



Governor's Message

The Atlantic Provinces Chapter of ACP just completed an excellent chapter meeting in Saint John, New Brunswick May 15-17, 2009 in association with CSIM. The meeting was hosted by our Saint John's contingent, ably led by **Dr. Mahesh Raju, FACP**, and other members of the planning committee included **Drs. Elizabeth Mann** and **Pat Bergin**. The focus was on management of high risk surgical patients, critical care, and hematology. Our special guest was **Dr. Stephen Kamholz**, a Regent of the College, and an authority in critical care who spoke on "*Critical Care: Past, Present, and Future*". At our ACP dinner on Friday evening, he also provided an update on College activities, particularly comparing Canadian and U.S. healthcare systems as the United States goes through its healthcare reform agenda. At the dinner we also recognized **Dr. Paul Handa**, who was elevated to Mastership in the American College of Physicians at Internal Medicine 2009 in Philadelphia in April. This was a well-deserved honor and **Paul** becomes the first Master in the American College from New Brunswick. We hope many more will follow.

Internal Medicine 2009 in Philadelphia was a success. Many residents from Dalhousie University were able to attend and returned to Halifax to present some of the highlights of the conference at Grand Rounds. Many took time out to enjoy the delights of Philadelphia, including a spectacular Cézanne retrospective at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Our own **Dr. Jock Murray, MACP**, chaired a number of sessions on the history of medicine, which were well attended.

At convocation I was pleased to welcome our newest Fellow from the Atlantic Provinces, **Dr. Brendan Barrett, FACP** to whom we extend congratulations. **Brendan** is on the Faculty at Memorial University and teaches Nephrology. That Division is certainly well represented in ACP with our other Fellows, **Drs. John Hartnett** and **Pat Parfrey**.

As your Governor, I continue to be active with the Chapters Subcommittee as we explore new ways to promote recruitment of our Canadian colleagues to this extraordinary organization. I am also honored to be a part of the International Council of the ACP, which advises the Board of Regents on expanding ACP activities outside the United States and Canada. ACP is now promoting membership throughout both the developed and developing worlds, with the possibility of new chapters in Saudi Arabia and India. ACP is also exploring a collaboration with USAID and The John Snow Institute to provide educational activities in the Central Asian Republics (affectionately known in the West as "The 'Stans"), and I have already volunteered as a faculty member!

We look forward to Internal Medicine 2010 in Toronto; a number of Canadians are on the planning committee for this ACP meeting, the first outside the United States. I hope that we will have great attendance from the Atlantic Provinces Chapter as we provide a definite Canadian stamp to this meeting.

Finally and importantly, I will be stepping down as your Governor after the 2010 meeting and am pleased to report the election of **Mahesh Raju, FACP** as your next representative. He will do an outstanding job for our members and we hope to see continuing growth under his leadership. In the meantime, I wish you all an enjoyable and productive summer.

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