



# 2009

# ANNUAL REPORT

## **Mission Statement**

Building towards a cure for NeuroEndocrine Tumours and Cancers through Research, Education, Awareness and Support

## **Vision Statement**

To raise the awareness of NeuroEndocrine Tumours (NETs) among patients, the general public, and the medical and the research communities by:

- (a) providing well-informed support on management and treatment options to all those involved with NETs; and
- (b) supporting NET-directed research and better clinical management practices that will achieve an ultimate goal of early accurate diagnosis and best possible treatment for NET patients

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June 14, 2009 Nationwide Walk for NET Cancer Research

2009 began on a tragic note for CNETS Canada with the loss of Board Members Patrick Sandes and Wendy Gillis. Patrick was a NET Cancer patient and former Vice President of CNETS Canada, who made a significant contribution to the organization and among other achievements, was the author of the CNETS Canada Round Table report of June 2007. Wendy was a NeuroEndocrine Nurse Practitioner at London Health Sciences Centre and author of the London NET Patient Handbook.

2009 was also a challenging year in terms of economic and financial issues that had far reaching effects. Although charitable organizations were not immune, CNETS Canada is very grateful for the support of donors, sponsors, volunteers and partners who persevered and together we made vital progress.

Research is a critical next step to improving the lives of NET Cancer patients and building towards a cure. We met a significant milestone this past year in partnering with the Cancer Research Society who matched our fundraising to facilitate a research grant. Through the commitment and passion of our volunteers and donors we raised the funds necessary to initiate this partnership and are very proud of this accomplishment. We look forward to continuing this partnership beyond 2009 and are excited and hopeful for future research possibilities into NET Cancer.

Sadly however, the reality is NET Cancer patients continue to struggle and the end of 2009 brought the tragic loss of Barry Jackowich to NET Cancer. Barry had given distinguished and humanitarian service to the Board of CNETS Canada and by extension to Canadian patients. As a Senior Partner at Deloitte & Touche LLP, Barry gave CNETS Canada the extremely valuable gift of his insights and experience at Deloitte. Our pro bono audits by Deloitte of 2007, 2008 and 2009 are directly due to Barry's outreach on our behalf. The May 2010 Conference in Vancouver will be dedicated to Barry.

The loss of Patrick and Barry to NET Cancer are two of many reasons why we need to continue the fight and only with your continued support will we be able to make progress. On behalf of everyone at CNETS Canada, thank you for helping NET Cancer patients and keeping their dream alive for a cancer free tomorrow.

Maureen Coleman  
President, CNETS Canada

## Fundraising Events

CNETS Canada held a **nationwide walk on June 14, 2009** to raise funds for research. Participants from Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Barrie, Tillsonburg, Calgary, Kelowna and Ottawa raised a significant portion of the \$60,000 that was later matched by the Cancer Research Society for a total Research Grant of \$120,000, to be awarded in 2010.

**Morley Dore's Ride for NET Cancer** took place from September 10th to the 13th, 2009 where he rode his bike from Ottawa to Kennebunkport Maine. The total distance was about 630 Km along country roads that took him through New York State, Vermont, New Hampshire, and finally Maine. Morley's ride, inspired as a result of his wife's struggle with Lung Carcinoid Cancer, raised over \$4,000.

**Silent Auctions** at the Toronto and Montreal Conferences also contributed to 2009 CNETS Canada Fundraising.

## Donor Recognition

CNETS Canada is extremely grateful for the generosity of organizations and individuals who appreciate the importance of our organization to NET Cancer patients, their families, friends and caregivers.

### PRIVATE AND CORPORATE DONORS

Donations from corporations and individuals made up a significant percentage of CNETS Canada's revenue, which for the first time outpaced pharmaceutical grants. A motivating factor was our \$60,000 research goal.

OSL Marketing provided \$20,000 in donations, along with advice and analysis relating to the development of our website.

### PHARMACEUTICAL

Grants were received from the following pharmaceutical companies:

Novartis	Ipsen	Lantheus	
Pfizer	Covidien	MDS Nordion	Draximage

Novartis provided 100 hours of advocacy assistance, which translated to a \$25,000 non-monetary donation. These hours will be dedicated to work to be carried out in 2010.

