CRA News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2004, LAKE LOUISE, ALBERTA

Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise will be the site for the 2004 annual meeting of the Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA), from February 25-28. The meeting highlights are as follows:

- Dr. David Felson speaking as the Dunlop-Dotteridge lecturer
- Osteoporosis: New Paradigms in Determining Fracture Risk
  Featuring Dr. Jacques Brown and Dr. David Dempster
- Spondyloarthropathies: Current Concepts in Pathogenesis, and the Interplay of Genetics and Infection
  Featuring Drs. RD Inman, F Tsai, W Maksymowych, M Stone, P Rahman, and D Gladman
- A multitude of educational workshops in which educational interactions are encouraged
- The Royal College Debate: Is Gold Therapy Outdated?
  Expect sparks to fly as Drs. Claire Bombardier and Alice Klinkhoff square off against Drs. Dianne Mosher and Janet Pope
- Spectacular social events, including the Annual Awards Dinner and the Lightning-fast Ski Race (sponsored by local orthopaedic surgery units within convenient air evacuation distance from Lake Louise)

Campus News

The CRAJ wants more news about the “what’s what” and “who’s who” and other “goings on” in the various academic arthritis centres (RDUs) across the country. Memorial University of St. John’s, Newfoundland has been chosen to lead off the first contribution to “Campus News” from across the country. Different centre(s) will be featured every issue. Without further ado, enjoy the update below from Memorial University, compliments of the one and only Dr. Proton Rahman!

Memorial University, Newfoundland
What’s new at The Rock? Lot’s been happening b’ye! After almost two decades of exemplary service, Cathy Alderdice has left St. John’s to set up practice in Ontario—a heartbreaking loss for her patients and colleagues alike.

  Sean Hamilton just finished a seven-year sentence as the internal medicine residency director, and immediately followed this with a relaxing European vacation (running a marathon in Belgium) and becoming our new RDU director (talk about a glutton for punishment!).

  Proton Rahman continues to tinker with genetics, and recently stumbled across a new gene in psoriatic arthritis and a $3 million grant for pharmacogenetic studies.

  Last but not least, Majed Khraishi just purchased a stunning new house in an area we all would like to call home.

  That’s all for now from the three boy’z at The Rock!

  – Proton Rahman, MD, FRCPC

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