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Message From the President

From the desk of the CMBES President, Martin Poulin

Greetings Biomedical Engineering Community,

The early bird date for the CMBEC 39 Calgary conference is fast approaching (April 1) so ensure you get the approval to register soon. The Continuing Education and Schedule at a Glance are posted on the website for review and the Exhibitor list is growing steadily.

I would be keen to hear from some of you at the conference who work in healthcare about how you make decisions about standardization of medical technology versus best of breed. Our organization is struggling with a decision to upgrade 2 of our 8 hospitals to a different make/model than the rest of the organization due to a funding opportunity. Does it make sense to support new technology with a few advanced features at the expense and duplication of supporting 2 systems? Questions and debates around some of these issues amongst peers across the country is what happens at our conferences. Through discussions, many of us gain a different perspective, which helps direct our decision making. This ultimately leads to better outcomes for healthcare.

Message du président

Du bureau du président de SCGB, Martin Poulin

Salutations Communauté du génie biomédical,

La date de préinscription pour la conférence CMBEC 39 à Calgary approche rapidement (1er Avril) donc assurez-vous d'obtenir l'approbation pour vous inscrire au plus tôt. La formation continue et le programme détaillé sont affichés sur le site Web pour que vous puissiez les consulter et la liste des exposants augmente de façon constante.

La conférence annuelle est un lieu d'échange important pour notre communauté. Par exemple, je souhaiterais avoir l'opinion des confrères qui travaillent dans les établissements de santé sur la décision de standardiser ou non la technologie médicale par rapport au meilleur produit disponible sur le marché. Notre organisation est aux prises avec une décision de mise à niveau d'équipement de 2 de nos 8 hôpitaux avec une technologie (marque / modèle) différente de celle du reste de l'organisation en raison d'une opportunité économique. Est-il judicieux d'entretenir une nouvelle technologie avec quelques fonctionnalités avancées au risque de doubler le support et l'entretien de cette technologie ? Des questions et des débats autour de certaines de ces interrogations entre pairs à travers le

So come and join us for a chat,
Martin

pays sont des exemples de ce que l'on retrouve dans nos conférences. Grâce à ces discussions, beaucoup d'entre nous développent une perspective différente, qui contribue à orienter notre prise de décision locale. Cela conduit ultimement à de meilleurs résultats pour les soins de santé.

Alors venez nous rejoindre pour des discussions intéressantes,

Merci,
Martin

Call for CMBES Award Nominations

From the desk of the Chair of the Awards Committee, Evelyn Morin

Do you know of an individual who has made exceptional contributions to biomedical engineering in Canada? If so, please nominate this person for a CMBES Award or Special Membership Recognition!

The CMBES Awards Committee invites nominations for the Society Awards and Special Memberships for 2016. Each nominee should have a primary nominator and a seconder. Awards will be presented at CMBEC39 in Calgary.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AWARDS NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 15th, 2016.

Categories include:

- Outstanding Canadian Biomedical Engineer
- Outstanding Canadian BMET
- The Early Career Achievement Award

Special membership honours include:

- Fellow
- Emeritus and Honorary member

The online nomination process will only take a few minutes for you to give some well-deserved recognition to your colleague(s).

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
<u>Decide on the Award Category</u>	<u>Complete and submit the Primary Nomination form to tell us about your nominee</u>	<u>Complete and submit the Seconder Nomination form to second a colleague</u>

Message from the CMBEC39 Conference Chair

From the desk of the Conference Chair, Kelly Kobe

The Organizing Committee is working hard on planning an innovative and thought-provoking [program](#) on topics that are of high interest and essential to the healthcare industry. Beyond the educational and knowledge exchange programs, our hospitality program will continue to provide a more casual forum for conversation and collaboration. There will be many opportunities to catch up with your industry colleagues and to make new acquaintances.

**REGISTRATION FOR CMBEC39 IS OPEN! REGISTER TODAY!
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1st, 2016**

Please [log-in](#) to your CMBES account to register for the conference. You do not have to be a CMBES member to have a CMBES Network account; please click [here](#) to join the CMBES Network and create your account; it is free!

We hope you will share this information with your colleagues and staff and that you will all join us in May 2016! See you in Calgary!



