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The AFMC Standing Committee on Continuing Professional Development

Report to the AFMC Board of Directors

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Standing Committee on Continuing Professional Development.
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Activities

The Standing Committee on Continuing Professional Development has met on six occasions since April 2010; a face-to-face committee meeting was held during the CCME conference in St. John's, and there have been five bi-monthly teleconferences. To maximise involvement of all participants these meetings alternate between Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate the clinical schedules of the Deans and Directors. Additionally a committee of CPD managers meets by teleconference on a regular basis.

The SCCPD retreat held in St John's during the 2010 CCME meeting focussed on future directions for Continuing Professional Development, and the retreat planned for 2011 in Toronto will follow up on discussions in 2010, and address issues of collaborative research opportunities, patient education tools and Quality improvement.

A Research sub-committee works to create joint research projects and to facilitate the exchange of research information across the provinces and schools. With the support of the AFMC CPD Research Fund the research committee also reviews grant proposals from all schools and allocates funding to two candidates, giving feedback to unsuccessful candidates to assist in improving their applications.

The Standing Committee has struck four Working Groups which are to address "Relationship with Industry", "Outcomes Measurement", "Physician Assessment, Remediation and Enhancement programs" and "Electronic Communications".

All CME Deans, Directors and administrative staff are invited to attend teleconferences and face to face meetings, with voting privileges restricted to CME Deans/Directors or their delegates (one vote per school).

Other organizations with input to SCCPD meetings

The following agencies are invited to all SCCPD meetings to provide input and discussion

- College of Family Physicians of Canada
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- Federation of Medical Regulatory Agencies of Canada
- Canadian Medical Association
- Canadian Medical Protective Association
- Canadian Association for Continuing Health Education
- Conseil de l'éducation médicale continue du Québec

Other organisations' meetings attended by SCCPD representatives

Members of the SCCPD act as liaison to the following agencies;

The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health
Canadian Association of Continuing Health Education

College of Family Physicians in Canada National Committee On Continuing
Professional Development.

A significant achievement of the SCCPD over the last year has been the development of a document outlining the position of SCCPD on Relationships with Industry, which was endorsed by all the CPD Deans and directors across the country and later by the AFMC Council of Deans. The work of this committee led by Dr. Bob Bluman from UBC was outstanding.

The SCCPD looks forward to further collaboration in the 2011-2012 academic year.

Respectfully Submitted

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