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Dr. Karen Breeck, Flight Surgeon with the Canadian Forces becomes President of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada.



Ottawa, August 22, 2005 – At its Annual General Meeting in Edmonton on Saturday, August 13, 2005 the members of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada (FMWC) enthusiastically applauded the swearing in of Dr. Karen Breeck as their new President.

“With her life and work experience, Dr. Karen Breeck is an inspiration to us all. From our young, up-and-coming medical students to our retired members, Dr. Breeck will be sure to bring together these generations by providing strong leadership and excellent communications skills,” said Past-President Dr. Younger-Lewis. “We are truly honoured to have Dr. Breeck, a Major and Flight Surgeon with the Canadian Forces, as our new president.”

Dr. Breeck feels very privileged to serve as President of the FMWC for the next year. “Especially being the Year of the Veteran, it was an honour to accept the Federation’s nomination to become their President. I thank everyone for their trust and support in my abilities and look forward to working together with them over the upcoming year,” said Dr. Breeck.

Dr. Breeck’s credentials are quite impressive. She is a member of a number of other associations such as the Aerospace Medicine Association, The Ontario Medical Association, The College of Family Physicians of Canada and the American College of Preventive Medicine. She has served on a number of committees and has co-authored a number of articles in various medical journals, many related to aerospace medicine.

During her year as President, Dr. Breeck hopes to focus on the theme of “communication” both within the Federation and between the Federation and other affiliated groups. Dr. Breeck will serve of the FMWC through 2005 until August 2006.

About Dr. Karen J. Breeck:

Dr. Breeck received a B.Sc. (Biology) from Memorial University in 1987. One year later she received her B. Med. Sc. and then her M.D. in 1990. In 1993 she received her Flight Surgeon Certification, a Tropical Medicine



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Certification in 1994, a Basic Diving Medicine Certification in 1995 and her Civil Aviation Medical Examiner (CAME) Certification in 1996. Three years later, Dr. Breeck received her Advanced Diving Medicine Officer Certification. In 2000, she pursued a Masters in Health Sciences at University of Toronto in Occupational and Environmental Health with a Collaborative Diploma in Women's Studies. In 2001 she completed a fellowship in Aerospace Medicine with the University of Toronto and Residency in Aerospace Medicine with the United States Air Force in San Antonio, Texas. In 2002 she received her American Board Certification for Aerospace Medicine. In the past, Dr. Breeck has also worked with Canadian astronauts at the Canadian Space Agency and is currently posted in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan to work with the Canadian Forces Snowbirds.

About the Federation of Medical Women of Canada

The Federation of Medical Women of Canada is a national organization committed to the professional, social and personal advancement of women physicians and to the promotion of the well-being of women both in the medical profession and in society at large. The FMWC was founded in 1924 in Ottawa with seven founding members to provide a networking group. It now has over 500 members and looks forward to working with Dr. Breeck in reaching out to allied medical professionals and becoming a stronger voice for all.

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