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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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Greetings Biomed Community,

September projects have heated up like they always do this time of year with everyone returning from vacation. Our organization is planning for the move into 2 new community hospitals next year. These hospitals will have fully integrated medical technology to the Electronic Health Record and vital signs monitors at every bedside. Needless to say, clinical/biomedical engineering in our organization continues to grow due to the increased dependence on technology.

CMBES continues to foster communication among clinical, research and industry through our newsletter and online forum so that we can collectively learn from different perspectives and experiences. If your organization has similar projects in progress, I'd like to hear from you either directly, or through article submissions to our newsletter.

Cheers,

## Message du président

*Du bureau du président de SCGB, Martin Poulin*

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Salutations Communauté de génie biomédicale et clinique,

Les projets de Septembre nous ont tenus très occupés comme ils le font toujours à cette période de l'année avec tout le monde qui est de retour de vacances. Notre organisation prévoit le déménagement dans 2 nouveaux hôpitaux communautaires l'année prochaine. Ces hôpitaux auront une intégration complète de la technologie médicale et du dossier de santé électronique au niveau des moniteurs de signes vitaux au chevet des patients. Inutile de dire que le département de génie biomédical/clinique dans notre Organisation continue de croître en raison de la dépendance accrue aux technologies médicales.

Le CMBES continue de favoriser la communication entre les domaines clinique, de recherche et de l'industrie par le biais de notre infolettre et notre forum en ligne afin d'apprendre collectivement des expériences et des perspectives différentes de chacun. Si votre organisation comporte des projets similaires en cours, j'aimerais entendre des nouvelles de votre part, soit directement, soit par l'intermédiaire d'article à soumettre pour notre infolettre.

A bientôt,

Martin

## Welcome to new CMBES Members!

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

Please join me in warmly welcoming the following new members to our Society (memberships approved July–September 2016). If you see the name of a colleague, please take the time to welcome them to our network and encourage them to be as active in the society as possible!

Alfred Yu  
Kristine Kiesman  
Richard Dyrkacz  
Jolsana John  
Jose Aguilar  
Jackson Pazhavarikal  
Manohar Ram

Reminder to All Members – Update Your Member Profile One of the excellent benefits of CMBES membership is access to our Membership Directory (you can find this online by logging into your CMBES account and clicking on the “What would you like to do?” dropdown menu). However, we collectively have the power make this resource much more powerful by keeping our individual profiles complete and up to date.

In addition to general contact information, it is possible to include a wealth of information about yourself and your career, for example:

- Professional Licence and Certification,
- Other Society Memberships,
- Professional and Scientific Awards,
- Degree and Diploma, and
- Professional Interests.

As we all know, the power of this member database is only as great as the quality of the data it contains! Please find five minutes to log in and update your profile today.

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## Update on the CMBEC40 Conference

*From the desk of the CMBEC40 Committee Chair, Kyle Eckhardt*

Dear Colleagues,

Fall is here and planning for the CMBEC40 is officially underway. The conference will take

place in Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Heart of the Continent, at the Historic Fort Garry Hotel from May 23rd to 26th, 2017. We have a great team of over twenty people from academia, industry and healthcare that is working hard to bring you the best possible content across four different streams. There will be streams for clinical and biomedical engineering departments, the latest in academic research, medical device development and commercialization, and a wide array of half and full day continuing education courses.

I am also pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the conference. The conference is seeking abstracts from across the globe to be featured with either oral or poster presentations. There are two awards that authors can compete for, the Outstanding Research Competition and the Student Paper Competition. The conference proceedings will be published and there is also the opportunity to have your paper featured in a special issue of the Journal of Medical and Biological Engineering. More details on the submission process will be available shortly. The deadline to make a paper submission to CMBEC40 will be December 30th, 2016.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to updating you more as the planning unfolds.

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## **CMBES International Outreach Committee Call for Volunteers**

*From the desk of the Outreach Committee Chair, Bill Gentles*

The CMBES International Outreach Committee has been approached by agencies looking for volunteer instructors to travel overseas and teach biomed technicians on a variety of technical topics.

One of these is Orbis international which operates a flying eye hospital that travels to many low resource countries. (<http://can.orbis.org/>) Orbis is looking for volunteers to teach biomed technicians how to organize a maintenance program, and how to assist with equipment procurement. I have had other informal inquiries that have led me to post this request. If you are interested in donating a week or two of your time, please [forward to me](#) your contact information a description of when and for how long you could donate your time, and a brief bio including a summary of your areas of expertise (Not to exceed 1 page).

These volunteer postings would have travel and accommodation paid, but not meals. You would be asked to donate your time.

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## **CMBES Awards Committee – Call for Nominations for EIC Awards**

*From the desk of the Chair of the Awards Committee, Evelyn Morin*

The CMBES is a member society of the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC). The EIC has a number of honours and awards for distinguished members of its member societies (see: [http://www.eic-ici.ca/honours\\_awards/](http://www.eic-ici.ca/honours_awards/)). Nominations for 2017 awards are now open, and

the deadline is November 15, 2016. If you know a CMBES member who has made significant contributions to the Society and/or to the field of Biomedical Engineering or Biomedical Technology, please consider nominating that person for an EIC award or fellowship. Nomination forms are available at the link given above.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 23 – 26, 2017**

CMBEC40, May 23 – 26, 2017  
Winnipeg, MB



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