## What's New at CNETS?

A new CNETS Canada web site (re-designed by OSL Marketing) was unveiled. Robert Otis, Founding Partner of OSL, CNETS Canada Board Member and NET Cancer patient, and his team at OSL provided expert analysis and implementation of a significantly improved CNETS Canada web site.

2009 saw the development of the CNETS Canada Fundraising Committee and Conference Task Force, enhancing the structure surrounding these two critical components of the organizational mandate for 2009.

CNETS Canada held three conferences in 2009, funded through grants from Novartis, Pfizer, Ipsen, Covidien, Lantheus, Nordion, and Draximage

A concrete effort was made in 2009 to reach out to physicians and hospitals, and to encourage physician attendance at our conferences. The Toronto and Montreal conferences offered Continuing Medical Education Credit hours to physicians. Credit hours were granted by the University of Toronto for the Toronto participants and the Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine for the Montreal participants.

### **Winnipeg Conference – May 2009**

The Winnipeg Conference intersected with the Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine (CANM) Conference, which would result in the establishment of an excellent and beneficial connection between CNETS Canada, CANM and Health Canada nuclear isotope regulators.

The Winnipeg Conference highlighted special patient lectures on Lung Carcinoid Cancer designed to advance patient advocacy as well as clinical understanding of Lung Carcinoid. These lectures, delivered by patients Joanne Ferguson, RN and Kathy Arbanasin, PhD, point to the need for better diagnosis and treatment of Lung Carcinoid cancer patients.

### **Toronto Conference – October 2009**

The theme of the Toronto Conference was “NeuroEndocrine Cancers: The Case for Research, Education and the Expert Team”.

International collaboration was remarkable and highlighted by a lecture from Dr Kjell Oberg called, Carcinoid-Neuroendocrine Tumours in 2010: Where have we been, where are we, and where are we going?

CNETS Canada was perceived, during the Toronto 2009 conference, by Dr Tom O’Dorisio as the ‘bridge’ between North America and Europe. The “Patients’ Perspectives on the Difficulties Diagnosing Carcinoid-NeuroEndocrine Tumours: A Qualitative Study” was authored and presented by Dr Deanna Midmer Ed.D.

Dr Al Driedger’s insights on Nuclear Medicine in Canada were indispensable to the meeting.

Dr Mary Gospodarowicz, head of Princess Margaret Hospital’s Cancer Program and some of our International Faculty including Dr Tom O’Dorisio and Prof Joy Ardill explored NET collaborative models that worked in Europe and the US and explored how such models could work in Canada.

### **Montreal Conference – November 2009**

Dr Al Driedger’s talk on the state of Nuclear Medicine in Canada, and Dr Jan Muller-Brand’s talk about Nuclear Medicine diagnosis and treatment in Switzerland gave the conference definition and poignancy.

The comprehensive programme which included many Montreal/Ottawa/London based physicians as well as international physicians Dr Jan Muller-Brand, and Dr Dan Granberg allowed patients and physicians in Quebec to become familiar with the Research, Education, Awareness, and Support agenda of CNETS Canada.

Small group sessions were held which focused on significant treatment issues for patients in Canada.

The joint CNETS Canada-Cancer Research Society Research Project competition was announced by Prof Girish Shah of the CNETS Canada Board and Dr Mario Chevrette, CEO of the Cancer Research Society.

## Health Forums, Conferences & Other Initiatives

CNETS Canada had representation at the following Conferences/Meetings:

The New Orleans Carcinoid NET Conference. The Worldwide NET Cancer Awareness Day Steering Committee meeting in New Orleans, with CNETS Canada President as the Steering Committee delegate for Canada. Worldwide Net Cancer Awareness Day, planned for November 10, 2010, will involve Canada, U.S., U.K, Sweden, Norway, Holland, Germany, Bulgaria, Poland, Singapore and Australia.

CNETS Canada presence was established at the NANETS (North American NeuroEndocrine Tumor Society) October 2009 meeting in Charlotte, South Carolina. NANETS is a primarily professional association for NET physicians. Maureen Coleman was one of two patient nominees for the Advisory Board and although not selected, the nomination was an honour. CNETS' participation in this meeting allowed an opportunity to reach out to various North American and European physicians.

CNETS Canada participated in a patient project study, "Patients Perspective on the Difficulties Diagnosing Carcinoid-NeuroEndocrine Tumors: A Qualitative Study". Eleven patients and six caregivers were interviewed about their feelings as patients and caregivers. Maureen Coleman and Dr. Carol Bates presented the results of the study at the Family Medicine Forum in Calgary, Alberta.

