



# Federation of Medical Women of Canada Fédération des femmes médecins du Canada

## National Office Annual Report: September 2009-2010

### AGM

- **Relationships with 5 new sponsors:** Boehringer Ingelheim, Schering-Plough (now Merck), Amgen, Bayer and Paladin. **Revenue from sponsors** has doubled (**\$75,750**).
- **Registration** has increased from the previous two years' AGMs to **87** delegates.
- **Strong partnership with the OMA** resulted in an email/fax blast to 10,000 of their members. As a result, **9** of the AGM participants are new members to the FMWC.
- **Budget:** approx. double the profit from last year to **\$50,000**

### Membership

- **Total Membership:** has increased to **637 members**; a little over half (345) of these are full members and 25% (163) are medical students.

### Branch/Regional Development

- **Branches:** 3 new Branch Presidents in Kingston, Edmonton and London (**a new branch**) and a new Regional Representative; Dr. Vivien Brown (Region III - ON/QC)
- **6 Branches with increased membership:** are Okanagan, Ottawa, Saint John, Thunder Bay, Toronto, and Victoria.
- **Regional CME event:** New Brunswick held a complimentary women's health day, attended by over 60 delegates, in partnership with Merck. FMWC is exploring continuing and expanding this type of event for members.
- **Students:** 4 new student branches started in September at Memorial University, McGill, McMaster, & Queens University. 11 students were funded to attend the 2010 AGM and two student representative conference calls were held (April/Aug.) to provide support.

### Awards

- Gave out **3 Maude Abbott Loans** in October 2009
- Gave out **3 Margaret Owens-Waite Memorial Fund** grants in October 2009 and 1 in February 2010

### National Pap Test Campaign 2010

- GSK and new partner, Hologic Canada, gave **educational grants** to help fund increasing the scope of the campaign.
- In addition to the previous partnership with the SOGC & SCC, **new association partners** include GOC & Society of Rural Physicians of Canada.
- Also, **new relationship with Cervical Cancer & Control Prevention Network** (provincial agencies). FMWC attended their conference in February. Several Pap campaigns agreed to share the same week (last week in Oct.) and to cross-promote. In Saskatchewan, the cancer agency is directly collaborating with FMWC to deliver this campaign to their province.
- Implemented a user-friendly **online registration** for clinics and **also a directory** ("Find your clinic by postal code"): for the public.
- **# of Clinics registered** (to date) has more than doubled (44/2009 vs. **103/2010**)

### Advocacy (Spring 2010)

- FMWC released a **media release** on **Canada's Strategy to Improve Maternal, Newborn & Child Health: "Family Planning Saves Lives"**, in an effort to advocate for women's reproductive rights.
- FMWC reported to the **House of Commons' Standing Committee on Status of Women on Women in Nontraditional Workplaces**. The report highlighted the need for greater gender equality in certain specialties, advancement and work-life policies.
- **"Creating Climate Change for the Medical Workplace" Webinar** offered complimentary to all FMWC members and in partnership with the Canadian Women's Health Network.