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# CMBES/SCGB Monthly e-Bulletin

April 2016

## Message From the President

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

Greetings Biomedical Engineering Community,

Spring is here already, which means the CMBEC/CCGB conference will be upon us soon. This is our pinnacle event for the society each year, where colleagues from across the country gather to share their new research and learn from fellow engineers and technologists working in healthcare. The early bird deadline has been extended to April 10, so be sure to register for the Calgary conference, which will be held May 24–27. Our industry partners will also be present to demonstrate their latest medical technology or services.

Our Annual General Meeting will also occur at the conference on the last morning, which is an opportunity to hear what our Executive and their Committees have accomplished this past year to further the mission of the society. We will also honour some of our esteemed colleagues with awards handed out during the social banquet.

So please ensure you join us for another great conference.

Martin

## Message from the CMBEC39 Conference Chair

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

**Early Bird deadline is Fast Approaching – Only 2 days left to register at the discounted rate for CMBEC39!**

We are pleased to announce that now you have some extra time to register for the 2016 CMBES Conference at a discounted rate. The early bird registration deadline for the CMBEC39 conference has been extended to April 10th, 2016.

Many of you contacted us this week letting us know that you needed more time to complete your paperwork to attend the CMBEC39 Conference in Calgary. We have decided to extend the early bird deadline by one week so that we could accommodate all these requests and to provide you with some additional time

to register and benefit from this great discount.

If you haven't started your registration / approval process yet, now is the time to do so. You have until April 10th to register at the early bird rate for CMBEC39!

Please [log-in](#) to your CMBES account to register for the conference. You do not have to be a CMBES member to have a CMBES Network account; please [click here](#) to join the CMBES Network and create your account; it is free!

Can't commit to 3 full days of learning and networking? We offer one-day registrations too.

Please check-out the [schedule](#) and register!

We also want to remind you about the continuing education program, which has the limited capacity. Please register for it today!

Have you booked your stay in Calgary?

Hyatt Regency Hotel in Calgary will be the host hotel of CMBEC39. All the CMBEC39 events will take place there! A few rooms are still available in the CMBES room block but we do anticipate selling out fast, so don't forget to reserve your room as soon as possible!

[Click here](#) to reserve your room at the hotel.

Did you know that you can get preferred pricing on a variety of CMBES services and events, including the conference registration fees for Canada's largest Biomedical Engineering Conference – CMBEC39? Become the CMBES member Now & Save!

[Click here to join CMBES](#)

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## Welcome to New CMBES Members!

*From the Desk of the Membership Committee Chair, Sarh Kelso*

Spring has sprung, and with it brought us a fresh batch of new members. Please join me in warmly welcoming the following new members to our Society (memberships approved Jan–Feb 2016). If you see the name of a friend or colleague, please take the time to personally congratulate them on their new membership and encourage them to take an active role in CMBES.

Emily Bowe  
Wang Sun  
Angkoon Phinyomark  
Mark Cohen

Nivedita Mahesh  
Mizpah Johnson  
Amgad Tadrous  
Suppakit Suppajumpiya

Najratun Pinky  
Neha Sam  
Stephen Friend  
Kenneth Fuh  
Cidnee Luu

Also, remember one of the great benefits of CMBES membership is discounted registration for conferences, webinars, and other events. With CMBEC39 in Calgary fast approaching there is significant value in renewing your membership or becoming a new member now. Stay tuned for next month's e-Bulletin to see our growing list of new members (applications received in Mar-Apr).

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## **Clinical Engineering in Winnipeg Breaks into the C-Suite**

*Written by Kyle Eckhardt on behalf of The Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Clinical Engineering Program*



With much pride and sadness the Clinical Engineering Department in Winnipeg, past, present and future, says farewell to our long time Director, Mr. Petr Kresta. Petr is moving onwards, upwards and on to larger pastures as a Chief Operating Officer.

There have been numerous articles in professional magazines about how to engage the C-suite and build a bridge to enhance the Clinical Engineering profile within the organization, but what does it take for one to actually break the realm? In thanking Petr for his service, a seasoned Chief Operating Officer described some of the traits that have made, and will continue to make Petr successful. He was described as a gentleman with the utmost integrity; a trusted visionary, a motivated leader a strategist with long-term vision. He is regarded by all across the organization as a colleague and friend. For those of us saying farewell, these are but a few traits from a long list of exceptional qualities.

Petr moved to Winnipeg over twenty years ago as Director of the Clinical Engineering department at one hospital. As he moves on, the Clinical Engineering Program proudly works with all seven hospitals in Winnipeg, longterm care centres, community care programs, rural health and nursing centres and the fire and paramedic services.



Some of us have left our jobs and some our homes to work and learn from Petr in Winnipeg ; others have been able to return home to Winnipeg to be closer to our families. To recognize Petr's exceptional service to the Clinical Engineering and Diagnostic Imaging programs, the Winnipeg Health Region and the community, Petr was given an original linocut print from local artist Miriam Rudolph titled "My Winnipeg IV". Festivities also included food, beverages and a special musical performance by the informal Clinical Engineering choir, Engchanting. ™



The Clinical Engineering Program in Winnipeg is forever grateful for the time and energy Petr devoted to building the program into the well respected and sought after brand that it is today. His day to day presence and smile will be deeply missed, but we still know where to find him, just in case! We can't imagine someone more deserving and capable for this new challenge. Good Luck Petr K!!!



*The informal CE Choir, Engchanting, wrote, produced and performed a song. At time of publication, no upcoming performances were scheduled.*

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## **CMBES Forum Update**

*From the Desk of the CMBES Secretary, Michael Hamiton*



### **CMBES Forum Update**

Have you been keeping up with the CMBES Forum? To join in, simply [sign into your CMBES Network account](#) and select "Forum" from the drop down box. Outlook users can also receive CMBES posts in their inbox by following [some simple instructions](#). If you haven't

logged in recently, here's some of what you've been missing:

**[Proposed Honours Degree in Health Care Technology Management](#)**

*Wednesday, March 23, 2016 by RickTidman*

<http://surveys.durhamcollege.ca/content...016public/> Durham Colleges Office of Research is interested in hearing from you. Please complete the following survey for a proposed 4-year Honours Degree...

**[GE i-Collect Software & B850 Carescape Monitors](#)**

*Thursday, March 10, 2016 by tannerm*

Has anyone used GE's i-Collect software on a laptop to capture vital signs data from the RS232 port on a B850 Carescape Monitor? If, yes, then would you let me know please of any pros/cons experienced? ...

**[Airborne pathogens in isolation areas and equipment alarms](#)**

*Wednesday, March 02, 2016 by BernieD*

Is anyone else having issues hearing equipment alarms in isolation rooms? With the flu season hitting and the serious patient impact, many are being intubated and placed on vents resulting in the need for them...

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 24 - 27, 2016**

CMBEC39, May 24-27,  
Calgary, AB



**2017**

CMBEC40, 2017  
Winnipeg, MB



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