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Message From the President

From the desk of the CMBES President, Martin Poulin

Greetings Biomed Community,

I'm all registered for the Winnipeg conference in May, so hope you're getting close to registering as well. The conference committee has put together a great program so take a look at the Schedule at a Glance, noting that the final paper review has not yet been completed.

If you work in a hospital then departments like Infection Control and Privacy/Security have become a large influence on the procurement and implementation of medical technology. I can share stories of the struggles we've had recently trying to comply with the new expectations of these departments. Does their influence actually improve the safety and security of medical technology and the physiological data they contain? Come and join the discussions at our conference or on our online forum to help refine these often cumbersome but necessary requirements.

Cheers,

Martin

Message du président

Du bureau du président de SCGB, Martin Poulin

Salutations Communauté de Biomed,

Je suis inscrit à notre prochaine conférence de Winnipeg en mai prochain, alors j'espère que vous aussi vous terminez votre inscription. Le comité qui prépare la conférence a mis sur pied un programme formidable alors prenez un moment pour le consulter sur notre site web, en gardant en mémoire que la revue finale des articles scientifiques n'est pas complètement terminée toutefois.

Si vous travaillez dans un hôpital, vous aurez remarqué que le service de Prévention des infections, ou le service de Sécurité possèdent aujourd'hui une grande influence sur l'approvisionnement et l'implantation des technologies médicale. Je peux partager des anecdotes sur les difficultés que nous avons rencontrées récemment pour répondre aux nouvelles attentes de ces services. Est-ce que leur influence, améliore réellement la sûreté et la sécurité de la technologie médicale et des données électroniques des patients qu'elles contiennent? Venez participer aux discussions lors de notre conférence ou sur notre forum en ligne pour aider à affiner ces exigences souvent lourdes mais nécessaires.

Cordialement,

Martin

Message from the Vice President

From the Desk of the CMBES Vice President, Mike Capuano

I encourage all of those attending this year's conference to participate in the 3rd Annual Summit on the Supportability of Medical Devices. This is an important session of the Clinical Engineering stream and may lead to key decisions for the CMBES and its membership. As in past summits, there will be a panel of clinical engineers representing various centres across Canada as well as representation from industry. The CMBES Survey on the Supportability of Medical Devices was successfully completed recently and will be the focus of the Summit. I will be presenting the results with open discussion to follow and hope to hear a range of perspectives from all of those attending. See you there!

Membership News

From the desk of the Membership Committee Chair, Sarah Kelso

Did you know that CMBES is affiliated with regional biomedical/clinical engineering societies in Canada?

CMBES is pleased to be working collaboratively with other biomedical/clinical engineering societies to improve communication among societies and realize common goals to the benefit of all of our societies' members.

We are very happy to have agreements in place with the Atlantic Canada Clinical Engineering Society (ACCES) and l'Association des physiciens et ingénieurs biomédicaux du Québec (APIBQ) to formalize this intent.

Among other things, these agreements afford our members reciprocal membership benefits including a membership fee discount of 50% to members of the other society. If you are currently an active member of ACCES or APIBQ and are considering membership in CMBES, contact our [Secretariat](#) for your coupon code to get 50% off your [membership](#) (any category).

[Click here](#) to link to our affiliated societies' websites and the full text of the memorandums of understanding.

We are always happy to receive your feedback at secretariat@cmbes.ca.

Membership Publications Spotlight

If you or your organization has published and it would be of interest to our CMBES membership, we'd like to know about it. Please contact the secretariat with a copy of your

Update on the CMBEC40 Conference – Registration is Now Open!

From the desk of the CMBEC40 Publicity Co-Chair, Sarah Kelso

The Conference Organizing Committee is very pleased to announce that registration is now open for CMBEC40!

Special Early Bird registration rates are in effect until April 1st – you can find all the registration details [here](#). CMBES Members (in all categories) always benefit from reduced registration rates, and this year we hope to further encourage Retired Members to join us at the conference by offering them the Student Member registration rate!

Our Continuing Education Committee has assembled an excellent, well rounded program, with topics to interest all attendees including: ultrasound and infusion pump training, endoscope inspection, technology and physiology, electrical safety, technical writing, CBET preparation, and lean management. Find the full listing of courses on the [Schedule at a Glance](#), and don't forget to select your chosen courses when registering.

Finally, our committee is excited to announce that [Zoll Medical Canada](#) has graciously offered to sponsor our welcome night event. Through this generous sponsorship we will be able to hold the welcome event at the [Canadian Museum for Human Rights](#), which promises to take you on a journey of education and inspiration unlike anything you've experienced before. Watch for the upcoming CMBEC40 eBulletin for more details on this very special event.

Start making your arrangements to join us for CMBEC40. I am sincerely looking forward to welcoming everyone to Winnipeg!

2017 American College of Clinical Engineering Advocacy Award

CMBES would like to congratulate **Kim Greenwood**, Director of Clinical Engineering, Facilities Management & Planning, at The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario for winning the 2017 ACCE Professional Achievement in Management / Managerial Excellence Award.

[Click here](#) for additional information about the awardee. Congratulations Kim!

Professional Affairs Position Statements

Do you have a biomedical engineering issue that keeps coming up repeatedly at your hospital? Have you tried to seek council from your peers and received a similar round about answer? If you have something please send it to CMBES so that we can consider it for a future "Position Statement". Also, if you are interested acting as a peer reviewer for the CMBES position statement please send your name, email and affiliation to secretariat@cmbes.ca.

CMBES Call for Volunteers

CMBES is seeking enthusiastic and committed volunteers who wish to contribute their skills, experience and vision to serve on various committees and sub-committees. The value of your contribution is priceless for CMBES and you will also have valuable opportunity to increase your network within your profession, while promoting and supporting the increase of scientific, technical and other pertinent knowledge in biomedical engineering. Please contact the Secretariat at secretariat@cmbes.ca for information.

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