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1962 *Celebrating 50 Years* 2012

1962 - 2012

What's past is prologue. That being so, the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology's 50th anniversary is an appropriate time to review the organization's achievements to date.

Many of those who contributed so much are, sadly, no longer with us but fortunately the records of their meetings do survive.

We reviewed 50 years of the CAG Board of Directors and the Annual General Meeting minutes and have produced a very selective summary of the main events. Whenever we tell our colleagues that we have done this we hear expressions of sympathy, or incredulity. How wrong they are. Reading these minutes opens up the personalities and windows on the past which are, from the perspective of 2012, hardly believable.

This organization was founded before cellphones, computers and email.
Stenographers were hired to record the minutes.

All that may seem very archaic but we should not be so smug.

The basic structure of the CAG was laid down within months of its incorporation and the great debates - the Foundation, the role of CAG in education, research directions and funding - were as lively 50 years ago as they are now.

There is a great deal of pleasure in reading how the organization took its first steps and of the many characters involved. They appear and disappear from the stage like actors in a drama. We are fortunate indeed that our predecessors left this trove.

Des Leddin, Bill Paterson, Phil Sherman
Past Presidents, CAG

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1962 - 1969

ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1961 - The first meeting of the Governing Board of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Montreal, June 20. Committee structure consisting of the Nominating, Admissions, Finance & Bylaws Committees
- 1962 - CAG was incorporated on January 12
- 1962 - CAG joins World Organization of Gastroenterology (OMGE)
- 1962 - CAG membership reaches forty seven with an annual revenue of \$2,005; 94% from membership dues
- 1963 - CAG Board debates a proposal to form a national fund raising group to support research and education in gastroenterology
- 1964 - CAG joins the Interamerican Gastroenterology Association (AIGE)
- 1966 - CAG sends representatives to the CMA conference on human resources
- 1968 - CAG Board rejects pharmaceutical support

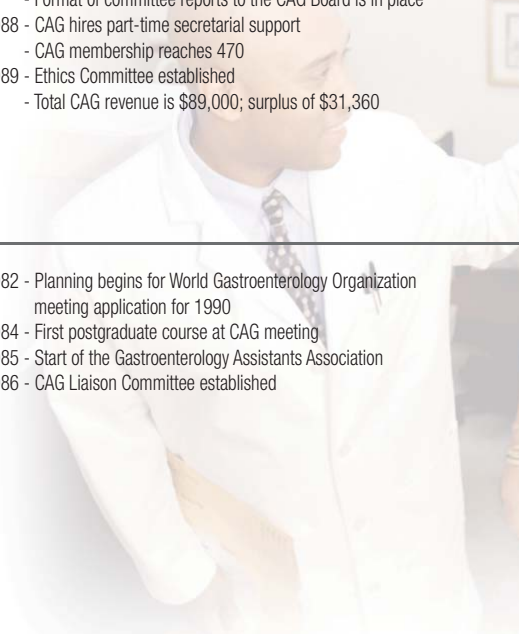
1970 - 1979

- 1970 - CAG bylaws updated to encompass a growing association and number of committees
- 1972 - CAG membership reaches 133
- 1973 - CAG Board debates a proposal to establish a Digestive Disease Foundation



1980 - 1989

- 1982 - CAG membership reaches 225
- 1983 - Total CAG revenue is \$25,750; pharmaceutical funding reached \$15,000
- 1984 - Bylaw revision undertaken
 - First attempt to organize the archives of the Association
- 1985 - Potential members for the new society CASL identified
 - CAG Board agrees to sell membership list for \$100
 - Format of committee reports to the CAG Board is in place
- 1988 - CAG hires part-time secretarial support
 - CAG membership reaches 470
- 1989 - Ethics Committee established
 - Total CAG revenue is \$89,000; surplus of \$31,360



CLINICAL

- 1965 - Joint meeting of the CAG and AGA held in Montreal
- 1966 - CAG conducts a survey of postgraduate training programs in gastroenterology



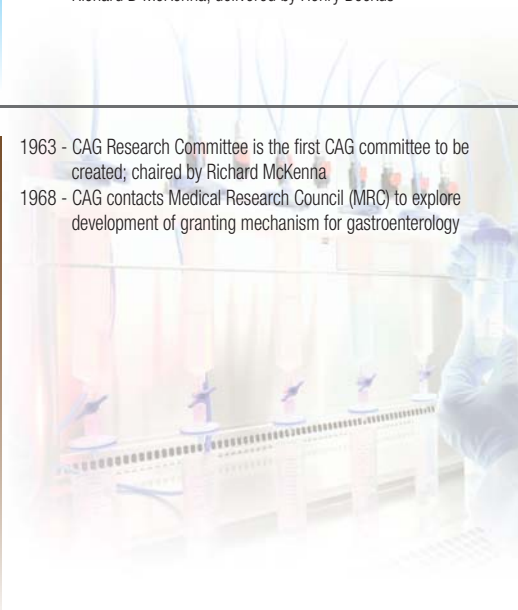
- 1971 - Endoscopy Committee convened
- 1975 - Advisory group convened on human resources



