



CAIC-ACCI, a Canadian Cardiovascular Society affiliate, represents the interests of Canadian interventional cardiologists in providing services and advancing the discipline, development and implementation of interventional cardiology.

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AIM-RADIAL 2012: Building a Community of Excellence in Transradial Research and Education



Dr. K. Ratib (center) receiving the best poster award from AIM-RADIAL co-organizers Dr. Olivier Bertrand (left) and Dr. Sunil Rao (right).

Despite the fact that the first diagnostic angiogram was performed transradially by Dr Lucien Campeau in 1989 at the Montreal Heart Institute, his example was not followed by his peers. Soon after the first transradial PCI had been performed by Dr Kiemeneij and his team in the Netherlands, Dr Dave Hilton at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria and Dr Gérald Barbeau at the Quebec Heart-Lung Institute introduced and popularized the technique in Canada in the early nineties. For many years, the radial approach in Canada, as in other countries, has remained very popular in selected sites and virtually non-existent in other centers. The increased recognition of the detrimental impact of peri-procedural bleeding and vascular complications on clinical outcomes has led to a renewed interest in the radial approach across the world.

A few years ago, a number of international academic cardiologists and dedicated radial operators joined their efforts to promote research and education in the transradial approach. In 2011,

UPCOMING EVENTS

TCT 2012

Oct 22-26, 2012

Miami Beach, FL

<http://www.tctconference.com/>

CAIC PCI Fellows' Workshop & Summit

Oct 25-27, 2012

Metropolitan Hotel, Toronto, ON

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Controversies in STEMI Management

Oct 26, 2012

Harbour Castle Westin, Toronto, ON

<http://kinezo.com/images/files/Invite.pdf>

Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC)

Oct 27-31, 2012

Toronto, ON

<http://www.cardiocongress.org/>

CAIC-ACCI Annual General Meeting

Oct 27, 2012 – 5:00 pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre (714B)

E-mail: info@caic-acci.org

American Heart Association (AHA)

Nov 3-7, 2012

Los Angeles, California

<http://my.americanheart.org/>

Canadian Coronary Physiology, IVUS and Invasive Imaging Workshop (CPI 2013)

Jan 29-30, 2012

Hôpital du Sacré-Coeur, Montréal, QC

<http://www.xpertize.com/index.asp>

Tremblant Interventional Meeting (TIC)

Jan 30 – Feb 2, 2013

Mont Tremblant, QC

<http://www.xpertize.com/index.asp>

a radial working group was officially created by the CAIC. Soon after, the educational website *theradialist.org* was launched. It is an academic initiative to provide information about all aspects of the radial approach. To date, 16 Canadian interventional cardiologists have joined the radial working group and the academic board. Challenges, issues and obstacles to further spread of the radial approach are different everywhere. We believe that building a large and international community among new and experienced radial operators may ultimately benefit our patients. Beyond existing transradial courses, we felt that there was a need for a dedicated forum where radial operators could discuss current challenges, present new results, agree on common nomenclature and interact with industry to develop specific radial devices. This is the goal of AIM-RADIAL.

The first edition of AIM-RADIAL was held from September 13-15 in Québec City and coincided with the 20th anniversary of the first transradial PCI. An outstanding faculty gave scientific lectures, didactic presentations and workshops over the course of three days. Live cases were broadcast from Canada, US, France and Japan. For this first event, 60 abstracts were accepted after peer-review for poster presentation. The best poster was awarded to Dr K. Ratib from the UK who received an iPad. During the evening gala reception, Dr Tift Mann, who introduced the radial approach in the US, received a Lifetime Achievement Award and Dr F. Kiemeneij received the AIM-RADIAL Founder's Award. All abstracts and selected manuscripts will be published in a special issue of the Journal of Invasive Cardiology to be released in October during the TCT sessions in Miami.

We hope that other Canadian radial operators will be interested in joining us and participate in future transradial events.

Olivier F. Bertrand, MD, PhD
Director, CAIC radial working group



Dr. Ferdinand Kiemeneij (left) with the AIM-RADIAL Founder's Award and Dr. Tift Mann (right) with his Lifetime Achievement Award.



AIM-RADIAL Organizing Committee (L-R): Benjamin Faurie (France), Jim Nolan (UK), Olivier Bertrand (Canada), Yves Louvard (France), Ferdinand Kiemeneij (The Netherlands), Tift Mann (USA), Ian Gilchrist (USA), Samir Pancholy (USA), Sunil Rao (USA), Mauricio Cohen (USA), Vlad Džavík (Canada), Ivo Bernat (Czech Republic), Doug Fraser (UK)

Interventional Cardiology Diploma Program Documents Now Available Online

The diploma program in interventional cardiology was formally approved by the Royal College in November 2011 and was given “live” status in June 2012. Interventional cardiology fellows who started their training in July 2012 will make up the first cohort of graduates eligible to become Diplomats of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (DRCPC) in interventional cardiology. Details of this program are now available on the Royal College Website:

http://www.royalcollege.ca/portal/page/portal/rc/credentials/specialty_information/afc_information/interventional_cardiology

The CAIC will be at TCT-Miami

The CAIC has been invited to give a Case Presentation Session at TCT this year. Please congratulate our team and join us for an innovative and engaging discussion.

Session Title: STEMI Intervention – Canadian Perspectives

Date: Wed Oct 24, 2012

Location: International Multiplex Theater, Room Hall A

Moderators: *Eric Cohen and Michael Love*

Discussants: *Erick Schampaert, JF Tanguay and Rob Welsh*

AGENDA

2:00 PM: Go Radial or Go Home? - *Sanjit Jolly*

2:15 PM: STEMI Cocktails - *Shamir Mehta*

2:30 PM: Drip, Ship and Fix or Drip, Ship and Wait? - *Chris Buller*

2:45 PM: To Stage or Not to Stage? - *Philippe Genereux*

Plan to attend!

