



CMBES/SCGB Monthly e-Bulletin



Message from the President

From the desk of the President, Martin Poulin

I hope to see a lot of you at the World Congress in Toronto in June so ensure you register soon for the conference if you have not done so already. I find it's difficult these days to pay attention to growing issues in the biomedical community due to a hectic work schedule. I have seen lately a number of instances where vendors have given us inadequate notice regarding the obsolescence of their equipment, which results in possible loss of service due to equipment being unrepairable and no capital dollars available for replacement. The only way to circumvent these challenges is to act with one national voice to challenge the vendors to act more responsibly. So please let us know of issues you are having with vendors and CMBES will try to co-ordinate a collective voice to facilitate change. Cheers, Martin

Welcome to New CMBES Members!

From the desk of the Membership Committee Chair, Sarah Kelso

A new and exciting feature in our monthly bulletins will be a welcome to new CMBES members. When new candidates apply for CMBES membership, each application is reviewed individually before final approval. Upon approval each new member is sent a welcome package including a sealed certificate of CMBES membership. This process is run on a monthly cycle.

In addition to the welcome mailing, we will start publishing the names of new members in our monthly bulletin. If you notice a colleague in the list, please take the opportunity to congratulate them on joining CMBES and encourage them to get involved in one of our active committees, or with annual conference planning – many interesting opportunities abound!

A final note is that all new members are encouraged to complete their CMBES profiles as much as reasonably possible. Much of the professional information in our profiles can be viewed by all members as part of the membership directory, and (similarly to other databases with which we are very familiar) the more accurate and complete the data is the more useful it can be. Consider this a reminder to new members and long-term member alike to check their CMBES profiles and ensure that the profile information is accurate and complete. You will appreciate this collective effort when you search for a contact in the membership directory and find a complete professional profile!

Please join me in welcoming the following new members (applications approved in March 2015):

Peter Wawrow	Alex Mendes
Chris Bzovey	Henry Coll
Carl Anderson	Ian Fraser
Dinsie Williams	Colleen Ogilvie
Meghan Robinson	Min Dong
Lucas Karperien	Markad Kamath

Exclusive CMBES Member Discount on Journal of Clinical Engineering

From the desk of the Membership Committee Chair, Sarah Kelso

CMBES is very excited to announce a new CMBES Member benefit: all members of CMBES (all membership categories) now qualify for a significant member-only discount on an online subscription to the Journal of Clinical Engineering. The online subscription is being offered to members at the deeply discounted rate of only \$109 per year, a \$144 savings off the regular online subscription price of \$253.

The Journal of Clinical Engineering, published quarterly, keeps hospital clinical engineers and biomedical equipment technicians current on topics including industry trends and developments, clinical engineering management, quality control, device management and biomedical assessment. For more than two decades, the Journal of Clinical Engineering has been the leading independent journal in the field providing a balance of practical, theoretical, and applied papers, as well as focused, hands-on feature articles.

The subscription instructions and promotional code can be accessed by:

- 1) logging into your CMBES account (through the CMBES homepage)**
- 2) selecting Member Benefits from the “What would you like to do?” dropdown menu**

CMBES will continue to pursue other similar arrangements that we believe will be of value to our members. If you have any suggestions for membership benefits that CMBES should be offering, please do not hesitate to send them to secretariat@cmbes.ca.



2015 World Congress on Medical Physics & Biomedical Engineering Justify Your Attendance at World Congress

The World Congress is an extremely rare opportunity to see the global biomedical engineering community in your home country Canada. What you will learn and experience at this event will bring back dividends to your department far exceeding the cost of the conference. However, we understand that you may need to justify your attendance to your management. To assist you please click here for a sample letter. (link to this page for the letter)

Review the list of invited [plenary](#) and [continuing education](#) speakers to demonstrate the breadth and diversity of the program.

