

## 2001 CAEP Membership Report

In contrast to the general contraction experienced by much of the rest of Canadian society, CAEP membership grew by 159 members to 1563 in 2001, an 11% increase over 2000 (Fig. 1).

By membership category, active membership grew by 19% over the year 2000 and now accounts for 73%

of total membership. The number of student members more than doubled to 54, a 116% annual increase. Resident membership was up by 10% (Fig. 2).

Regionally, Ontario membership had the largest absolute increase of 72 (12%). As a reflection of our growing international stature (or more Canadian emergency physicians leaving

home), international membership had the largest proportionate increase (52%). Back at home, membership increased by 45% in Saskatchewan, 39% in Newfoundland and Labrador, 36% in Alberta, 34% in Manitoba, 21% in Nova Scotia and 10% in BC.

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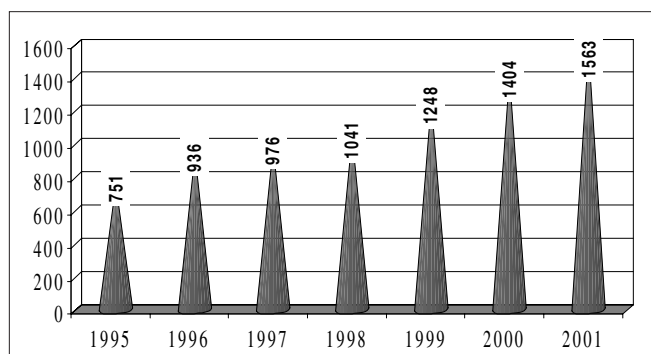


Fig. 1. CAEP membership 1995–2001

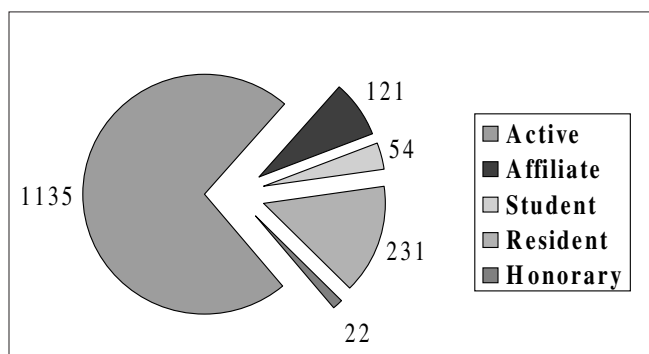


Fig. 2. CAEP membership by category

## Emergency medicine research appointment

In November 2001, Dr. Riyadh Abu-Laban received a Career Award from BC's Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR). Dr. Abu-Laban is an emergency physician at the Vancouver General Hospital, Director of the VGH Emergency Medicine Research Division, and sits on the CAEP Research Consortium Board of Directors. He is an active emergency medicine researcher and has focused most recently on acute cardiovascular diseases in the prehospital setting.

This award will give Dr. Abu-Laban 5 years of salary support at the "Scholar" level. It was one of 33 awards granted through a competitive peer-review process, only 6 of which were in the Clinical Research

category. The primary submission for this award was the "Aminophylline Bolus in Bradyasystolic Arrest (ABBA) Study," a large randomized clinical trial funded by the Heart and Stroke Foundation and currently underway in Vancouver. This award will provide Dr. Abu-Laban with the protected time necessary to carry out the ABBA Study, as well as to pursue his other emergency medicine research interests.

Dr. Abu-Laban is originally from Edmonton; he completed his medical training at the University of Alberta in 1984, his residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of British Columbia in 1996 and his MHS in Epidemiology from the University of British Columbia in 1998. He is cur-



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