With respect to International highlights, the Chair noted our social accountability to the community we serve, and underscored the importance of our reaching out to have influence worldwide. More locally, he noted a few key challenges, such as: 1) physical space - (which was further compounded by the McIntyre fire); 2) CaRMS - guaranteed matching to a residency program upon graduation from medical school is no longer as clear as it once was; 3) competency-based education a program led by the Royal College which comes at a huge cost and has impact on the Faculty as a whole, especially on those who are teaching and being asked to do more clinical work due to the health reform. On this topic, he specifically acknowledged A. Aalamian along with others in his team who have been very influential with the Royal College, and have succeeded in gaining an important and measured slowdown of its implementation in their enthusiasm for perfection;