As a result of discussions that took place at the May 2009 Winnipeg conference, we had an opportunity to discuss implementation of radio-labeled medical isotopes such as Lutetium-177 with Health Canada. It is our hope that these discussions will reflect a turning point in regard to expanding modalities of treatment available in Canada for NET Cancer patients.

As an extension of the 2009 Toronto Conference, the Breakfast Strategy Meeting (attended by CNETS Canada, Canadian, US and European medical professionals, Canadian Cancer Society and Pharmaceutical companies) provided the opportunity for valuable NET Cancer discussions to take place surrounding:

- Successful models and Centres of Excellence in Europe
- Current Canadian Structure and Funding vs. U.S. and Europe
- Potential of modeling Canada after European structure
- Need for Canadian Centres of Excellence and current road blocks such as lack of funding, research, nuclear treatment and coordination of provincial and federal governments.

## A Look Ahead

As we head into 2010 and beyond, CNETS Canada continues to strive to meet the mandate of our organization through development of the following initiatives:

CNETS Canada will have representation at the ENETS (European NeuroEndocrine Tumor Society) Conference in March 2010.

Vancouver 2010 Conference planned for May. The Conference theme is NeuroEndocrine Cancers: Networks of Expertise.

Further development of Worldwide NET Cancer Awareness Day is expected. It is scheduled for November 10, 2010. CNETS Canada will participate in the Steering Committee meeting in Berlin and in global conference calls.

Fundraising initiatives will continue with a second target goal of \$60,000 for NET Cancer research.

There will be a continuation of outreach to patient and professional NET organizations in the US, UK and worldwide.

There will be ongoing patient support meetings across Canada provided by our Member network. Face to face support for patients is a priority. Support infrastructure needs to be further enhanced to ensure availability of tangible patient assistance.



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## AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Carcinoid-NeuroEndocrine Tumour Society-Canada

We have audited the statement of financial position of Carcinoid-NeuroEndocrine Tumour Society-Canada (CNETS) as at December 31, 2009 and the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Society derives revenue from donations the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations, excess of revenue over expenses, assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of donation revenue referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP".

Chartered Accountants

Winnipeg, Manitoba  
November 30, 2010

**CARCINOID-NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOUR SOCIETY-CANADA**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
 December 31, 2009

	2009	2008
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 149,961	\$ 156,238
GST receivable	7,091	3,407
	<b>\$ 157,052</b>	<b>\$ 159,645</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,123	\$ 5,184
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted net assets	154,929	154,461
	<b>\$ 157,052</b>	<b>\$ 159,645</b>

**CARCINOID-NEUROENDOCRINE TUMOUR SOCIETY-CANADA**  
**Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets**  
 Year Ended December 31, 2009

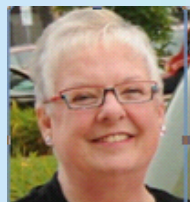
	2009	2008
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Conference registrations	\$ 4,430	\$ 16,875
Donations - general	100,283	27,546
Donations - in memory	-	10,675
Fundraising	-	8,710
Grants (Note 4)	80,275	264,185
Interest	2,199	991
Merchandise sales	1,404	815
Miscellaneous	5,458	-
	<b>194,049</b>	<b>329,797</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accounting	1,767	600
Advertising & promotion	2,921	-
Awareness merchandise	1,009	2,898
Bank charges	1,655	625
Condolences	890	-
Conference costs (Note 5)	139,925	156,208
Dues	100	51
Fundraising merchandise	9,788	1,049
Insurance	2,657	-
Legal	2,449	2,028
Office	11,374	1,558
Telephone	1,090	1,647
Travel	5,242	-
Website	12,714	2,980
	<b>193,581</b>	<b>169,644</b>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	468	160,153
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)		
BEGINNING OF YEAR	154,461	(5,692)
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS		
END OF YEAR	<b>\$ 154,929</b>	<b>\$ 154,461</b>

## Dr Carol Bates



CAROL BATES has been a family physician in Aurora, Ontario for the past 20 years. She graduated from medical school at the University of Toronto and completed a residency in family medicine, also at the University of Toronto. Carol's involvement in the neuroendocrine world began in 2008 when a pulmonary neuroendocrine tumour was discovered incidentally. CNETs Canada was an invaluable source of information Carol would like to increase awareness of neuroendocrine cancers within the medical community

