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Dear Colleague,

It gives me great pleasure to write these few lines as President of this prestigious association for the two year term of August 2009 – July 2011. Following on the heels of three great presidents, Drs Segun Agboola, Kola Oyewumi and Chris Ekong, I am indeed standing on the shoulder of giants. They have laid a solid foundation that I am confident will endure.

Our yearly gathering enters its 9th year this summer and will take place in Ottawa July 29 to Aug. 2 D.V. It cannot be overemphasized why it is called CME/Family Event. Dr. Oyewumi's 'President's Pen' of a few years back -- www.canpad.org/2005.html - stressed this aspect of our existence and purpose. We strive to promote a spirit of camaraderie amongst ourselves as families in addition to our academic activities. Those of us who were in Regina, Saskatchewan last year again had a wonderful experience of the combination of both as in past years.

The theme of this year's CME is "Immigrant Health". Details of the topics will be posted on the web site very soon. Please plan to attend and register as soon as possible to facilitate planning for the event. Payment can now be made by credit card direct to CANPAD as indicated on the Membership Registration Form. The CME registration fee remains \$ 200.00. Hotel reservation can also be made right now at <http://www.fairmont.com/Laurier>.

CANPAD is also proud to initiate an annual bursary award for students of African heritage in Canadian Universities. The first set of two bursaries in the amount of \$ 2000.00 each were awarded in 2009. We are soliciting your nominations for 2010. A contribution by members towards this laudable project will be much appreciated. Please visit the CANPAD web site for further details.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of CANPAD, I wish you and your family all the best.

Yours truly

Adebisola Onayemi