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FAREWELL TO A COLLEAGUE

Unhappily, Roger Keith, as of this issue, has decided to step down as Coeditor of the *Canadian Journal of Surgery*. I am grateful for this opportunity to thank him publicly for his role as colleague and mentor.

In the early 1990s, Roger played an important role in restructuring and refinancing the Journal, both through his position as Secretary of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons and as a member of the Canadian Medical Association's Publications Committee. Then, in 1992, on the retirement of Coeditors Barber Mueller and Lloyd MacLean, he was the first of their successors selected, and as such was the senior of the coeditors. Much hard thinking and planning has gone into the evolution of the Journal and its new features, and in this creative aspect of coeditorship Roger played a key role.

But now, the press of hospital and university affairs, his involvement with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, his roles as Past President of the Central Surgical Association, President-Elect of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons and member of the Advisory Council for Surgery of the American College of Surgeons, plus a myriad other tasks, have prompted Roger's reluctant decision to step down.

Roger will be missed. I hope that in his new tasks he won't forget the journal he has helped to build. Both Jim Waddell, who takes over from Roger as Coeditor, and I look forward to his advice and counsel as we try to take

the *Canadian Journal of Surgery* to new heights.

Thanks, Roger. May the wind be at your back.

AU REVOIR À UN COLLÈGUE

À compter du présent numéro, Roger Keith a malheureusement décidé de quitter son poste de corédacteur du *Journal canadien de chirurgie*. Je profite de l'occasion pour le remercier publiquement du rôle qu'il a joué comme collègue et comme mentor.

Au début des années 90, Roger a joué un rôle important dans la restructuration et le refinancement du Journal, à la fois comme secrétaire de l'Association canadienne des chirurgiens généraux et comme membre du Comité des publications de l'Association médicale canadienne. En 1992, lorsque les corédacteurs Barber Mueller et Lloyd MacLean ont pris leur retraite, il a été le premier de leurs successeurs à être choisi et il est donc devenu le corédacteur principal. L'évolution du Journal et ses nouvelles chroniques ont été le fruit de nombreux efforts de réflexion difficile et de planification et Roger a joué un rôle de premier plan dans cet aspect créatif du poste de corédacteur.

Les pressions des affaires hospitalières et universitaires, son rôle au Collège royal des médecins et chirurgiens du Canada, ses rôles de président sortant de l'Association de chirurgie du Centre, de président désigné de l'Association canadienne des chirurgiens généraux et de membre du Conseil consultatif sur la chirurgie de l'Améri-

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can College of Surgeons, sans compter ses multiples autres tâches, ont poussé Roger à prendre à contre-cœur la décision de quitter son poste.

Roger nous manquera. J'espère que dans ses nouvelles activités, il n'oubliera pas le Journal qu'il a aidé à bâtir. Jim Waddell, qui prend la relève de Roger au poste de corédacteur, et moi-même ne manquerons pas de lui demander conseil en essayant de pousser le *Journal canadien de chirurgie* vers de nouveaux sommets.

Merci, Roger. Que le vent soit avec toi.



Jonathan L. Meakins, MD, FRCSC
Coeditor
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International colorectal disease symposium

The Eighth Annual International Colorectal Disease Symposium, entitled "Colorectal Disease in 1997: An International Exchange of Medical and Surgical Concepts" and sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic Florida, will be held from Feb. 20 to 22, 1997, at the Marriott's Harbor Beach Resort in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The symposium director is Steven D. Wexner. Specific topics covered include techniques and results of practical anorectal surgery, current controversies in pouch surgery, polyps and polyp syndromes, advances in surgical techniques, colorectal carcinoma, functional colorectal disorders, Crohn's disease, mucosal ulcerative colitis, laparoscopic colorectal surgery and gastrointestinal hemorrhage. Simultaneous translation in Spanish will be provided. Credits: The course has been approved for 23.5 hours in Category I of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association and substituted for AOE-CME credit in Category II-A. For further information contact: Cleveland Clinic Florida, Department of Education, 3000 West Cypress Creek Rd., Fort Lauderdale FL 33309-1743. Tel.: 954 978-5056 (local and international), 800 359-5101 (other); fax: 954 978-5539.

Asian Surgical Association

The 11th Biennial Congress of the Asian Surgical Association will be held at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre from Mar. 2 to 5, 1997. For further information contact: ASA Hong Kong, Congress Secretariat, Department of Surgery, The University of Hong Kong, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong. Tel.: 852 2855 4235; fax: 852 2818 1186; e-mail: Mededcon@hkucc.hku.hk

Pediatric orthopedic review course

Sponsored by the Université de Montréal and the Canadian Orthopaedic Association, the 10th Sainte-Justine Pediatric Orthopedic Review Course (SPORC) will be held at the Complexe Desjardins Hotel, Montreal, from Apr. 9 to 11, 1997. The guest faculty comprises only Canadian or Canadian-trained orthopedic surgeons. For further information contact: Dr. Marc Isler, Secretary, SPORC 97, Hôpital Sainte-Justine, 3175, Côte Sainte-Catherine, Montréal QC H3T 1C5. Tel.: 514 345-4876; fax: 514 345-4755.

Congress on ambulatory surgery

The 2nd International and 4th European Congress on Ambulatory Surgery will be held in at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London, England, from Apr. 15 to 18, 1997. Under the patronage of the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the World Health Organization and the United Kingdom Department of Health, the congress will run in conjunction with the 8th annual scientific meeting of the British Association of Day Surgery. The working language will be English, with simultaneous translation in French, German and Spanish. For further information contact: Kite Communications, The Silk Milk House, 196 Huddersfield Rd., Meltham, W Yorks HD7 3AP, England. Tel.: 44 1484 854575; fax: 44 1484 854576.

Fourth Congress of F.E.S.S.H

The 4th Congress of the Federation of the European Societies for Surgery of the Hand (FESSH) will be held in Bologna, Italy, from June 15 to 18, 1997. Included will be an instructional course on stiffness of the joints of the upper limb. For further information contact: Mrs. Silvia Batani, CSR Congressi, PO Box 1769, I 40100 Bologna BO, Italy. Tel.: 39 51 76 53 57; fax: 39 51 76 51 95.

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