- 1982 - Planning begins for World Gastroenterology Organization meeting application for 1990
- 1984 - First postgraduate course at CAG meeting
- 1985 - Start of the Gastroenterology Assistants Association
- 1986 - CAG Liaison Committee established

EDUCATION

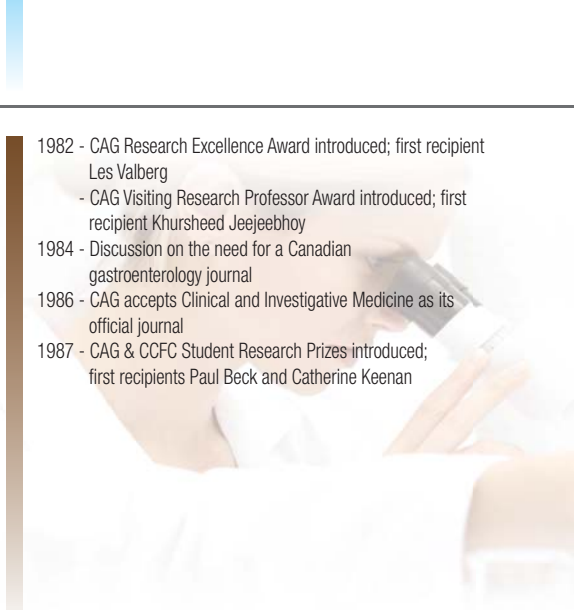
- 1962 - CAG Postgraduate and Education Committee established
- 1963 - CAG sends representatives to the first national conference of program directors in GI held by the AGA in San Francisco
- 1967 - CAG begins discussions with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (RCPSC) on the development of recognition of gastroenterology as a subspecialty
- 1968 - First McKenna Lecture in honour of the first President CAG, Richard D McKenna, delivered by Henry Bockus



- 1971 - Accreditation of training programs underway
 - Standards agreed upon for training in endoscopy
 - Format of training in gastroenterology approved
- 1972 - CAG submits proposal on GI training and accreditation to the RCPSC



- 1980 - Accreditation of training programs is underway. Standards for training in endoscopy are developed. Surgery does not agree. Format for training in gastroenterology is approved.
- 1983 - 62 residency-training positions in gastroenterology
 - Gastroenterology program approved at Dalhousie; 14 approved centres



RESEARCH

- 1963 - CAG Research Committee is the first CAG committee to be created; chaired by Richard McKenna
- 1968 - CAG contacts Medical Research Council (MRC) to explore development of granting mechanism for gastroenterology

- 1977 - CAG student research awards introduced to stimulate gastroenterology research

- 1982 - CAG Research Excellence Award introduced; first recipient Les Valberg
 - CAG Visiting Research Professor Award introduced; first recipient Khurshed Jeejeebhoy
- 1984 - Discussion on the need for a Canadian gastroenterology journal
- 1986 - CAG accepts Clinical and Investigative Medicine as its official journal
- 1987 - CAG & CCFC Student Research Prizes introduced; first recipients Paul Beck and Catherine Keenan



1990 - 1999

- 1992 - Total revenue for CAG is \$186, 973
- 1993 - Strategic analysis plan and membership needs analysis developed
- 1994 - CAG secretariat installed
- 1995 - CDDF founded
- 1996 - Total CAG revenue crosses \$1,000,000
- 1999 - Negotiation continues on linkages with the CDDF
 - Bylaw revision introduced

2000 - 2009

- 2000 - CAG operationalizes a National Office; new Executive Director appointed
- 2001 - CAG membership reaches 768
 - CDHF officially becomes the foundation of the CAG
- 2002 - CDHF fully functional
 - Gender Committee & Publications Committee established
- 2002 - CAG bylaws revamped
- 2003 - History of the first 30 years of the CAG is published
- 2004 - CAG membership exceeds 1,000
 - CAG Publication: 2005-2010 Strategic Plan
- 2006 - CDHF re-launched with CAG funding
- 2007 - CAG launches an updated website
 - CAG Publication: GI Manpower
- 2008 - CAG Publication: First National GI Wait Time Data
- 2009 - CAG bylaws updated, new structure, detailed governance policies put in place
 - CAG Operations Committee established to include Administrative Affairs, Clinical Affairs, Education Affairs, Research Affairs and the Executive Director

2010 - 2012

- 2010 - CAG National Office has four full time staff
 - CAG has 19 committees with over 50 CAG members involved
 - CAG Publication: Second Report of National GI Wait Times
- 2012 - Survey of Access to Gastroenterology (SAGE) - APRIL 16 - 20



