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# CMBES/SCGB Monthly e-Bulletin

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## Message From the President

*From the desk of the CMBES President, Martin Poulin*

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to 2016. There is a lot happening in the Society. The Calgary conference is shaping up well so please watch the website for the imminent release of the program and continuing education opportunities. Tidi Gaamangwe is doing a great job organizing the development of articles for our 50th anniversary CMBES special issue magazine, so if you would like to contribute, please contact him. Mohcine El Garch and his team are close to finishing the French translation of our marketing material so once it is complete, we will have a French language brochure, which has been long overdue. Michael Hamilton will be updating our website soon with a fresh look in addition to adding content and resources for our colleagues in the medical device development and marketing industry (amongst other additions). This will be the first step to revamping the website. The next step is to engage a marketing professional to help with packaging the information to be more attractive to our members. Be sure to watch for the next webinar as well; the last webinar was very well attended with over 30 sites participating. Wishing you all

## Message du président

*Du bureau du président de SCGB, Martin Poulin*

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Chers collègues,

Bienvenue en 2016. Il se passe beaucoup de choses à la SGBC. La préparation de la conférence de Calgary se déroule bien, veuillez s'il vous plaît consulter le site Web pour la sortie imminente du programme de la conférence et des sessions de formation continue. Tidi Gaamangwe réalise un excellent travail sur l'organisation des articles qui seront intégrés dans un magazine spécial pour souligner le 50e anniversaire de la SCGB, donc si vous voulez contribuer, s'il vous plaît communiquer avec lui. Mohcine El Garch et son équipe sont près de finir la traduction française de notre matériel de marketing donc une fois terminée, nous aurons une brochure en langue française, qui est attendue depuis longtemps. Michael Hamilton procédera à la mise à jour prochaine de notre site Web avec une apparence renouvelée, en plus de l'ajout de contenu et de ressources qui visent nos collègues dans le développement de dispositifs médicaux et dans l'industrie (entre autres choses). Ce sera la première étape pour la refonte du site web. La prochaine étape sera d'engager un professionnel du marketing pour présenter les informations de manière plus attractive pour nos membres. De plus, assurez vous de

the best for an exciting 2016.

Thank you,  
Martin

prendre part au prochain webinaire ; le dernier webinaire a été un succès avec plus de 30 sites participants. Je vous souhaite tout le meilleur pour une année 2016 passionnante.

Merci,  
Martin

## **Welcome to the New CMBES Members!**

*From the desk of the Membership Committee Chair, Sarah Kelso*

Happy New Year! And please join me in welcoming the following new members to CMBES (applications approved in December 2015):

**Rodrigo Fernandez**  
**Veronika Cencen**  
**Benjamin Tremblay**

### Membership Committee Goal for 2016

The New Year always presents an inspiring opportunity to reflect and resolve to focus on new goals and/or ongoing efforts! As we have shared before, the Membership Committee has an ambitious goal for 2016: to grow our membership to be 320 members strong. We have identified some strategies that will help us achieve this goal, such as promoting the Associate Membership category and creating partnerships (for example, our agreement with the Journal of Clinical Engineering which enables all CMBES members to subscribe to JCE online at a deeply discounted rate). However, we are always looking for new suggestions of what would further increase the value of CMBES membership to new and existing members.

Do you have a fresh idea for a member benefit that CMBES should be offering, or a strategy for bringing more members into our professional network? If so, please contact me through the Secretariat at [secretariat@cmbes.ca](mailto:secretariat@cmbes.ca).

Wishing all members and their families a very happy and healthy New Year!

**IMPORTANT DEADLINE – January 8th**  
**Deadline is Fast Approaching to Submit Your Papers for Consideration by the Program Committee for the CMBEC39**

The CMBEC39 Organizing Committee invites engineers, physicians, scientists, students, technicians and technologists to submit papers for this important event, using our new online abstract management

program by Ex Ordo, the link can be found on the [CMBES website](#) or by going direct to the submission page: <http://cmbec39.exordo.com>.

For more information, please visit CMBEC39 [web page](#).

