

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES MEDECINS D'URGENCE

NEWSLETTER # 2

Enclosed with this newsletter is a pamphlet describing the up-coming September meeting of the Association of Casualty Care Personnel to be held at the Skyline Hotel in Toronto. C.A.E.P. will be having a business meeting in association with this conference at the following time and place: Sunday, September 23rd from 2 p.m. onwards into the evening, the executive and any interested members of the association will be taking part in a workshop in Dr. Dennis Psutka's suite in the Skyline Hotel. The executive and anyone else attending will be working through a number of important issues to finalize position papers on the following:

1. Training programs and certification of Emergency Physicians
2. Membership criteria for the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians
3. Continuing Medical Education for Emergency Physicians
4. Further Planning of the First Annual-Scientific and Business Meeting of C.A.E.P. to be held in Vancouver in April 1980.

On Monday, September 24th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Toronto Vancouver Room of the Skyline Hotel there is a cash bar followed by a dinner meeting to ratify certain position papers.

IF YOU WISH TO PARTAKE OF THE DINNER ASPECT OF THIS DINNER MEETING PLEASE REPLY TO THE SECRETARY ENCLOSING \$15.00 AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY SO THAT WE CAN PLAN THE APPROPRIATE NUMBERS FOR THIS DINNER.

The agenda for this dinner meeting will be:

1. The President's report
2. Committee reports
3. Ratification of Position Papers
4. Election of officers for the up-coming year.

CERTIFICATION

Further to my comments in the last newsletter regarding the whole process of negotiations regarding certification in Emergency Medicine, it seems that through our direct links with the Joint Specialty Committee of the College of Family Practice and the Royal College that we are perhaps seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. Drs. Psutka, Walker and Gerace are meeting with Dr. Rice at the College of Family Practice on August 21st and following this we hope that we will have hashed out the mutually satisfactory plan for a rational approach to the certification of emergency physicians, the guidelines for training programs and the acceptability of practice eligibility.

I can not prejudge that meeting but it would be fair to say that C.A.E.P. holds firm to the need for a certification process for emergency physicians but will reject the concept of prior certification in one of the two colleges as a prerequisite to that certification.

A lot of activity has been going on in this regard and I would urge as many of the members of C.A.E.P. as possible to attend the meeting in Toronto in September to participate in further developments of our shared concerns regarding this certification process. It is felt that the Joint Specialty Committee and both colleges will repond with great interest to a firm and logical position from C.A.E.P. and I think that this is the one major area of our organization where the future development of Emergency Medicine can be positively affected by us.

OTHER ITEMS

Subsequent newsletters will continue the past practice of having a report on the development of Emergency Medicine in each province and I would also like to ask any member who knows of an annual meeting for the emergency minded that he or she find it worth while to communicate with the secretary so that these meetings can be included in our regular newsletters.

In conclusion, the executive of C.A.E.P. look forward to seeing the membership at the first annual meeting in September and hopes for extensive input into our deliberations. If all goes well in the next few weeks we may see hopes of the fruition of our plans realized.

Yours sincerely,



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