## Barbara Bell



BARBARA BELL has been in Nursing for over 40yrs. She graduated from Peterborough Civic Hospital in 1963, and worked on Medical, Psychiatry, Surgery, ICU/CCU, IV Team in various Hospitals in 2 Provinces- Ontario and Alberta. She received her B.Sc.Nsg degree from the University of Western in London in 1977 then ventured out into Public Health and where she worked for the next 12 yrs. Barbara opened her own Nursing Footcare Business after receiving a Diploma from Sheridan College in 2003 concurrent to engaging in Parish Nursing. She retired due to her Mother's illness and death in 2001. Barbara was diagnosed with Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia Type 1 in 1999 after going through the DNA clinic at McMaster University. Following this

Diagnosis, in 2005, she went to her first Carcinoid Cancer Conference in Philadelphia where she met Maureen Coleman. In 2006 she was able to attend the conference in Portland, Oregon and that same year became a Board Member of CNETS Canada. This was prior to it becoming a Non-Profit Charitable Organization. The following year she started the Hamilton/Wentworth, Halton and Niagara CNETS Support Group where she remains as Group Leader. Her main interests are international politics, patient advocacy and education as well as her own continuing education.

## Pierrette Breton



PIERRETTE BRETON has over 28 years of experience in the field of semiconductor technology. Before founding **Global Intellectual Strategies** in August 2000, she spent eight years with Northern Telecom's Semiconductor Group in wafer fabrication and device testing, followed by ten years in integrated circuit design analysis; four years with Semiconductor Insights, and six years with Chipworks. This extensive and functional experience has laid the foundation for her work in support of Intellectual Property Management. Since 1994, Pierrette has consulted in patent matters involving licensing strategies and claim application. She has been deposed on numerous occasions in support of Patent Litigations and has testified at trial as an Expert

Witness within the semiconductor discipline. As President and CEO of Global Intellectual Strategies, she leads a team of engineers, scientists and other professionals to deliver quality services and value to the patent licensing industry.

Pierrette Breton is a registered U.S. and Canadian Patent Agent and is a named inventor in two U.S. and corresponding Canadian patents. She holds a diploma in Electro Mechanical Engineering from Algonquin College in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She is an IEEE member as well as member of the Licensing Executive Society (LES). She has presented papers on the strategies of patent portfolio management, patent licensing and reverse engineering at LES and IEEE conferences as well as at the European IT Law conference. She brings her business experience and experience as a pancreatic NET patient to CNETS Canada.

## Maureen Coleman



MAUREEN COLEMAN taught elementary school from 1969-2003, focusing on kindergarten, music and special education and was concurrently editor of Elementary Teachers' of Toronto's multi sheet newsletter Dialogue. She received a Provincial Editor's Award in 2003 from Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, which named Dialogue as the outstanding multi sheet Elementary Teacher's newspaper in Ontario that year. Maureen was subsequently awarded an Honourary Life Membership by Elementary Teachers' of Toronto. Diagnosed with Carcinoid-NET Cancer in 2000, Maureen helped to create the first Carcinoid-NET support group in Canada in 2001 and in 2006 she created a network of Carcinoid-NET Support Groups across

Canada. Maureen was elected President CNETS Canada in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. She has been co-organizer of CNETS Canada conferences since 2005. In 2009 Maureen was nominated for the Advisory Board of the North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society. [www.nanets.net](http://www.nanets.net). Maureen represents Canada on the Worldwide NET Cancer Day Steering Committee. She has facilitated and strengthened links with national and international patient organizations, medical professional organizations, and agencies.

## Dr Al Driedger MD, PhD, FRCPC, FACP, FACPE



DR AL DRIEDGER has worked at London Health Sciences Centre since 1972. He was the founding Chief of Nuclear Medicine at Victoria Hospital (1980-90) and VP Medicine (1990-94). He is a former President of the Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine. He is currently Professor Emeritus at University of Western Ontario. His recent clinical focus has been on thyroid diseases, including cancer. His degrees are: MD (1963, University of Saskatchewan), PHD (1967, University of Saskatchewan; Biochemistry), FRCPC (1973 and 1976, internal medicine and nuclear medicine), FACP (1974), and FACPE (1998). Dr Driedger has contributed to the publication of about 200 peer-reviewed papers.

