The CAGP board invites you to join us in Vancouver, BC at the Hyatt Regency Hotel for our 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting entitled “Crises in Geriatric Psychiatry: Perspectives from Emergency and Acute Care,” hosted in partnership with the British Columbia Psychogeriatric Association (BCPGA). Our profession is currently at a cross-road, and our ability to meet the mental health needs of the burgeoning population of older adults remains tenuous. This year’s meeting will feature scientific and clinical perspectives on some of the urgent crises facing us at present. A panel presentation will be given by past CAGP president Dr. Martha Donnelly and colleagues addressing the unique challenges that patients with dementia pose to acute care and emergency departments. The panel will present a novel academic approach to this problem that is being undertaken in BC, grounded in the experiences of front-line workers.

With obesity increasing at alarming rates in North America, and the sedentary lifestyles associated with late-life mental illness, the next crisis that this conference will address is the role of exercise in mood and cognition in the elderly. This will be the subject of a plenary presentation by Dr. Theresa Liu Ambrose, the CIHR-funded director of the “Aging, Mobility and Cognitive Function Lab” at UBC. Finally, scientific information about the treatment of mood disorders in older adults has been increasingly available, but incorporating this in practice has been more challenging. Dr. Raymond Lam, head of the division of clinical neuroscience at UBC will be presenting on the most recent version of the CANMAT guidelines for mood disorders. Dr. Bonnie Weise of the geriatric psychiatry outreach service at Vancouver General Hospital will be discussing how these guidelines match with earlier guidelines for mood disorder in the elderly and will critique the applicability of the CANMAT guidelines to clinical practice with older adults. As usual, we are planning several interactive workshops highlighting updates on clinical aspects of geriatric psychiatry.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE
The CAGP Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) brings together participants from across Canada and provides an opportunity to network with colleagues and exchange ideas while gaining up-to-date knowledge on managing key issues in seniors’ mental health. There were 190 participants at the 2010 ASM in Toronto and we look forward to hosting the next meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 in Vancouver, BC. The ASM is more than just a meeting and additional features include:
• Poster Presentations that are timely and relevant to Geriatric Psychiatry
• Presentation of CAGP sponsored awards recognizing leaders and future leaders in Geriatric Psychiatry across Canada
• Applications are being made for the RCPSC Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program and CFPC Mainpro – M1 accreditation.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
Any professional or student interested in the mental health of seniors including geriatric psychiatrists, general psychiatrists, geriatric internists, family practitioners, nurses, occupational therapists, rehabilitation experts, physiotherapists, social workers, other allied health workers, geriatric psychiatrists-in-training, medical students, residents and other healthcare students.

EXHIBITORS
Organizations interested in exhibiting at this meeting are invited to contact Leya Duigu at info@cagp.ca.