



L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES MEDECINS ET CHIRURGIENS BARIATRIQUE

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

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## PRESS RELEASE

### CABPS ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

**TORONTO, ON (October 11, 2016)** The Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS) elected Dr. Laurent Biertho of Laval University, Quebec as its new President at its recent Annual General Meeting. Dr. Biertho was previously the Association's Vice President and Conference Chair.

Dr. Biertho completed his Biomedical Sciences and Medical training in Belgium at the University of Liège. Upon completion of his surgical residency in Belgium, Dr. Biertho completed a one-year Research Fellowship at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He then trained in Minimally Invasive Surgery at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

After completing his Fellowship training in 2005, Dr. Biertho was appointed Assistant Professor at McMaster University. In 2006 he accepted a position of Associate Professor of Surgery at Laval University where he had the responsibility of developing the Minimally Invasive Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery program at the *Institut Universitaire de Cardiologie et Pneumologie de Québec – Laval University*.

In addition to developing these clinical activities Dr. Biertho is Director of the Fellowship Program in Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery at Laval University and Co-Director of the Research Chair and Metabolic Surgery at Laval University.

Dr. Biertho has been a long-standing member of the CABPS Board of Directors, and is succeeding Dr. David Lau of the University of Calgary as CABPS President.

The following individuals were also elected to the CABPS Board of Directors:

Vice President: Stephen Glazer, MD, FRCPC, FCCP, Toronto, ON  
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CABPS represents Canadian specialists interested in the treatment of obesity and severe obesity for the purposes of professional development and coordination and promotion of common goals. In addition to professional development, CABPS works to maintain and improve standards of bariatric care in Canada and, through various communications strategies, promotes awareness of the health risks of obesity and severe, or morbid, obesity.

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