Department of Nuclear Medicine, South St. Campus, London Health Sciences Centre London, Ontario

## Pooneh Fooladi



POONEH FOOLADI holds a BSc in Neuroscience from Dalhousie University and an MBA from Boston College. She is currently a Consultant with research and advisory firm Outsell Inc where she has been for 6 years. After her father was diagnosed with Carcinoid in December 2004, Pooneh became an active caregiver and member of the NETS community. Her goal is to not only help navigate her father's treatment path, but hopes that she can help educate and inform so that all Canadian patients can navigate management of this disease.

## Vernon Holt



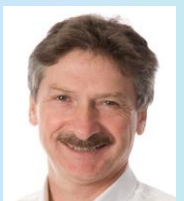
VERNON HOLT, Born in 1929, began his business career in 1950 with what is now Domtar where he served for a number of years as Chief Systems Analyst. He has also served as a Director/Vice-President Finance in a large private service and manufacturing company and later as Director/Secretary-Treasurer of a small boutique stock brokerage. In later years he was privileged to work for the Guinness family corporation as Director/Secretary of their Canadian operations, in personal and corporate portfolio management. Since 1978 Vernon and his late wife, also a corporate Secretary-Treasurer, concurrently operated their own business serving the needs of individuals and small private companies in the areas of accounting, administration, investments and taxation. Except for a period during his wife's illness with Carcinoid cancer, Vernon has continued to be active in the same fields of endeavour. For many years he and Lillian also travelled extensively. His education consisted of a senior matriculation at Verdun High School and, while working days, 8 years of night lectures at McGill University and Sir George Williams University. He also attended many courses in management, finance, data processing, computer programming, time and motion as well as system and methods, and, in addition, lectured and gave courses in some of these specialties.

## Jim Kormos



JIM KORMOS has worked in five Ontario Boards of Education as a teacher and administrator, and also as an Academic Chair in two Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology. Jim sought to inspire students and staff, as well as to engage the broader community to create learning environments that best enabled student success. With colleagues, community, government and corporate supports, he worked to help break the cycle of underachievement of both elementary and post-secondary marginalized students. Much of Jim's advocacy approach has been informed by his early research experiences with the Canadian Society for the Study of Education and with the Royal Commission on Declining School Enrolments. In addition, he volunteered as a National Trainer for United Way Canada, leading three-day Institutes designed to help attendees build expertise and capacity within their own communities. Relevant awards and distinctions include: the Premier's Win Davies Memorial Scholarship for outstanding scholarly achievements in education; the United Way Canada's Gold Award for promoting leadership development among local volunteers in both profit and not-for-profit organizations; the University of Toronto's Arbor Award for extending the "limits of the possible" through the impact of knowledge building pedagogy in science education, and; twice nominated by colleagues, school communities and corporate partners, and endorsed by the Ontario Principals' Council, for the National "Canada's Outstanding Principal Award." Jim took early retirement in 2008 to help manage care for his wife's newly diagnosed pancreatic neuroendocrine carcinoma.

## Robert Otis



ROBERT OTIS started his marketing career with Canada Packers (Maple Leaf Foods) and Catelli Foods (division of John Labatt). In 1988 Robert co-founded OSL Marketing ([www.oslmarketing.com](http://www.oslmarketing.com)), a leading sales and marketing communications company in Canada. In 2006, a CT scan revealed a blockage of the small intestine which when removed was diagnosed as a carcinoid tumor. CNETs was instrumental in educating and providing information that seemed to be non-existent elsewhere.

## Prof Girish Shah



PROF. GIRISH SHAH, the recipient of Outstanding Achievement awards in Carcinoid/Neuroendocrine research, is currently a Professor of the Faculty of Medicine at Laval University in Quebec City. He has been chief of the Laboratory for Skin Cancer Research at the CHUL (CHUQ) Hospital Research Centre of Laval University since 1997. Prof. Shah's research is focused on carcinoid neuroendocrine tumors and solar ultraviolet radiation-induced skin cancers with specific emphasis on DNA damage, DNA repair and cell death processes, which can influence either the development of these cancers or their resistance to therapy. Dr. Shah has authored 51 peer-reviewed articles, which have been cited more than 1,900 times in literature. In addition, he has authored 5 book chapters and 107 presentations at the meetings. Dr. Shah's team, in collaboration with two carcinoid clinicians in Canada and USA, recently reported that nearly ¼ of the carcinoid patients suffer from subclinical niacin (vitamin B3) deficiency, an incidence that is much higher than pellagra, the clinical niacin deficiency syndrome reported in these patients. His recent work examines whether this biochemical anomaly can be exploited as a target for therapy of carcinoid cancer.

