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NEWS RELEASE

APOG Announces New President

Effective December 5, 2010.

Ottawa, March 7, 2009: APOG is pleased to announce that Dr. Margaret Morris, Professor and Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Manitoba, has been inaugurated as the new President of APOG. The appointment became effective December 5, 2010.

Dr. Morris graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1979 with her M.D. and completed fellowship training in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Manitoba in 1984. Since that time she has been providing subspecialty services in pediatric and adolescent obstetrics and gynecology as well as child abuse assessments. She has been active in APOG for many years and served as the Undergraduate Committee Chair for 2 years, as well as representing APOG at the APGO meetings. Dr. Morris served as Associate Dean Student Affairs at the University of Manitoba from 2000 to 2005. She has been active in undergraduate education as a course director and recently completed her Master's in Medical Education at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Morris stated "I am very excited to take on the commitment as APOG president for the next 2 years. These are challenging times in medical education, with our increasing enrollment at every site, and the ever increasing expectations for meeting accreditation standards. APOG has always played an important role in allowing us to meet and dialogue about the best ways to teach obstetrics and gynecology to undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as playing an important role in developing resident research capabilities. APOG has been able to meet the challenges of providing expert opinion where needed for example in the conduct of pelvic examinations under anesthesia. We have changed our membership under Dr. Bocking's leadership to formally recognize those who are not physicians but make significant contributions to our education and research missions. Part of our mission in the next few years will be to actively participate in the discussions around how postgraduate training is delivered. Funding challenges will be present as we respond to the changes in industry sponsorship.

Excellence in clinical care cannot occur without excellence in research and medical education, and APOG is a very important organization in advancing excellence in medical education and research. APOG is well situated to provide guidance and assistance to those who are involved in improving the delivery of health care to women, through its' dedication to excellence in research training and delivery of medical education including new innovations such as simulation and interprofessional education. It is an exciting and challenging time and we are in a good position to make significant contributions based on the involvement of our academic centres across the country."

ABOUT APOG

The Association of Academic Professionals in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (APOG) is a professional association that provides leadership in the development and promotion of the highest quality clinical care through education & research in academic programs of obstetrics and gynaecology in Canada.

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