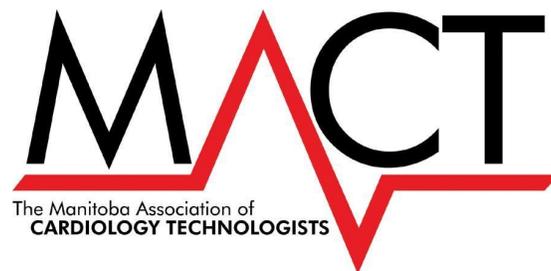


November 13, 2017



Dear Members,

The Cardiac Sciences Program (CSP) at St. Boniface Hospital has established a program of excellence that has been recently recognized by the Canadian Institute of Health Information with better than national averages for all indicators and the best, and second best in Canada for several specific patient outcomes. In a recent memo from The CSP Leadership Team they shared the acknowledgement with high praise for the many health care professionals that play a part in a patient's journey including cardiac diagnostics and allied health and support staff team members. By striving for excellent patient care and maintaining the highest standards in our profession we provide a vital diagnostic tool that contributes to these outstanding patient outcomes. This is something we can all be proud of with the obvious challenges of 2017.

Did you know that MACT reaches its 55th birthday in 2018! It all began in Manitoba with the first Provincial Association started by Vivian Kruk. Thank you Vivian! We are older than CSCT which will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2020.

As 2017 comes to an end it is time to send in our association dues for January 2018. I encourage all members to meet the deadline of December 31st as following up with late members is very costly and time consuming. Since the previous triennium just concluded on December 31st 2016 there are no CEU's due this year. The current triennium runs from January 1st 2017 to December 31st 2019. Members can submit CUE's anytime throughout the three year period or they can be submitted all at once. As it is helpful to the PEC, I encourage members to start accumulating CEUs now so that they can be submitted in smaller portions. For ways to acquire your CEUs please check <http://www.csct.ca/membership/csct-ceu-standards-english>.

The website is continuously getting updated. If you haven't logged into your profile yet please do so. Members should ensure that it contains all their most recent and updated information. For any login problems please send an Email to me. As well, if you feel that any of your personal or payment information is incorrect email me. Please remember that the website is still new and can only go back so far on payments.



The Notice of DUE's form has been updated. In a continuing effort to 'green' our Association please note that by providing an email address you are giving MACT permission to use this address to communicate with you, and to send you your annual notice of DUE's. If you prefer a paper copy of the Notice but are OK with the use of your email for other MACT communication please note this on the form.

MACT now has its own Facebook page! Please everyone join! It can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/theMACT.ca>

The tentative date for our 2018 AGM is April 21. Be advised that this date could change, so please keep checking our MACT website for updates as well as early bird, and other registration information. *Support your Association, and your profession, by attending the AGM – the more the better!* Besides professional networking it is an easy way to collect six CEU's. It's always exciting to have new guests present at the AGM. The Board has been discussing organizing an EKG workshop, or possibly an EKG presentation at the AGM. It would be wonderful to have the participation of some of our members to develop this idea further! Please email me or the Vice President if you are willing to share some of your expertise, passion or time, or all three!

The Board has been hard at work, forming several committees, including one to update our bylaws. The Board has also been reviewing individual BOD roles and the Board demographics. The 2016 election resulted in three new Directors; however many times Elections result in a mostly new Board. This can enlarge the transition process and result in a loss of continuity. To make things smoother the Board is considering having a small election every year, for only half of the positions, rather than electing an entire board every two years. Please let me know your thoughts and ideas on this, or any other topic of concern. I welcome our Members feedback.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Festive Holiday, safe & joyful season. All the best to you and yours for the New Year! God Bless...

Respectfully,

Ruslan Tarasov
MACT President

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