

# Message from the President

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the planning committee for the OEMAC 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Conference in Edmonton, especially Dr. Ken Corbet, Dr. Jeremy Beach, Mr. Jonathan Strauss and staff. Of course, a great thank you for all those who attended.

Preliminary feedback from the conference participants has all been positive. The PowerPoint presentations from the speakers have been posted in the member's only website.

As discussed in the town hall meeting in Edmonton, I would like to provide the membership more value. We will keep on improving our weekly "Newsletter" the "Occ Doc Talk" and welcome members to provide information that may be useful for other members. As requested by some members, we are putting in links to webinars that may be useful for our education.

I also have an email address where you can communicate directly with me: [president@oemac.org](mailto:president@oemac.org). If you can think of anything that OEMAC can do for our membership, please let me know.

Dr. Maureen Cividino is the planning committee chair for our 2015 Conference in Toronto. Please send in the topic (s) that you want to cover for that Conference. The Conference for 2016 will be in BC. We are looking at the East Coast for the 2017 conference.

The Board has decided to offer "Associate membership" for non-physicians and they will enjoy all the benefits of a full member but they will not be a voting member. The cost will be \$200 per year.

Last Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, I attended the CSA/Cre-MSD workshop on behalf of OEMAC on "Work Disability Prevention Management System". The issue of physician's note was discussed and the insurance companies are very interested in sponsoring a "round table" with OEMAC, employers and unions to see whether a consensus can be reached and a generic form can be developed for that purpose. This is very preliminary and I will keep our partner Association OMSOC informed and involved. The issue of aging workforce was also discussed. There is a one day conference in Toronto on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. You will find the information in this week's ODT (Occ Doc Talk).

Dr. Sidney Siu

