

two years and then serve another two years as Past-President.

In recent years the Committee has expanded its role to nominate members it feels deserving of awards offered by the Canadian Medical Association (CMA), the American College of Rheumatology (ACR), and national organizations. We were successful in obtaining the Queen's Jubilee Medal for several of our members in the past year.

The tasks performed are not onerous but are extremely important for ensuring that we have fresh, enthusiastic,

and talented members from all parts of the country representing diverse styles of practice to keep the CRA vibrant and relevant as we move forward.

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## Scientific Committee

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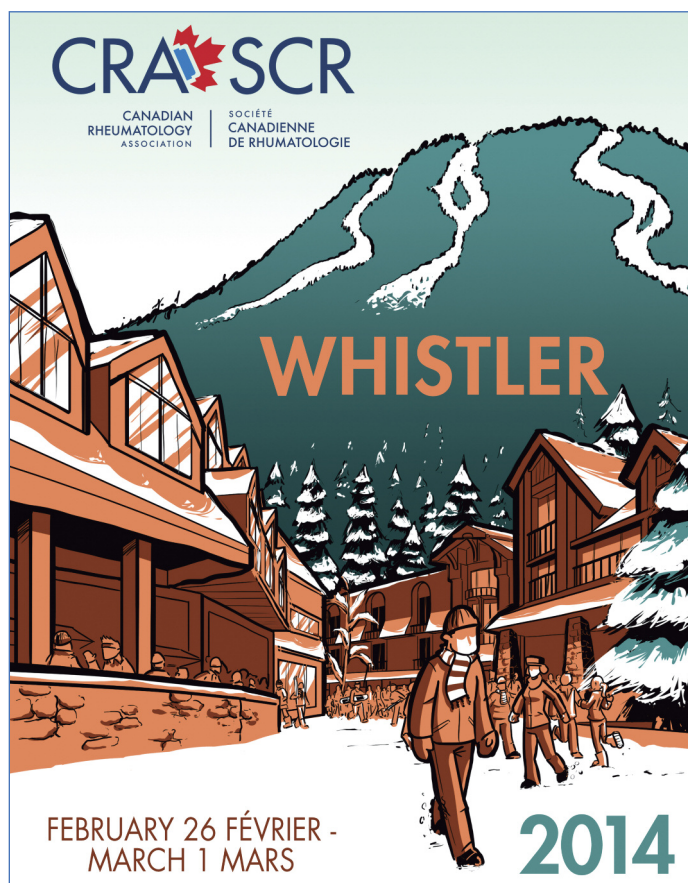
The CRA returns to a premier Canadian ski location for 2014! You may have noticed that we have experimented with some new venues for the Annual Scientific Meeting over the last few years. The urban venues were well-received but now we are returning to more recreation-oriented locales: Whistler from February 26-March 1, 2014 and Quebec City from February 3-6, 2015.

Capitalizing on successes from our previous meetings, we will continue to offer plenary sessions for the most highly ranked abstract submissions, keynote addresses from celebrated international rheumatologists, a state-of-the-art lecturer, and our distinguished investigator awardee, plus many workshops and our blockbuster "Great Debate". The topic for 2014 is, "Be it resolved that rheumatologists monitor their patients too closely while on disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs and biologics".

Our venue at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler should be a beautiful one. In order to ensure that attendees get a chance to appreciate the beauty, we will have three- to four-hour breaks in the afternoon, should anyone wish to ski or explore the beauty of Whistler Village. The entertainment also includes the ever-popular banquet and dance on the Friday night.

Hope to see you all in Whistler!

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## Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting of the CRA will take place the morning of Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Chateau Whistler Hotel.

The meeting is open to CRA members in good standing only.

Please visit [www.rheum.ca](http://www.rheum.ca) for meeting registration information.