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SAC Link

Osteoporosis Canada's Scientific Advisory Council

Executive Committee: Dr. William Leslie (Chair), Dr. Angela Cheung (Vice Chair), Dr. Alexandra Papaioannou (SAC Past Chair), Dr. Stephanie Atkinson, Dr. Sophie Jamal, Dr. Stephanie Kaiser, Dr. Brent Kvern, Dr. Suzanne Morin, Dr. Kerry Siminoski, Dr. Heather McDonald-Blumer

Guidelines Committee: Dr. William Leslie, Dr. Jacques Brown, Dr. Angela Cheung, Dr. Anthony Hodsmann, Dr. Sophie Jamal, Dr. Kerry Siminoski, Dr. Alexandra Papaioannou

Research Committee: Dr. Angela Cheung, Dr. Stephanie Atkinson, Dr. Jane Aubin, Dr. Lora Giangregorio, Dr. David Goltzman, Dr. David Hanley, Gezina Ilse (COPN), Dr. Sophie Jamal, Dr. Alexandra Papaioannou

Nominating Committee: Dr. Stephanie Kaiser, Dr. Earl Bogoch, Dr. Jacques Brown, Dr. Anthony Hodsmann, Dr. Robert Josse, Dr. Suzanne Morin, Dr. Alexandra Papaioannou

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL'S NEW CHAIR and VICE CHAIR



Dr. William "Bill" Leslie
New SAC Chair



Dr. Angela Cheung
New SAC Vice Chair

It is with great pride that we introduce to you the Scientific Advisory Council's New Chair and Vice Chair starting this June 2009: **Dr. Bill Leslie and Dr. Angela Cheung!**

Dr. Bill Leslie is a Professor of Medicine and Radiology at the University of Manitoba. He obtained his medical training from the University of Manitoba and McGill University, qualifying in Internal Medicine in 1989 and Nuclear Medicine in 1990. Dr. Leslie joined the OC Scientific Advisory Council in 1997 and has, since then, been very involved in the many guidelines projects and initiatives of the council especially when he assumed the position of SAC Guidelines Committee Chair.

Dr. Angela Cheung is the Director of the University Health Network Osteoporosis Program as well as the Center of Excellence in Skeletal Health Assessment. She is also an Associate Director of UHN's Women's Health Program and an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. She obtained her MD from John Hopkins University in 1988 and her PhD from Harvard University in 1997. She currently holds the position of SAC Research Committee Chair.

Our sincerest gratitude to Dr. Alexandra Papaioannou for rendering three years of her precious time to serve as Chair to the Scientific Advisory Council. Dr. Papaioannou, given her unfathomable dedication, has truly helped move forward the SAC agenda of promoting osteoporosis guidelines development and research! Thank You!



STAFF SUPPORT TO SAC

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SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL'S NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please welcome the newest members of the different SAC Committees!



Dr. Heather McDonald-Blumer
Executive

Dr. McDonald-Blumer obtained her Doctor of Medicine from McMaster University and completed her Internal Medicine and Rheumatology training at the University of Toronto. She is currently the Associate Director of the Osteoporosis Program at the UHN. Her practice focuses on inflammatory arthritis and osteoporosis.



Dr. Lora Giangregorio
Research

Dr. Giangregorio earned her PhD from the Department of Kinesiology at McMaster University. Her work on osteoporosis and rehabilitation in spinal cord injury then continued with post-doctoral studies at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. She is currently an Assistant Professor at the McMaster University.



Dr. Earl Bogoch
Nominating

Dr. Bogoch graduated in medicine from the University of Alberta and trained in Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Toronto. He worked in Switzerland to pursue a fellowship in surgical management of rheumatic diseases and abnormal bone remodelling in inflammatory arthritis. He is now the Medical Director of the Mobility Program at St. Michael's Hospital Toronto.



Dr. Robert Josse
Nominating

Dr. Josse graduated in Medicine with Honours from the University of London. He took Postgraduate Training at various teaching hospitals and then completed his Endocrine Clinical Training. He did Research and Clinical Fellowships at the University of Toronto and Massachusetts General Hospital respectively. He is currently the Director of the Metabolic Bone Disease and Osteoporosis Centre at St. Michael's Hospital.