## Silvia Steinhilber



SILVIA STEINHILBER is a biochemical technologist, who worked for two years at the Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre in the radiopharmacy producing radiolabelled injectables for the Nuclear Medicine Department mid 70's). She left the hospital to enter a partnership with her father in an injection molding company. For the next 33 years as General Manager, she learned how to set up and operate injection molding machines and after a short evening course in accounting, looked after all the financial aspects including, daily bookkeeping, employee accounting, bank loans, grant applications, etc. Silvia became an active caregiver nine years ago when her mother was diagnosed with GIST (gastrointestinal stromal tumor). Unfortunately there was no treatment available, so that was when Silvia started internet research and became familiar with e groups and was invited to join the BOD for The Life Raft Group, a non-profit support organization for GIST, and has been a director for them about seven years. This experience quickly led to researching Carcinoid on behalf of her husband Garry, who had been diagnosed with the disease, and travelling when necessary for his treatment. The last portion of the family business was sold in 2007 and a long delayed project of finishing the house built in 1995 has now become a priority. Silvia is a caregiver to her husband Garry and was caregiver to her mother until her passing early in 2010. She is also a founding director of CNETS Canada, a former Treasurer and presently a member of the Executive Committee.

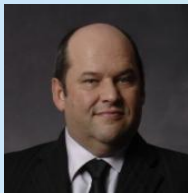
## Dr Jean-Luc Urbain, , MD, PhD, FRCPC



### Chief of Nuclear Medicine at University of Western Ontario

DR JEAN-LUC URBAIN is Professor of Medical Imaging at the University of Western Ontario. He is also the president of the Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine. Dr. Urbain has been an active member of the Nuclear Medicine community for more than 20 years. Originally a native from Belgium, he earned his Medical Degree at the Catholic University of Louvain, the oldest Medical School in Europe. He then pursued training in Internal Medicine and Nuclear Medicine and is board certified in Medicine and Nuclear Medicine. He then actively engaged in Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Biology Research at Temple University in Philadelphia where he got his Ph.D. in Genetics and Molecular Biology. Dr. Urbain has been full Professor of Diagnostic Imaging for more than a decade and has held leadership positions in Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging at Fox Chase Cancer Center and the Cleveland Clinic and now at the University of Western Ontario. As a teacher and leader in Diagnostic and Molecular Imaging, he has published more than 50 peer reviewed papers, 20 book chapters and more than 100 abstracts. Molecular Imaging and Personalized Medicine are his current areas of interest.

## Boris Weiss



As part of BORIS WEISS' accomplishments, his role was diversified from the assessment and valuation of early stage technologies, their regulatory requirements, and the establishment of business strategies, plans and alliances to the eventual spin out of said technologies. Boris' focus was broad, but primary development of the biomedical division of enabling technologies was priority. Boris led the business development of a scintillation material to market, creating a global demand and negotiated to term sheet a worldwide, exclusive license to a fortune 100 company for use in the development of a new line of high-end PET scanner with improved resolution, and throughput. Additional accomplishments included the spin-off of a worldwide exclusive license to a Nitenol base prostate stent for the treatment of benign prostate hyperplasia to a public OTCBB-NASDAQ company in 2002 of which Boris remains on the board of directors of. His role encompassed technology transfer from Russia to the North American marketplace, industry assessment, planning and development strategies. Boris' involvements further continued to the North American engineering, and development of a therapeutic IR laser system for the non-invasive, non-surgical treatment of progressive myopia. To bring this technology to market required a global market assessment, much of which encompassed the Asian continent. This technology was assessed through the work and coordination of a number of CRO's, manufacturing companies and potential distributors internationally. Boris has represented companies on multiple levels including investor relations, and development, foreign IRAP-NRC trade missions, and international negotiations. Investor involvement has been on private, government and institutional levels.

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Currently No Support Group

## **NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

Currently No Support Group

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Currently No Support Group

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