



CARO-ACRO Newsletter

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**Message from Dr. Parliament
CARO 2000
Edmonton, Alberta**

With CARO 2000 almost upon us, we look forward to as many CARO members as possible participating in the September 21-24 meeting in Edmonton. CARO boasts the largest number of abstracts accepted amongst specialty societies participating in the Royal College 2000 meeting. We are particularly pleased with the high quality of invited speakers this year. The sponsorship of the Royal College and the gratifying presence of our industry sponsors promises to make an excellent meeting.

Social Activities Coordinator, Dr. Ross Halperin, has worked diligently on arrangements for Friday and Saturday evening. Friday, September 22 at 7:00 pm, Varian Inc. will host CARO members at a complimentary cocktail reception at the Hotel Macdonald. Varian will be sending invitations to CARO members directly.

On Saturday, September 23, 2000, the CARO dinner will be held at LaRonde (6:30 cocktails, 7:30 dinner) at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel. Janssen-Ortho Inc. has graciously sponsored this dinner. At this time we will recognize the recipient of the CARO/Janssen-Ortho Fellowship, as well as announcing the winners of the CARO resident award competition. Susan Broadbear, CARO Business Secretary, will e-mail invitations. Please RSVP to her.

Should you be arriving earlier at the CARO meeting, or perhaps extending your stay beyond Saturday night, Edmonton has many excellent restaurants to choose from. Some of the better choices include:

- Hardware Grill, 9698 Jasper Avenue, 423-0969, Canadian haute cuisine
- Jack's Grill, 5842-111 Street, 434-1113, Californian
- Il Portico, 10012-107 Street, 424-0707, Italian
- Characters, 10257 – 105 Street, 421-4100, Canadian haute cuisine

We look forward to seeing you in Edmonton this September!

Matthew B. Parliament

Are you attending the CARO Dinner?

Please take a minute to register online and indicate whether you will be attending the Scientific Meetings, the Business Meeting, the Varian reception and the CARO dinner. This will help Head Office to plan those events.

<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/meet/annualmeet/dinnerreg/dinner.html>

Do you want to see the program?

<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/meet/annualmeet/program/overview.html>

ELECTIONS 2000

The CARO Board is pleased to welcome its newest Board members. Dr. Mal Rajaraman is the new Eastern Provinces Representative, replacing Dr. Alexander Sun, who is completing his second term on the Board in September. Dr. Lorraine Portelance and Dr. George Shenouda replace Dr. Jean-Paul Bahary and Dr. Lucie Blondeau as our Québec representatives. New Board members take up office in September after the annual general meeting. We look forward to working with the new Board.

FROM THE CARO-ACRO WEB SITE <http://www.caro-acro.ca>

- In the CARO mini-survey over 75% indicated that they will attend the Edmonton meeting and 80% preferred to register on line.
- We have posted a **new survey question**. Please take a minute to complete and send it so that we may be able to optimize the CARO web site.

In the "What's New" section on the Home page we have posted the following:

- **Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control (CSCC)**
The CSCC is an initiative of Health Canada, CCS/NCIC and CAPCA (Canadian Association of Provincial Cancer Agencies) to establish a national strategy for cancer control in Canada. The CSCC has received reports on defined topics for cancer control (prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, supportive care, pain and symptom control, paediatrics) and cross-cutting themes in cancer control (human resources, research, information and technology and surveillance). The reports will be discussed at a September 8 and 90th meeting and presented in a broader stakeholder forum in February 2001.

A report on Radiation Therapy Treatment has been prepared by Drs. Tom Keane of Vancouver, William Mackillop of Kingston, Robert Pearcey of Edmonton and Simon Sutcliffe of Vancouver. The full report can be viewed on our website.
<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/new/caro/posit/posi.htm>

- **Looking for a job?**
We have added the following postings to the web-site recently:
<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/jobs/staf.htm>
 - Chief of RO at Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital
 - Senior Academic Radiation Oncologist at Dalhousie University/QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax
 - Radiation Oncologist, Department of Radiation Oncology at the McGill University Health Centre
 - Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, University of Toronto
 - Two Radiation Oncologists, Kingston Regional Cancer Centre
- **Annual Scientific Meeting**
We have updated the Edmonton meeting agenda to include the title of the papers and posters being presented. Abstracts of papers and posters already submitted

to Head Office appear on the website. Others will be posted as soon as we receive them.

<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/meet/annualmeet/program/overview.html>

We will post a pdf version of the program to allow those who prefer to have a printed copy of the program.

- **Redesigned News Section**

The News section has been redesigned by Relentless Productions to incorporate suggestions received from the WAG team

- **CARO President's Message**

Dr Pearcey's message addresses some of the challenges and opportunities facing our specialty and CARO.

- **Search the CARO-ACRO Site**

In response to requests from users, Relentless Productions expedited the introduction of a search function for the CARO-ACRO web site. Since this function searches the whole content of the CARO-ACRO web pages it takes a few seconds to list the results. The search option is at present posted on the CARO-ACRO web site.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE

Hospital News Feature Palliative Radiotherapy

<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/new/medical/mednws.html>

In the August issue of Hospital News there were five articles from the Rapid Response Radiotherapy Program (RRRP) at the Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre (TSRCC). Three of the articles are posted on the Hospital News web site.

1. Pain relief and fracture prevention in bone cancer and osteoporotic patients with percutaneous vertebroplasty/cementoplasty. Edward Chow, Joel Finkelstein and Gordon Cheung.
2. Rapid Response Radiotherapy Program: palliative radiotherapy at Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre. Cyril Danjoux.
3. Palliative radiotherapy research for cancer symptoms. Rebecca Wong.

We plan to add a section on Palliative Radiotherapy to the CARO website in the near future. To our knowledge there are organized Palliative Radiotherapy Programs at the following Canadian Cancer Centres: TSRCC, PMH, Hamilton, Ottawa and Kelowna. If your Centre has an Academic Palliative Radiotherapy Program and would like to be part of this section please let the Webmaster know.

Information on CARO -ACRO 2001 Annual meeting

<http://www.caro-acro.ca/caro/meet/annualmeet/program/getthere/caro2001-inform.htm>

Details about CARO 2001 Quebec meeting are provided to allow members to plan ahead.

A link to RORU - **Radiation Oncology Research Unit** at the Kingston Regional Cancer Centre <http://www.krcc.on.ca/roru/>

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 October issue of the newsletter to Susan Broadbear. sbroadbe@caro-acro.ca

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