- 1992 - Endoscopy Committee initiates work on quality assurance
- 1993 - Endoscopy Consensus conference held
- 1996 - CAG Practice Affairs Committee established
 - CAG selected as the host of the 1999 Pan American meeting
- 1998 - CAG prepares bid for 2005 World Congress of Gastroenterology meeting
 - Term of CAG President, President Elect, and Past President increased from one to two years
 - CAG website launched
- 1999 - CAG hosts Gastro99 Pan American meeting in Vancouver
 - CAG CDDW Implementation, Gender and Equity, Hepatobiliary, Pediatric, and Regional Representation Committees established

- 2003 - CAG Consensus: Nonvariceal Upper GI Bleeding
- 2004 - Clinical Practice Guideline: Infliximab in Crohn's Disease
 - CAG Position Paper: Colon Cancer Screening
 - Clinical Practice Guideline: *Helicobacter pylori* Update
 - CAG Consensus: GERD Consensus Update
- 2006 - CAG launches human resource plan linked to patient access to care wait times
 - CAG Position Paper: Colonoscopy Preparations
 - CAG Consensus: GI Wait Time Targets
- 2007 - CAG becomes a member of the Wait Time Alliance
- 2008 - Survey of Access to Gastroenterology (SAGE) program
 - CAG takes the lead on quality in endoscopy
 - CAG Credentialing Guideline: Endoscopic Privileges, Colonoscopy, ERCP, Flexible Sigmoidoscopy and Esophagogastroduodenoscopy
- 2009 - CAG Consensus: Use of Anti-TNF α in Crohn's Disease, NSAIDs

- 2010 - CAG Position Paper: Average Risk Colon Cancer Screening
 - CAG Consensus: Nonvariceal Upper GI Bleeding
- 2011 - CAG Publication: 2010-2015 CAG Strategic Plan
 - CAG Consensus: Severe Ulcerative Colitis
 - Royal Society of Canada medal awarded to Morley Hollenberg
- 2012 - CAG Consensus: Quality and Safety Indicators in Endoscopy

- 1992 - Postgraduate course for residents (GRIT) inaugurated
- 1994 - Proposal to create Canadian Digestive Disease Week and separate from the RCPSC meetings
 - The Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology endorsed as the official journal of the CAG
- 1996 - First annual CDDW meeting held (in Banff) separate from the RCPSC

- 2000 - Maintenance of Certification program initiated
 - CAG Scholars' Program (previously Bright Lights) inaugurated
- 2001 - RCPSC CME credits made available via the website
 - CAG launches the educational portal (ePortal)
- 2002 - CAG becomes accredited provider on behalf of the RCPSC
- 2003 - Kopelman Memorial Pediatric GI Lectureship introduced at CDDW, first lecturer: David Whitcomb
- 2005 - CAG Young Educator Award introduced; first recipient Janice Barkey
 - First practice audit (PAGE) program implemented
 - CAG Education Excellence Award introduced; first recipient Claude Roy
 - CAG hosts WCOG meeting

- 2011 - CAG awarded the RCPSC Innovation Award for practice audit program
 - CAG Visiting Clinical Professorship introduced

- 1992 - Royal Society of Canada Fellow; John Bienenstock
 - CAG - Industry Partnered Fellowship introduced (Janssen-Ortho); first recipient Ilan Rosenshein: supervisor Brett Finlay
 - CAG Distinguished Service Award introduced; first recipient Carl Goresky
- 1993 - Royal Society of Canada Fellow; Edwin Daniel
 - CAG Young Investigator Award introduced; first recipient Philip Sherman
- 1994 - CAG Research Initiative Award introduced (AstraZeneca); first recipient James Brown: supervisor Barry Tepperman
 - First formal partnership with the CIHR to co-fund research awards

- 2000 - CAG Research Topics in GI Disease Meeting inaugurated
 - CAG and CCFC Summer Studentships introduced
- 2001 - CAG New Investigator Grant introduced (Nycomed); first recipient Anne Marie Salapatek
 - CAG Operating Grant introduced (Abbott); first recipient Anne Marie Salapatek
 - Order of Canada; John Bienenstock
- 2003 - Royal Society of Canada Fellow; Morley Hollenberg
 - CAG Transition Award introduced (AstraZeneca, CCFC); first recipients Maida Sewitch, Waliul Khan
- 2004 - CAG Resident Research Award introduced; first recipients Ian Bookman, Frances Tse, Gilaad Kaplan, Joe Pham
 - CAG's Research Program is reported in - DM McKay, S Daniels. Canadian Association of Gastroenterology - Canadian Institutes of Health Research - pharmaceutical partner postdoctoral operating fellowship programme: Can J Gastroenterol 2003;17(7):437-439.
- 2006 - Order of Canada; Brett Finlay
- 2008 - Royal Society of Canada Fellow; John Wallace
- 2009 - Royal Society of Canada Fellow; Paul Kubes

- 2011 - CIHR Researcher of the Year; Paul Kubes



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