CAIC Activities at CCC-Toronto

The upcoming Canadian Cardiovascular Congress in Toronto is one of the most important annual meetings for cardiologists in Canada. The CAIC will be sponsoring a number of events in Toronto. We hope you'll be able to join us!

Oct 25-27: CAIC Fellows' Course

Now in its 8th year, the CAIC PTCA Fellows Device Workshop and Symposium is a 3-day course that really is a “must-attend” event for Canadian interventional fellows. This course is unique in that it offers hands-on interactive learning in small groups. Fellows rotate through ten workshops where they learn about things such as wires, catheters,

Canadian PCI Trials

ATLANTIC

Drs. Warren Cantor & Shaun Goodman
Pre-hospital vs. cath lab administration of ticagrelor for primary PCI
Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01347580

EASY B2B

Dr. Olivier Bertrand
Bivalirudin vs. UFH for radial PCI in patients at higher risk of bleeding
Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01084993

EXCEL

Dr. Erick Schampaert
Left Main stenting vs. CABG in patients with low-intermediate SYNTAX scores
Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01205776

SAFARI

Dr. Michel Le May
Femoral vs. radial access for primary PCI
Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01398254

TOTAL

Drs. Sanjit Jolly & Vlad Džavík
Thrombectomy vs. PCI alone for primary PCI
Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01149044

VELETI-2

Dr. Josep Rodes-Cabau
PCI vs. medical therapy for moderate stenoses in vein grafts
Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01223443

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distal protection devices, Rotablation, Impella, etc. The workshops are led by interventionalists from across Canada but company engineers are also present as co-presenters so that fellows can learn directly from the people who design and manufacture the devices that are used in a modern cath lab. This course provides an excellent opportunity for fellows to network with each other and with staff. Best of all, the cost of attending the course is covered by the CAIC. This is truly a unique opportunity and all Canadian fellows should make an effort to attend.

Friday Oct 26: Controversies in STEMI Management 2012

Back by popular demand, the CAIC is hosting a STEMI symposium on Friday Oct 26th, from 12:30-5:00pm. Organized by Drs. Warren Cantor, Albert Chan, Blair O'Neill and Erick Schampaert, the symposium will feature talks from many Canadian leaders in STEMI management. There will be debates on the management of multi-vessel CAD in STEMI patients, the role of thrombectomy in STEMI, and the role of point-of-care genetic testing devices, to name just a few. The meeting is CCS accredited and registration is free. For more information or to register, please e-mail amaral_lucy@network.lilly.com. The complete schedule is available here: <http://kinezo.com/images/files/Invite.pdf>.

Saturday Oct 27: CAIC-ACCI Annual General Meeting

The CAIC-ACCI Annual General Meeting will be held from 5-7pm on Saturday October 27th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (room 714B). All members are encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet the members of the executive, to hear updates on what the CAIC has been doing and to have your voice heard.

Monday Oct 29: Revascularization Workshop

The CAIC will be hosting a revascularization workshop at the CCC on Monday October 29th, from 11:00-12:30 in room MTCC 716A. The workshop will revolve around three focused case presentations of patients with multi-vessel or left main coronary artery disease.

Co-chairs: *Michael Love (Halifax) and Rob Welsh (Edmonton)*

Case presenters: *Hung Ly (Montreal)*
Colin Barry (Saint John)
Albert Chan (Vancouver)

Discussants: *Jean Francois Légaré (surgeon – Halifax)*
Chris Feindel (surgeon – Toronto)
Jim Nasmith (academic cardiologist – Vancouver)
Paul MacDonald (community cardiologist – Nova Scotia)

Monday Oct 29: CAIC-ACCI Industry Forum

The CAIC-ACCI Executive has organized a meeting with a broad spectrum of Industry partners in order to share organizational vision and priorities for Interventional Cardiology throughout Canada. The meeting is taking place on Monday, October 29th between 5:00 - 7:00pm at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel (Territories Room).

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The Executive will be in attendance and this meeting is open to all of the CAIC-ACCI membership. If you would like to attend this session please contact Kevin McKenzie at info@CAIC-ACCI.org in order to reserve a seat.

Job Opportunity in Québec City

Dans le contexte où les opportunités de recrutement sont limitées dans certaines spécialités, il a été convenu avec le ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux, que la Fédération des Médecins Résidents du Québec (FMRQ) serait informée de chaque demande de parrainage d'un médecin diplômé hors Canada et États-Unis candidat au permis restrictif par un établissement du Québec et ce, afin de s'assurer qu'aucun médecin résident n'est disponible pour pourvoir ledit poste.

Nous souhaitons donc vous informer qu'une demande de recrutement d'un médecin diplômé hors Canada et États-Unis a été faite pour le CHUQ en cardiologie d'intervention.

Si vous êtes intéressés par ce poste, nous vous invitons à communiquer avec nous dans les plus brefs délais afin d'en informer rapidement l'établissement et le ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux.

Veuillez agréer l'expression de nos sentiments les meilleurs.

In a context where recruitment opportunities in some specialties are limited, it was agreed with the Ministry of Health and Social Services that the Federation of Medical Residents of Québec (FMRQ) would henceforth be informed of any request by a Québec establishment to hire a doctor from outside Canada and the United States, so as to ensure that there are no medical residents available to fill that position.

This letter is therefore to let you know that a request to sponsor an interventional cardiologist from outside Canada and United States on a restrictive permit has been submitted for the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Québec (CHUQ).

If you are interested in this position, we invite you to get in touch with us as soon as possible.

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