

Canadian Rheumatology Association Meeting

The 8th Annual Winter Workshop and Annual Meeting of The Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA) was held at the Chateau Mont Tremblant, Mont Tremblant, Quebec, February 21-24, 2001. President Dianne Mosher opened the morning session that included the traditional National Journal Club and a plenary session on "The Pathogenesis of Rheumatoid Arthritis" chaired by Hani El-Gabalawy, with guest speakers Peter Lipsky, John O'Shea, and Steven Goldring. Other small group sessions covered a wide range with guest speakers that included respirologist Bob Hyland and pediatric pharmacologist Gideon Koren, among others. The 2001 Dunlop-Dottridge Lecture on the topic of "The Immunogenetics of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus" was given by Brian Kotzin of Denver, Colorado, USA.

The Royal College Debate on the topic of "Practice Guidelines: The Beauty or the Beast" sparkled as usual. The proposition was supported by Hyman Tannenbaum and Nigel Flook, and opposed by Murray Urowitz and Paul Peloso; the debate was creatively refereed by Gunnar Kraag.

A number of awards were presented. The Ian Watson

Lupus Canada Award went to Dr. Christian Pineau, University Health Network, University of Toronto; CRA Awards included CRA Basic Science to Hassan Fahmi, Hôpital Notre-Dame, University of Montreal; the CRA Phil Rosen Award for Clinical Epidemiology to Shirley Tse, Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto; the CRA Award to a Fellow for Best Overall Presentation to Millicent Stone, University Health Network, University of Toronto; the CRA Young Investigator Award to Janet Pope, University of Western Ontario; the CRA Distinguished Investigator Award to Edward Keystone, University of Toronto; and the CRA Distinguished Rheumatologist Award to Dr. Howard Stein, University of British Columbia. Dr. Stein addressed the association dinner with amusing predictions about what we rheumatologists can expect in the coming years.

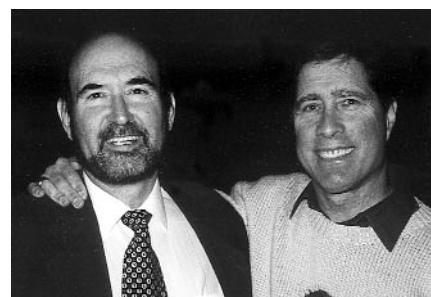
The enthusiastic attendance and interest of rheumatologists and Fellows from all parts of Canada were reflected in the abstracts of the meeting, which we are pleased to publish in this issue.



Dianne Mosher (foreground) and Isabelle Milette



Murray Urowitz and Hyman Tannenbaum



Howard Stein and Edward Keystone