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(CAMATA)**

CAMATA / ACMATA continues to represent the aerospace medicine and aeromedical community in Canada. In 2017, CAMATA completed an upgrade to our website, which also improved our membership and registration process, and our ability to communicate with our membership. In addition, 2017 brought a re-focus on our Educational Programs.

Our updated website streamlined our membership renewal process, providing a better platform for maintaining membership information. CAMATA membership is 336 active members effective December 6th 2017. 134 new members joined in 2017. Our main source of new membership continues to be participants in the Air Medical Training Program.

CAMATA is working on plans to promote membership involvement in the organization, including increasing input into the website content and promotion of interaction and networking within the organization and with other like-minded special interest groups.

The revamp of the CAMATA Air Medical Training Program was completed in 2016, with the revision of the course textbook, AV materials, exams, and evaluation processes. Through the hard work and dedication of our Education Committee, the revised program has been translated into French so that the program can be delivered in both official Canadian languages. The revised program has been delivered over 30 times in the past 18 months, and has been well received.

The Education Committee is working on development of the renewal program for the CAMATA Air Medical Training Program, with a goal of completion by the fall of 2018. Our plan to put that renewal program “on line” has been deferred for now, until a decision can be made about a Learning Management System and platform for on line training.

Our major activities continue to be delivery of the CAMATA Air Medical Training Program. There were 21 courses taught in 2017, with one additional program underway. The Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) runs a CAMATA Course over the fall and winter for their paramedic students. This program is provided over time and usually is completed in the late winter. In 2017, 161 participants attended the CAMATA Air Medical Training Program, of which we had applicants from Europe and Africa. Five participants audited the course.

Our first course provided outside of Canada was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad in June 2017. A second course was held in Trinidad in September 2017.

In addition to the 21 provider courses, two Instructor programs were held, resulting in four new instructors being qualified. These included one instructor in Saskatchewan, one in Quebec, and two in Trinidad. Each of these instructors has completed the initial training and team teach process, so that they can provide the CAMATA training using our standardized materials and processes.

Our focus for 2018 will continue to be improvement of communications with the members of our aerospace medicine and aeromedical community and to promote education and ultimately quality of service in air medical operations in Canada.

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