



CAS ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Annual Meeting provides expert-led professional development opportunities with takeaways directly applicable to the modern practitioner. It also provides a space for stimulating discussion leading to meaningful change as to where the speciality is and where it is going. With CAS' founding in 1943, the 2018 Annual Meeting also included special celebrations and reflection on 75 years of anesthesia excellence.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the members who joined us at the Annual Meeting in June. The beautiful city of Montréal provided the perfect backdrop for four days of educational programming, networking, catching up with friends, and celebrating the 75th year of CAS. A superb educational program and exciting networking events highlighted the theme of *Advancing Anesthesiology, Excellence & Leadership* throughout the weekend.

The scientific program did not disappoint, with expert speakers from across the globe presenting on key topics for the modern practitioner presented with an eye to the future of the speciality. Important again this year was ensuring that members and delegates could obtain a meaningful number of MOC credits while at the Annual Meeting. Eighteen hours of Section 1 CME credits showcased a diverse series of educational sessions including Pediatric Anesthesia, Cardiovascular and Thoracic, and Chronic Pain. In response to 2017 delegate feedback, the number of PBLDs increased to 19, allowing for more in-depth discussions aimed at advancing anesthesiology. Together with PBLDs, there were over 50 hours of Section 3 CME credits available, including four pre-conference workshops and nine workshops covering a breadth of learning streams such as Neuroanesthesia, Perioperative Medicine, Ambulatory, and

Obstetric Anesthesia. Following last year's success, the second annual Residents' Section Simulation Olympics was in full swing all day Saturday with teams competing for first, second, and third prizes. The Exhibit Hall was a popular site throughout the weekend, with exhibitors showcasing the newest industry advances with poster sessions and discussions on the latest research developments.

Dr Beverley Orser delivered an inspiring Opening Plenary titled "Anesthesiology: Our Science is Our Destiny", emphasizing the important role anesthesiologists hold as leaders in directing the future of the speciality and a reminder to celebrate each win, no matter how small, along the way to advancing patient care. Back by popular demand, Negotiation and Conflict Management for Anesthesiologists was offered again as a pre-conference workshop, providing opportunity for participants to develop their active listening skills and improve communication in the workplace. The popular "To Sim or Not To Sim" pre-conference workshop also offered hands-on practice in realistic perioperative crises scenarios. A special two-part collaboration presented by French and Québécois experts from CAS and the French Society of Anesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine provided an interactive session focusing on simulated perioperative case studies.

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The social and networking events were not to be missed this year. The annual Fun Run for CARF was well-attended with early risers who ventured through downtown Montreal on a 5K run, raising money for anesthesia research in Canada. The CASIEF Gala Fundraising Dinner was hosted at the historic Auberge Saint-Gabriel and featured a talk by renowned pediatric surgeon, Dr Dan Poenaru. During the President's Dinner, the Painchaud Family dazzled as the entertainment using flaming instruments, acrobatic guitar moves, and an endless musical repertoire to cover all manner of audience requests.

The 75th Anniversary of CAS provided a second theme this year, with extra-special activities incorporated into the itinerary. The Annual Meeting began with fanfare at the Opening Ceremony, which included a bagpiper leading a procession of CAS VIPs from over the years—including past presidents, honour award and gold medal winners, recipients of the Order of Canada (Drs Angela Enright, M Joanne Douglas and Earl Wynands) and international guests including Dr Gerardo Ernesto Prieto Hurtado, President of the Federación Mexicana de Colegios de Anestesiología; Mr Paul Pomerantz, CEO, American Society of Anesthesiologists; and Dr David Bronheim, President, New York State Society of Anesthesiologists. The Welcome Reception featured local entertainment by Cirque Eloize, whose acrobatic skills wowed delegates and exhibitors alike as new industry advances were discussed over hors d'oeuvres. The President's Symposium, organized by the Archives & Artifacts Committee, covered 75 years of achievements by Canadian anesthesiologists and included a unique perspective from original CAS founder, Dr Harold Griffith. A special anniversary booth and curated historical artifacts were also on display in the Exhibit Hall where a giant celebratory cake was served on Saturday.

The Annual Meeting also provides a collaborative atmosphere where forward-thinking ideas can be cultivated. This year, the Annual Meeting provided space for the official creation of a new section of CAS—the CAS Section for Environmental Sustainability (read their introduction and mission on page 11). An inaugural meeting of Canadian Anesthesia Chiefs was also hosted, paving the way for future discussions as part of the Canadian Anesthesia Chiefs Organization (CACO).

The future of patient safety was an important topic during the Annual Meeting, with Enhanced Recovery after Surgery providing the basis for a workshop discussion and the John Wade Patient Safety Symposium. Dr Franco Carli also presented "Enhanced Recovery Canada: From Siloed Provider to Team Player" as the Angela Enright Lecture, which focused on the implementation of Enhanced Recovery principles within Canadian surgical practices. New in 2018, the Awards Ceremony & Angela Enright Lecture were combined into a sit-down luncheon—to great success! This new format was a lovely way to wrap up the weekend and connect with this year's award winners. If you missed it this year, be sure to plan to stay in 2019.





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