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### The SRPC's Annual Rural and Remote Medicine Conference: a resident's perspective!

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**T**his past April marked the 13th Annual Rural and Remote Medicine Conference held by the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC) and the 1st anniversary of the creation of the SRPC's Resident Committee. The Resident Committee was pleased to have a strong presence at the conference, with over half of our fledgling Committee members in attendance. There were 96 residents and medical students attending.

This conference brought so much to the Resident Committee, as well as to

Was it because of the rare chance to participate in procedure-oriented workshops alongside experienced physicians? Or was it the competence of experienced rural generalist instructors? Or could it be simply that these down-to-earth, real, practising, community physicians were also people who took an interest in us?

Whatever it was, it motivated us to search for financial support from program directors (or all within ear-shot!) to attend the annual conference.

And, I daresay, this environment has filled us with something more. It has fostered a desire to contribute back to the SRPC community in some, however small, manner. The Resident Committee was pleased to help organize 3 presentations at the event, with the unfailing support of the SRPC. These presentations, mostly focused on practice management issues, were well-received by the residents and medical students who attended.

As we try to solidify the memories and experiences gained from the Montréal Conference, we also look ahead to next year, to the next SRPC Conference, and to another venture in medical learning.

We hope to see you all in Winnipeg in 2006!

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residents and medical students at large. This annual event has inspired most of us to enlist in, and contribute to, the SRPC.

Whether it was placing our first central line into a mannequin or sharing a beer with rural program directors at the Resident-Student Social, something drew us to this organization.