Welcome to the 65th annual scientific meeting of the Canadian Life Insurance Medical Officers Association.

Monday April 26th, 2010

Keynote Speaker:
“What Genetics Has Done For You Lately: Basic Research to Better Medicine”
- Dr. Dennis Liu

Our program will start on Monday with our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Dennis Liu, a Director at Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). Dr. Liu is an award-winning science educator, neuroscientist, and geneticist, formerly a faculty member of the University of Washington. At HHMI, he manages a multimedia development team whose work has received numerous international awards and honours. Dr. Liu has developed educational programs for Videodiscovery and for Microsoft (The Symptom Finder and Encarta Genetics), and is currently advising on the new public television series NOVA scienceNOW. His presentation will give us the opportunity to understand the pervasive and growing influence that the modern genetics knowledge base brings to bear on all fields of modern medicine.

Tuesday April 27th, 2010

Special Plenary Session:
“The Brain That Changes Itself: The Neuroplasticity Revolution and Its Implications for Understanding New Treatments”
– Dr Norman Doidge

One of the highlights of our meeting will be the Special Plenary Session with world-renowned psychiatrist, researcher, author, essayist and poet, Dr. Norman Doidge. Dr. Doidge has lectured throughout the world on this topic and has written a New York Times bestseller, “The Brain That Changes Itself”. He holds a Chair in Psychoanalysis at Columbia University in New York, splitting his time between there and Toronto, where he received his earliest training and currently lives. His research on neuroplasticity has opened up a new branch of neuroscience, and challenges our concepts of how we believe the brain behaves. His work makes us realize that the brain is connected to the health and disease of every system in the body, and has vast implications for the entire field of medicine.
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am thrilled to have this opportunity to invite my colleagues in insurance medicine to the 65th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Canadian Life Insurance Medical Officers Association, from April 25-28, 2010 in Toronto. The theme of this year’s meeting, “Cutting Edge Medicine”, is exemplified by our keynote speaker Dr Dennis Liu, a Director of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and by the special plenary presenter, Dr Norman Doidge, noted author and neuroscience researcher. Their topics - genetics and neuroplasticity - are set to become mainstream understandings of the way our bodies and minds work. This will shape and modify concepts of disease and wellness, prognosis and progression, as well as treatments and toxicities. The connections to morbidity and mortality are broad and thought provoking. We will have the opportunity to be amazed and intrigued by recent research that will be coming soon to a clinical scenario near you.

It has been my pleasure to witness Loraine Oman-Ganes, our very capable and experienced scientific chair, bring together a program with Wow! factor, but also crammed with topics that are the satisfying meat and potatoes of insurance medicine. These will fill some of the knowledge gaps we all run across in our day to day underwriting and claims consulting. Our exciting topics include: Diabetes and the Elderly, Antecedents of Dementia, Benign Breast Disease and Cancer, Women and Cardiac Disease, Ethnocultural Differences and Cardiac Disease, Colorectal Cancer Morbidity and Mortality, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Update, Modern Rehabilitation and “MUD”, Mortality Risks Associated with Psychiatric Conditions, and many more... Stay tuned to our website at www.climoa.com for updates and further details.

This year we are again going to be in Toronto, as this is a location that is convenient for the greatest number of attendees, and we feel that this year we have found a really exciting and affordable new venue - the One King West Hotel and Residence (www.onekingwest.com). This is an ultramodern tower, opened in 2005, attached to a beautiful heritage building that was formerly the head office of the Dominion Bank. Our meeting space will be the Grand Banking Hall, with the welcome reception held in the unique underground vault. Every room at One King West is a fully equipped suite, and the view from your room is unbelievable, with each of the rooms offering fascinating vistas of Toronto or Lake Ontario. Put this together with the subway stop across the street, direct access to the underground pedestrian mall (the PATH), and the very attractive price we have negotiated with the hotel for guest rooms, and this adds up to the perfect time to spend a little longer in Toronto, and bring someone with you to enjoy this with! At this time of year (not Mother’s Day!) you also have the chance to walk over to the Rogers Centre and catch a hockey playoff game.

The members of the executive of CLIMOA feel that the most important aspect of our meeting is the quality of Continuing Medical Education we offer to our attendees. This year, I suggest you might want to consider letting your physician colleagues outside of insurance medicine know about our program for their CME needs. Our topics and speakers will satisfy all who enjoy a top quality learning experience in general medicine and our venue will be intimate and memorable.

I look forward to seeing you there, and to hosting our colleagues in insurance medicine from far and wide. The opportunity to meet others in our line of work and have a great visit is the other best thing about the CLIMOA meeting!

Kim Minish, MD, CCFP

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