific meeting, and hope to have worked out all the wrinkles for the 2002 meeting. We have received some useful feedback from users. Please continue to let us know of any ideas that you have for further improvement.

**Gabrielle Kane, Education Committee Chair**

**Educational Activities at the NCIC CGT Spring Meeting  
April 2001  
Montréal, Quebec**

**Research Ethics Symposium at the NCIC CTG  
Spring Meeting**

If you are in Montréal for the NCIC CTG annual spring meeting in April, plan to attend the CARO/COS Research Ethics symposium “**Ethical and Legal Issues in Clinical Trials Research**” on Saturday April 21, 2001 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Hilton Montréal Bonaventure Hotel.

The symposium will provide an ethical and legal framework surrounding ethical issues in research on human subjects. Leading experts in the fields of bioethics will:

- Examine ethical issues surrounding informed consent
- Consider risk vs. benefit in clinical trials research
- Review recent regulatory changes in the United States and Canada that will impact on the conduct of clinical trials in Canada
- Address the legal and ethical concerns surrounding the use of human tissues and the secondary use of data in clinical research.

The symposium will be of interest to all health professionals involved in the design and conduct of research studies involving human subjects, including oncologists, clinical and basic researchers, clinical trials nurses, research associates, pharmacists, administrators and managers of research studies with human subjects, bioethicists and health care lawyers, chairs and members of research ethics boards and students, residents and fellows in relevant disciplines.

The speakers are:

- Dr. Charles Weijer from the Department of Bioethics at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia
- The Honourable Justice David Marshall, Ontario Supreme Court Justice, Hamilton, Ontario
- Melody Lin, Deputy Director, Office for Human Research Protection, National Cancer Institute, Rockville Maryland

The symposium will include a panel discussion to further explore current issues in clinical research.

**You are invited to attend the  
ANNUAL COSBIE LECTURE**

**Clinical Equipoise and the Design of Clinical  
Trials**

Presented by

Dr. Charles Weijer  
Assistant Professor, Department of Bioethics  
Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Sunday, April 22, 2001  
4:00 to 5:00 PM  
Hilton Bonaventure Hotel  
Montréal

**Sponsored by:**

The Canadian Association of Radiation  
Oncologists  
The Canadian Oncology Society  
The National Council for Ethics in Human  
Research  
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## Staff Positions:



Queen Elizabeth Hospital is home of the PEI Cancer Treatment Centre. Seeking a staff radiation oncologist to commence as soon as possible.  
<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/jobs/staf/sydney.html>

BC Cancer Agency, Provincial Radiation Therapy Program seeks radiation oncologist for its Kelowna BC Cancer Centre....<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/jobs/staf/bc2.html>

Cancer Care Ontario, Northwestern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre (Thunder Bay), affiliated with McMaster University in Hamilton, seeking a radiation oncologist to join two other radiation oncologists as soon as possible...<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/jobs/staf/hamilton.html>

Applications are invited for two consultant radiation oncology positions at the new Cape Breton Cancer Centre in Sydney, Nova Scotia....  
<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/jobs/staf/sydney.html>

One Radiation Oncologist is sought to join a team of 4 other Radiation Oncologists and 2 Medical Oncologists at a tertiary centre in Saint John, N.B. Academic affiliation with Dalhousie University...  
<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/jobs/staf/saint-john.html>

Staff radiation oncologist sought for Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Montreal, one of the largest RO centres in Canada...  
<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/jobs/staf/mon.html>

Division of Radiation Oncology at the University of Arkansas seeks an academic radiation oncologist with primary interests and experience in brain tumors and stereotactic radiosurgery  
<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/jobs/staf/littlerock.html>

## ABBOTT-CARO URO-ONCOLOGIC RADIATION AWARDS SPRING 2001

The ACURA Advisory Committee met in March to consider the applications received for the ACURA award. In all 22 applications were received worth \$816,000 from a total available of \$150,000.

The ACURA Committee and the Board are pleased to announce the results of the first Abbott-sponsored competition.

### **Dr. G. Bauman, London Regional Cancer Centre**

An Evaluation of Simplified Intensity Modulated Arc Therapy (SIMAT) for Dose Escalation in Radiation Therapy for Localized Prostate Cancer.  
\$30,000

### **Dr. C. Catton, PMH, Toronto**

A Phase I-II Prospective Trial of Conformal Hypofractionated Intensity Modulated Radiotherapy (IMRT) for Clinical Stage T1,T2N0M0 Adenocarcinoma of the Prostate.  
\$29,000

### **Dr. J. Laverdière, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Québec**

Evaluation Of The Beneficial Effect Of Androgen Blockade In Association With Radiation Therapy In T2-T3 Prostate Cancer. An Analysis Of Two Randomized Studies.  
\$10,000

### **Dr. S. Malone, Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre (in conjunction with Edmonton)**

Evaluation of tumour hypoxia in prostate cancer using microvessel density, the hypoxia marker pimonidazole and MRI perfusion  
\$26,000

### **Dr. D. Roberge, Montreal General Hospital, Quebec**

Computed Tomography assessment of prostate motion following urethrography  
\$9728

### **Dr. E. Vigneault, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Québec**

Online Image Guided External Beam Radiation Therapy for the Treatment Prostate Cancer: a proof of principle using EPID  
\$16,000

### **Dr. D. Wilke, QEII Health Sciences Centre Nova Scotia Cancer Centre**

A Prospective Study Of Long Term Androgen Deprivation And Health Related Quality Of Life In Patients With Non &#8211; Metastatic Prostate Cancer Receiving Radiotherapy

**\$29,000**