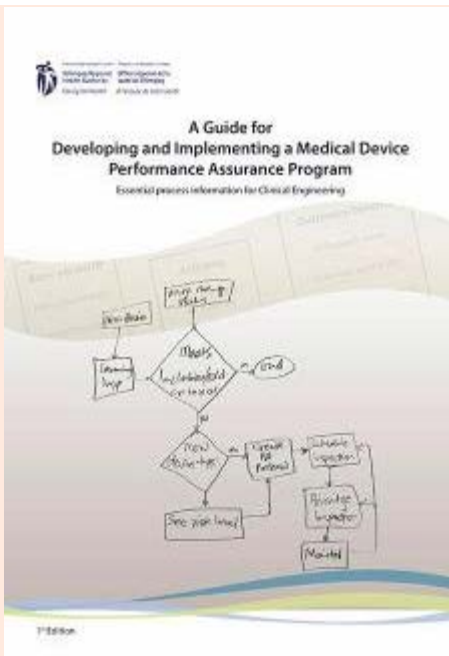
CMBES Member Publication Spotlight

From the Desk of the Professional Affairs Committee, Andrew Ibey

A Guide for Developing and Implementing a Medical Device Performance Assurance Program / Winnipeg Regional Health Authority – Clinical Engineering Program

Overview

A Performance Assurance (PA) program is a medical device risk management system – critical to the clinical engineering function – that clearly defines performance verification, preventive maintenance and operational safety testing. An effective PA program provides several benefits such as improved patient safety, reduced corporate risk, and



increased organizational efficiency and effectiveness. This Guide provides a framework for the development and implementation of a comprehensive and effective regional PA program. This publication is not a standard and any reference to published standards is presented merely as reference for additional information sources to consult where necessary.

Highlights

- Provides clear guidance to prioritize equipment for scarce resources
- Guidance for consolidating regional programs
- Adaptable and applicable for use with single-site PA programs

Scope

The Performance Assurance (PA) program is defined as a medical device risk management system that entails performance verification, preventive maintenance and (operational) safety testing.

This document is intended to provide guidance and information for clinical engineering staff in the process of consolidating their performance assurance system into a regional program. It can also be adapted for developing new single-site performance assurance programs since the described program structure and examples of standard operating procedures can be scaled down to a single site.

Intended Audience

Professionals involved in managing a clinical engineering department – Medical equipment management, biomedical equipment management, biomedical engineering, clinical engineering, clinical equipment management, healthcare technology management, maintenance & operations

Position Statement – Patient Owned Equipment

From the Desk of the Professional Affairs Committee, Andrew Ibey

The CMBES will be drafting a position statement on “Patient Owned Equipment”. If you have a local policy at your hospital, and are free to share it please send it to aibey@providencehealth.bc.ca and put “Patient Owned Equipment” in the

subject line of your email.



Update from the 50th Anniversary Task Force

From the desk of the Task Force Secretary, Amanda Saigeon

Planning for the 50th anniversary commemorative journal is well underway! We have had great dialogue and progress with articles for the journal. Are you aware of a company that would be interested in providing advertising support for the journal? Or do you know of companies that would be interested in receiving copies of the journal? Please send them to the [secretariat](#) for more information.

Thank you in advance for assisting with this important project!

Journal of Clinical Engineering – Discounted Online Subscription

From the desk of the Membership Committee Chair, Sarah Kelso

I am very happy to share the excellent news that the Journal of Clinical Engineering will continue to offer CMBES Members a deeply discounted rate on their online journal subscription in 2016. If you didn't have a chance to take advantage of this valuable membership benefit last year, now is the time to do it!

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.

The Journal of Clinical Engineering, 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. The Journal of Clinical Engineering is 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), and

2) Selecting Member Benefits from the “What would you like to do?” drop down menu.

(Please note: the promotional code has been updated for 2016.)

CMBES will continue to pursue similar arrangements that 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.

CMBES Forum Update

From the Desk of the CMBES Secretary, Michael Hamilton



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:

[Dialysate water testing](#)

February 24, 2016 by BernieD

Good day fellow Biomedes, We in Saskatchewan have a provincially focused dialysis program...

[Dedicated Clinical Engineers](#)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 by Mike Capuano

Do any of your hospitals have dedicated 'Clinical Engineer' positions/roles in your Biomed/CE...

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 24 – 27, 2016

CMBEC39, May 24–27,

2017

CMBEC40, 2017

Calgary, AB



Winnipeg, MB



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