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OC-CaMos 2009 Fellowship Award

Osteoporosis Canada and the Canadian Multicentre Osteoporosis Study (CaMos) are very pleased to announce a new partnership which will provide a fellowship award for a trainee to pursue research with CaMos.

The Osteoporosis Canada-CaMos Fellowship Award will provide funds for a graduate student or postdoctoral fellow to pursue research training with the investigators at CaMos. The award will contribute to new insights into osteoporosis and provide a foundation for a career in clinical/epidemiologic research related to osteoporosis. This joint venture is an exciting new initiative that furthers the goals of both organizations in that each are committed to optimizing the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis and improving the lives of individuals with this disorder.

The deadline for submission of applications was last May 15th, 2009. Four volunteers from the SAC Research Committee, namely Dr. David Hanley, Dr. David Goltzman, Dr. Sophie Jamal and Dr. Lora Giangregorio, formed an application working group to do the review.

The recipient of the award will be announced shortly.



OC-CIHR New Investigator Award



The Canadian Institutes of Health Research, in partnership with Osteoporosis Canada, is awarding the Fall 2008 New Investigator Award in the Area of Osteoporosis to **Dr. Laura E. Targownik of the Human Ecology—Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba**. Dr. Targownik's research will focus on the "Delineation of the Relationships Between Proton Pump Inhibitor (PPI) Use and the Development of Osteoporosis and Osteoporosis Related Fractures". The research funding will be for five years, non-renewable.

Applications from two other candidates have been approved in open competition—**Dr. Suzanne M. Cadarette from the University of Toronto** and **Dr. Brent Richards from McGill University**. Dr. Cadarette's research project is entitled "Improving Medication Use, Health Care and Quality of Life Through Innovative Health Outcomes Research". Dr. Richards, on the other hand, will work on "The Genetic Epidemiology of Osteoporotic Fractures; From Susceptibility Genes to Susceptibility Populations".

Progress of all three research projects will be featured in the SAC Link—Research Edition come October 2009. In the meantime, Osteoporosis Canada will send letters of recognition to the research awardees accompanied by the grant recipient package that highlight the responsibilities of OC and the recipient toward one another. Starting this year, OC will be more aggressive in requesting recipients to add the OC website link in all publications related to the project.

Targeting Osteoporosis and Fractures 2009 Best Practices Paper Update

May 1-2, 2009. Toronto.

The Best Practices Working Group, led by Dr. Alexandra Papaioannou and Dr. Bill Leslie, convened to continue their work in developing the paper on osteoporosis risk assessment and therapies.

Project Status:

1. Letters introducing the project were already sent to the different stakeholder organizations. Written replies have been received from the Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) and the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC).
2. During the meeting, the group was divided into two sections: the therapies group and the risk assessment group. The therapies group worked on the table of contents, including introduction which will cover definitions, statistics and care gaps. The risk assessment group worked on the evidence table and recommendations.
3. Documents from both groups will be incorporated into one paper.

To ensure that the final paper is delivered on time, two meetings are scheduled in September and November 2009.

Osteo Update Editorial Board

The Osteo Update Editorial Board held a teleconference meeting last March 2009 to confirm membership and discuss editorial issues and content for 2009-2010.



Many thanks to the following SAC members who have served the Editorial Board and are about to step down this June 2009: **Drs. Angela Cheung, David Hanley, Anthony Hodzman, Stephanie Kaiser, Kerry Siminoski and Louis-Georges Ste-Marie**.

SAC members who are confirmed to stay on the board until June 2010 are: **Drs. Sidney Feldman, Heather McDonald-Blumer and Suzanne Morin**.

With great pride, we would like to welcome the new members to the editorial board: **Drs. Sophie Jamal and Anne Marie Whelan**.

In the meeting, sponsor courtesy review was discussed. Members who were present and those polled by email agreed that the policy of allowing sponsors to do a courtesy review of the manuscript before publication should be rescinded to avoid potential for conflict of interest.

Three issues are envisaged for this next fiscal year: Summer 2009 (July), Fall 2009 (October) and Winter 2010 (February).