Key deadlines you need to be aware of:

- **January 8, Final date to submit abstracts**
- January 18, 2016 Notification of abstract acceptance
- February 18, 2016 Final date to submit full papers
- March 18, 2016 Notification of paper acceptance
- May 24–27, 2016 CMBEC39

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## **New Year, New Opportunities! Plan to Be in Calgary on May 24th– 27th, 2016!**

*From the desk of the Conference Chair, Kelly Kobe*

With 2015 behind us, everyone is making resolutions for 2016. Is professional development and more networking opportunities on your 2016 resolutions list? Let's make them happen in 2016 at CMBEC39!

What are you hoping to learn, attend and see in 2016? We've got a lot of great learning and networking opportunities available for you this year at CMBEC39 in Calgary, Alberta! Now is the time to advance further your knowledge and professional development! We are looking forward to your participation.

The 2016 Conference will provide a national forum for information exchange among researchers and practitioners, working in the medical technology and biomedical engineering fields, and will create meaningful opportunities to learn and network. The Organizing Committee is working hard on planning an innovative and thought-provoking program on topics that are of high interest and essential to the healthcare industry. Beyond the educational and knowledge exchange programs, our hospitality program will continue to provide a more casual forum for conversation and collaboration. There will be many opportunities to catch up with your industry colleagues and to make new acquaintances. So plan ahead and get ready to meet us in Calgary!

Have you heard that CMBEC39 keynote speakers have been confirmed? You won't want to miss the keynotes from Alan Mallory, P.Eng., P.E., PMP and Dr. Joseph Cafazzo. [Register today](#) and join us at CMBEC39!

Interested in Becoming an [Exhibitor and / or Sponsor](#)? Get involved and support your industry and your Society! Don't miss an opportunity to align your business with leaders in the Clinical and Biomedical Engineering fields, spotlight your company and raise your company's profile with the most influential people in the industry. Will we see you in Calgary?

Questions? Contact CMBEC39 [Secretariat](#)



**We are celebrating the CMBES 50th Anniversary!**

**The CMBES 50th Anniversary Commemorative Journal will be published in time for the CMBEC39!**

*From the desk of the Task Force Co-chair,  
Gnahoua Zoabli*

In spring 2016, CMBES will publish its 50th Anniversary Commemorative Journal. To make it possible a Task Force (TF) has been created and includes the following CMBES members: Bill Gentles, Bryan Finlay, Gnahoua Zoabli, Jennifer McGill, Mario Ramirez, Martin Poulin, Mike Capuano, Murat Firat, Robin Black, Tidimogo Gaamangwe, Amanda Saigeon, Anthony Chan, Anthony Easty, Barry Pask and Mickey Milner. Two co-chairs have been approved: Gnahoua Zoabli and Tidimogo Gaamangwe.

Monthly meetings have already been started to manage the collaborative relations with MediaEdge Publishing, whose editors will gather ideas from the CMBES Task Force, which also forms the Editorial Board, to structure the content of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Journal. All CMBES Communities are invited to contribute to the content of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Journal. Information, updates and specific topics for contributions will be provided through upcoming e-bulletins.

## Spotlight on the CMBES Executive

**Meet Andrew Ibey,  
Professional Affairs Chair**

Currently, I am a Manager in Biomedical Engineering at Vancouver General Hospital for the Lower Mainland Biomedical



Andrew with son Ewan  
and family dog Tilly

Engineering in Vancouver, BC. Prior to this I worked as a Regional Biomedical Engineer at St. Paul's Hospital in downtown Vancouver.

In my previous life before in-hospital work, I graduated from Queen's University in Mechanical Engineering and worked for AMEC an international engineering and project management firm designing HVAC systems for Laboratory, Pharmaceutical and Healthcare facilities.

This job allowed me to work in Halifax and Toronto before pursuing my Masters in Clinical Engineering at UBC. I became a student member of CMBES and haven't looked back!

My formative years growing up in the outdoors camping and canoeing on the rugged shores of Georgian Bay in Parry Sound, Ontario, have shaped my love for west coast life! I enjoy running and xc skiing with my border collie Tilly and getting fresh air with family walking and snowshoeing. My home life is full with my wife and I learning to wrangle 2 young children and an active dog!



Family snowshoe outing  
with wife Hilary, daughter  
Fiona, Andrew, son Ewan  
and collie Tilly



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 24 – 27, 2016**

CMBEC39, May 24–27,  
Calgary, AB



**2017**

CMBEC40, 2017  
Winnipeg, MB



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