

# CANADIAN PODIATRY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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It has taken me much longer than anticipated to familiarize with the operations of CPEF. I thank you all and the Board of Directors for being patient with me.

CPEF was established in 1984 with the overall objective to promote foot health through education: education to the public, education of students, and education of the professionals.

### STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Since the inception of CPEF, one of its goals is to help needy students defray part of the tuition cost which is currently more than USD 24,000 per year. In the year ending 2005 \$4000 was disbursed. This year there are six (6) complete applications. The Board of Directors needs to approve allocation of loans to these individuals.

On the other side, the SAP Committee has been successful in collecting loans: in 2005 \$12,500 and thus far in 2006 \$6,500. I applaud the hard work of the SAP Committee.

### CANADIAN PODIATRY SCHOOL FUND

\$27 240 has been allocated to the Canadian Podiatry School Fund. This money is invested in long term investments. Contribution to the School Fund is pegged at 10% of the membership dues collected. Traditionally for 16 years, membership dues were collected by CPMA on behalf of CPEF. This arrangement stopped around 2002 to the detriment of the future of podiatry education in Canada.

### FUND RAISING

The profession has been generous in the last fundraising campaign. Their support is much appreciated. We plan to continue with direct appeal on a regular basis.

In addition, please keep the Foundation on the back burners when looking for a write off, would like to honour someone, or would like to leave a bequest. The Foundation is a charitable organization.

### WEB SITE [www.cpef.ca](http://www.cpef.ca)

The web site is being written as we meet. Downloadable forms for the Student Assistance Program and Research Applications would be available. When completed, the students can email the forms back to us. This will save tremendous time and postage costs. For members, certain areas would be password accessible- such as minutes of meetings and financial statements.

There will be sections on career in podiatric medicine, foot related health issues. I would like to recruit your assistance in sending original material on patient education for posting on [cpef.ca](http://cpef.ca) web site.

Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Please direct any email temporarily to [jws@5pillars.com](mailto:jws@5pillars.com)

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their time and effort spent on behalf of the Foundation. I look forward to an eventful year.