There is still time and space, [register today!](#)

World Congress: Special Sessions for Clinical Engineering *From the desk of the Vice-President, Mike Capuano*

For Clinical Engineers and BMETs, WC2015 aims to address important issues that affect our field; specifically in-house programs in our hospitals. A **World Summit on Medical Device Supportability** is being held on **Wednesday June 10th (10:30AM – 12) – Rm 713A**. This do-not-miss event is sure to attract all who are interested in the success of our in-house CE programs. The session will be interactive and will look for all viewpoints on current client/vendor challenges. These may include difficulties obtaining service information and parts for certain products and technologies. Do we go along with the vendor tide or do we make a stand and vouch for better and more cost effective support of medical devices in hospitals?

For those interested in improving their CE program, there is a session on **Challenges and Benefits of Clinical Engineering Peer Review**. This will cover all of the steps needed leading up to peer review and the challenges faced along the way. The session takes place on **Tuesday, June 9th 2015 (8AM–10) – Rm 701A**. The CMBES Peer

Review Program is designed to affirm well-established programs, provide recognition of excellence in Clinical Engineering, and to provide programs with a baseline for improvement and knowledge exchange. This presentation will cover the necessary steps as well as past experiences and perspectives. The benefits of Peer Review and the most challenging aspects of the process will be examined.

CMBES Forum Update

From the desk of the Secretary Michael Hamilton



CMBES Forum Update

Have you been keeping up with the CMBES Forum? To join in, simply [sign into your CMBES Network account](#) and select “Forum” from the drop down box. Outlook users can also receive CMBES posts in their inbox by following [some simple instructions](#). If you haven’t logged in recently, here’s some of what you’ve been missing:

[Pagers](#)

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 by darryl

Hello CMBES; I would like to reach out to other Canadian sites to see what you are doing/considering for their messaging needs...

[How to start career as junior biomedical engineer](#)

Thursday, April 23, 2015 by RamizGelada

Hello Biomedical group My name is Ramiz Gelada. I am a biomedical Engineer–In–Training (EIT) with Engineers Nova Scotia. I have a master degree...

[Inspection Labels and Social Media](#)

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 by DavidHancock

Hi everyone, we are reviewing our use of inspection labels for medical devices. In light of increasing social media presence should we be concerned...

[New Z32 Draft Available for Public Comment](#)

Friday, April 17, 2015 by Michael Hamilton

CSA has posted a draft of the new Z32 version for public comment at <http://publicreview.csa.ca/Home/Details/1504>. The review deadline is...

Professional Affairs Update

From the desk of the Chair of Professional Affairs Committee, Andrew

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Looking to advance your career, showcase competency or give yourself a challenge? Consider a certification in biomedical engineering! There are many different certifications that may interest you! Visit the [certifications](#) page for more details.

Certified Clinical Engineer (CCE) – **Deadline for Canadian Applicants July 11, 2015**

Certified Biomedical Engineering Technologist (CBET)

NEW Certified Healthcare Technology Manager (CHTM)

CMBES Website Survey

From the desk of the Chair of Professional Affairs Committee, Andrew Ibey

CMBES would like to improve our website. However, to better adapt it to your need we first need to understand what those needs are. We've created a survey to collect the feedback we need before redesigning our website. Please consider doing your part by completing the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9SYZSW3> by May 15th. If you've ever been frustrated when using the CMBES website, this is your opportunity to let us know.

Celebrate Biomedical and Clinical Engineering Week

CMBES salutes the biomedical engineers, clinical engineers, biomedical engineering technicians, and technologists who make valuable contributions to Canadian healthcare institutions.

CMBES hereby proclaims May 17 – 23, 2015, as National Biomedical/Clinical Engineering Appreciation Week. Use [this link](#) to see how you can get involved and help promote this important week of the year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7 – 12, 2015

2015 IUPESM World Congress, June 7 – 12, Toronto, ON

May 24 – 27, 2016

CMBEC39, May 24–27, Calgary, AB

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CMBEC40, 2017
Winnipeg, MB

