

## CAEP Residents' Section: new directions

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As we head toward the 3rd Canadian EM Residents' Workshop this April in Hamilton, we should recognize the accomplishments of the section to date. The CAEP Residents' Section (CAEP-RS) is still a relatively new organization, but is growing rapidly in size and scope. The initial stated purpose of the Section was to unify emergency medicine residents on a national scale and to bring a resident voice to the CAEP board. It is safe to say that we are well on our way toward achieving this goal.

Dr. Jason Frank was the Founder and Chair of CAEP-RS through its infancy, and is largely responsible for where we are today. At the 2nd Canadian EM Residents' Workshop, in Cal-

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gary in March 2001, a new executive committee was elected. Kathryn Irwin (PGY-3, University of Alberta) was chosen as Jason's successor. Under Kathryn's leadership, CAEP-RS continues to thrive. With a high turnout expected at this year's workshop, this trend will no doubt continue.

An important function of the CAEP-RS is communication among emergency medicine residents across the country. One of the most significant advances toward this objective is the establishment of the Residents' Web site (found at [www.caep.ca](http://www.caep.ca)). This is an excellent new forum for the dissemination of news, events and resident issues and it contains links to all CCFP and FRCP programs across Canada as well as to fellowship programs and job search sites. The addition of educational material such as

case presentations is a future project for the site.

Another forum we have available to us is the Resident Issues section in *CJEM*. This space is available for your opinions, editorials or stories of interest to residents. At the last brainstorming session, suggested topics included: FRCP vs. EM training, moonlighting during residency, shift work, manpower in Canadian EDs, program accreditation, and interesting research or elective opportunities.

If you are interested in submitting an article on these or other topics, contact either me (address below) or section Coeditor Jenn Carpenter, at [3jlc22@qmlink.queensu.ca](mailto:3jlc22@qmlink.queensu.ca).

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## Second Canadian EM Residents' Workshop: review

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The 2nd Canadian EM Residents' Workshop took place in beautiful Calgary prior to the CAEP 2001 conference and was a huge success. It was opened with a cocktail and dinner reception for workshop participants and many of the leading EM teachers from around the country. Following dinner, the CAEP EM

Resident Leadership and the CAEP EM Teacher of the Year Awards were presented to Dr. Sunil Sookram (Edmonton) and Dr. John Ross (Halifax), respectively. Dr. Bill Sevcik, then entertained us with an informative talk about the "Future of Emergency Medicine."

The following morning, partici-

pants were treated to two stellar lectures. Dr. Janet Nuth (Ottawa) taught the 10 key elements of "How to be a great EM teacher," and Dr. Bill Sevcik (Edmonton) discussed "Career Planning: What You Need to Know to Get a Job."

After a light lunch, we sat down as a resident group to plan our future

contributions to Emergency Medicine. First up were the elections of the new executive. Jason Frank stepped down as President, and Kathryn Irwin filled this position. Five executive members were elected: Omar Ahmad, Jennifer Carpenter, Sara Gray, Shona MacLach-

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lan, and Yana Simice. Jonathan Davidow and Jennifer Carpenter agreed to serve as coeditors of the *CJEM* Resident Issues section, and Ken Lam and Adam Lund agreed to represent us on the CAEP.ca Web site Committee.

The afternoon brainstorming workshops tackled resident-related issues such as EM staffing, the need for enhanced communication between Canadian EM programs and the potential

need for ultrasound training for residents. We also discussed how to improve the conference for next year, and you'll see that some of our ideas, like the job fair, are being implemented this year. There were also productive development meetings for the resident chapters of CAEP.ca and *CJEM*.

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## Third Canadian EM Residents' Workshop: preview

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The 2002 CAEP Residents' Section (CAEP-RS) meeting will start off with dinner in downtown Hamilton on Tuesday, April 16th. Come and socialize with your fellow residents over a nice meal and a glass of wine. We will introduce and congratulate the recipients of the CAEP Teacher of the Year Award and the CAEP Resident Leadership Award. This will be followed by our keynote speaker, who will introduce the topic for this year's conference: "Extreme Emergency Medicine." Then it's time to check out the Hamilton night life!

The next day will start with a continental breakfast followed by a morning of talks from extreme emergency medicine specialists. Ever wonder

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how far your emergency medicine training can take you? Hear from some of your colleagues who have traversed the depths of the wilderness, the high seas, the tops of mountains and even outer space. Let's not forget that any busy emergency department can closely approximate a jungle at times; hear from the experts on how we can manage and improve the overcrowding situation.

After that, it's time for a light lunch and the CAEP-RS elections. Now's your chance to get involved on a national scale! After lunch, we sit down and brainstorm about how we can say human for the rest of our residency. Pick up some tips from people who have been there about how to study, yet have fun and even raise a family.

As we wrap up the afternoon and head over to register for the main

conference, check out the first annual CAEP-RS Job Fair. Representatives will be there to meet with you and discuss job opportunities in their area.

We all hook up again on Friday for an afternoon of rock climbing. Then it's a relaxed dinner at East Side Mario's, where we will meet up with the medical students and answer their questions about residencies and fellowships in emergency medicine.

For more information on the conference, the CAEP awards or the Residents' Section in general, please follow the links to the residents' home page ([www.caep.ca](http://www.caep.ca)). We have a great conference lined up for this year! I hope you can come and get involved.

See you in April!

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