

2012-13 Annual Report to Canadian Cardiovascular Society Council

2012-13 has been a busy, successful and in many respects transformative year for the *Canadian Association of Interventional Cardiology/Association Canadienne de cardiologie d'intervention* (CAIC-ACCI). CAIC-ACCI Executive felt that the time had come for some fairly radical organizational changes if we were to succeed in building and representing the Canadian interventional cardiology community more effectively.

CAIC-ACCI Executive Director Kevin McKenzie has worked extensively with *Canadian Cardiovascular Society* (CCS) colleagues Linda Palmer, Lauren Mann and Andrea Lee to refine a number of our Association's internal processes. We are extremely grateful for all the help we have received in relation to improving our membership and accounting processes and also updating our by-laws to be Industry Canada compliant. CAIC-ACCI finally has clarity regarding its membership and a much clearer understanding of the denominator of all interventional cardiologists currently practicing in Canada. Our membership statistics have not been reliable in the past, but we are now confident in reporting that our membership has grown during 2012-13 and as of October 2013 stands at 159 regular members and more than 40 interventional fellows. Based upon our most recent survey of Canadian interventional centres, 59% of practicing interventional cardiologists in Canada are now CAIC-ACCI members. Although we anticipate that the majority of CAIC-ACCI members will continue to be CCS members, this is no longer a prerequisite for joining our Association.

A crucial step for CAIC-ACCI this year was the staging of an Executive Committee retreat in early 2013 for a formal strategic planning exercise, the first of its kind for our Association. Feedback from members, non-members and industry partners alike made it abundantly clear that CAIC-ACCI needed to define its goals and objectives much more clearly. For the first time, our Association's vision, mission and values were explicitly defined and will represent the foundation for all our future activities. CAIC-ACCI Executive acknowledges that a culture of execution and much greater accountability is needed and we are confident of delivering on the key priorities laid out in our 2013 Strategic Plan (www.caic-acci.org/about/strategic-plan).

CAIC-ACCI Executive identified elevating our Association's visibility and relevance and improving member and stakeholder communication as priority goals for 2013. We are finally able to communicate reliably by various means with the Canadian interventional cardiology community and other key partners. Our 2013 Strategic Plan and new vision and mission statements have been widely disseminated and generally very well received. CAIC-ACCI Executive was unanimous in agreeing that elevating our visibility required rebranding and creation of a more professional image. We therefore have a new logo (see document header) and our new website has just been launched in early October 2013 (www.caic-acci.org). We are very excited about our new website which will represent a key communication vehicle for CAIC-ACCI and the Canadian interventional cardiology community.

Leadership in education remains a key pillar for CAIC-ACCI. One of our top priorities and biggest successes in recent years has been education of interventional cardiology fellows. A successful case competition for fellows was again staged in conjunction with the *Montreal Interventional Symposium* in June and we will be holding the 9th Annual Fellows' Device Workshop at Vascular 2013 in Montreal. As our relationship with the *Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions* (SCAI) develops, we have invited some US based interventional fellows to participate in this year's Workshop. CAIC-ACCI Executive again wishes to extend its sincere thanks to Dr. Peter Seidelin for his continuing leadership in Fellows' education as Director of the Annual Device Workshop and Chairman of our Educational Working Group.

CAIC-ACCI has again supported and partnered in a number of other interventional cardiology meetings for its regular members during 2012-13 including *Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics* in Miami (TCT), the *Coronary Physiology, IVUS and Invasive Imaging Workshop* in Montreal (CPI), *Tremblant Interventional Cardiology* (TIC), the 22nd *Montreal Interventional Symposium* and the 2nd *Advanced International Masterclass on the Transradial Approach* (AIM-RADIAL).

In the context of an already crowded interventional cardiology meeting space, our 2013 Strategic Plan identified the pursuit of improved interventional cardiology content at

Vascular 2013 and future Canadian Cardiovascular Congresses as a top priority. Preliminary results from a recent survey of our members suggest that CCC is the most commonly attended meeting by Canadian interventional cardiologists and that there is a desire for more robust interventional cardiology content. CAIC-ACCI has endeavored to be more closely affiliated with the popular "*Controversies in Coronary Interventions*" Symposium and will also be hosting a workshop on left main revascularization at Vascular 2013. We are committed to partnering even more closely with CCS and working towards the development of a more comprehensive and coordinated interventional cardiology curriculum at future Congresses.

In addition to strengthening our Affiliate relationship with CCS, CAIC-ACCI is striving to develop its partnerships with a number of other key organizations. The current President (Dr. Ted Bass) and Executive Director (Mr. Norm Linsky) of the *Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions* (SCAI) have accepted our invitation to attend our Fellows' Workshop and Annual General Meeting at Vascular 2013. A number of potential avenues for partnership with SCAI will be discussed including collaborative guideline development (Dr. Warren Cantor was recently selected to represent CAIC-ACCI on the SCAI publications committee), lobbying the American Board of Medical Specialties for US recognition of the Royal College Diploma Program in Interventional Cardiology and the SCAI Emerging Leader Mentorship Program (Drs. Anita Asgar and Marc Jolicoeur from the Montreal Heart Institute were selected for this highly prestigious program earlier this year). We have also engaged in extensive discussion with the *Cardiovascular Research Foundation* (CRF) during the last year in relation to creating new educational, academic and leadership opportunities for Canadian interventional cardiologists on the national and international stage. We will also be collaborating with our UK counterparts, the *British Cardiovascular Intervention Society* (BCIS), in staging a joint symposium on cardiogenic shock at the forthcoming TCT meeting in San Francisco. We have also engaged BCIS to discuss their national database experience as we continue to work with the APPROACH group and other key Canadian partners towards a National CAIC-CCS Catheterization-PCI Database (NCCD).

Promotion of best practices was identified as a key component of CAIC-ACCI's redefined mission statement and we have committed to trying to publish at least one position statement annually. CAIC-ACCI recently initiated a Joint Position Statement initiative with CCS and the *Canadian Society of Cardiac Surgeons* on the topic of "Revascularization for Patients with Multi-Vessel Coronary Artery Disease" with a goal of publication in 2014.

Although CAIC-ACCI remains in a secure position financially, the current financial climate has created many challenges as we try to establish a more sustainable and predictable funding model. We continue to rely heavily on industry funding to support our activities and are working hard to improve our dialogue with the many pharmaceutical, device and imaging companies that operate within the field of interventional cardiology. Most of our industry partners are experiencing significant budgetary pressures and are therefore being much more selective about the initiatives and organizations they support. We are continuing to develop our industry relationships in a way that is mindful of the considerable potential for conflict but we hope ultimately mutually beneficial for the advancement of interventional cardiology in Canada.

Another important development this year was the creation of a CAIC-ACCI Outstanding Achievement Award aimed at recognizing members who have made a substantive contribution to the discipline of interventional cardiology at a local, provincial or national level and demonstrated excellence in clinical practice, education, research or leadership. We are very pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's inaugural award is Dr. Vladimir Džavík, a Past President of CAIC-ACCI and a true leader in Canadian interventional cardiology. Dr. Džavík's many clinical, academic and leadership contributions embody all that the Outstanding Achievement Award is intended to recognize.

In closing, CAIC-ACCI Executive wishes to acknowledge that a key component of our organizational restructuring, rebranding and many successes this year has been the superb contribution of our Executive Director Kevin McKenzie. Kevin was formally appointed as Executive Director in October 2012 having previously occupied the post on an interim

basis. His impact has been substantial and CAIC-ACCI Executive is extremely grateful to him for his contribution.

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