

# CAG News Page

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## NEW CAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Paul Sinclair MSc as the new executive director of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG). Paul started in this position on July 1, 2000. Many members of CAG will be familiar with Paul from his previous position as the principal gastrointestinal scientist at AstraZeneca Canada. Paul has been a member of CAG for several years and played an instrumental role in the establishment of the CAG-Astra Research Initiative Awards that have been so valuable in providing funding for research fellows over the past five years. We welcome Paul to this new position with great enthusiasm and look forward to working with him in the strategic planning process for CAG in the years to come. Paul can be reached at the CAG National Office in Oakville, Ontario (e-mail: [cag@cable.com](mailto:cag@cable.com)).

## ANOTHER AWARD FOR DR IVAN T BECK

Dr Ivan Beck, a former president of CAG and one of its founding members, has recently been honoured for his contributions to the development and maintenance of the history of medicine in Canada. Dr Beck was selected to receive The William B Spalding Award in recognition of his achievements. Dr Beck has for many years served as the archivist for CAG, and has periodically written articles that detail the history of our association. Congratulations Ivan!

## CAG AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2001

Congratulations to the following recipients of CAG Awards for 2001:

**Richard D McKenna Memorial Lecturer:**

Dr Juan Malagelada (Barcelona, Spain)

**The CAG Research Excellence Award:**

Dr Mary Perdue (Hamilton, Ontario)

**The CAG Visiting Professorship:**

Dr Jonathan Meddings (Calgary, Alberta)

**The CAG Young Investigator Award:**

Dr Derek McKay (Hamilton, Ontario)

Drs Malagelada, Perdue and McKay will make presentations at the Canadian Digestive Disease Week (CDDW) 2001 at the time that they received their awards. Dr Meddings will begin his term as the CAG Visiting Professor in July 2001.

## CAG-INDUSTRY LIASON COMMITTEE

During the CDDW meeting in Quebec this year, the CAG Executive met with representatives of the pharmaceutical industry to discuss some of our common goals and some of the areas in which problems had developed in our dealings with one another. An ad hoc committee was formed consisting of five members of the CAG Executive and five representatives of the pharmaceutical industry. On the top of the agenda for this committee is the establishment of

a code of practice with respect to industry funding of CAG-sponsored events.

## CDDW 2001 — BANFF

A reminder that the dates for the meeting in 2001 have been changed slightly. The core meeting will begin in the afternoon of Saturday, February 24, and the meeting will conclude at midday on Wednesday, February 28. A very exciting program is being put together by the Education, Practitioner's and Research Committees. Look for a preliminary program and abstract form in a mail-out toward the end of the summer. Abstract forms will also be available on the Website in the near future. The deadline for submission of abstracts is October 1, 2000.

## CAG FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

The following are the deadlines for CAG Fellowships and Grants:

**CAG Fellowships:** Deadline for submission is October 1, 2000. Abstract forms are available on the CAG Website ([www.cag.ucalgary.ca](http://www.cag.ucalgary.ca)).

**CAG Research Grants (New Investigator Establishment Award, CAG-Abbott Grant, CAG Operating Grant):** Deadline for submission is October 15, 2000. Application forms are available on the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Website (<http://www.cihr.ca>).

All applications are due on or before the deadline date and should be submitted to the CAG National Office.

## PAN AMERICAN CONGRESS OF GASTROENTEROLOGY – 2001

The next Pan American Congress of Gastroenterology will be held in Lima, Peru from October 29 to November 3, 2001. Plans are underway for a satellite meeting, cosponsored by CAG, to be held in Cuzco from October 26 to October 29. An excursion to nearby Machu Picchu will be included in the itinerary of the satellite meeting.

In order to encourage Canadian participation in the Pan American Congress, the CAG will provide up to 20 travel bursaries of \$1,000 each to CAG members who have an abstract accepted for presentation. The abstract deadline is June 30, 2001.

A more detailed outline of the meeting, as well as abstract forms, will be mailed out to all CAG members in the near future.

## NEW TOLL-FREE NUMBER

Contacting your national office has just become easier. You can now call a toll-free number from anywhere in Canada or the United States: **888-784-0007**.

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