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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is a tremendous amount of concern these days about the sustainability of the various medical disciplines. Internal medicine, pediatrics, family medicine, and most subspecialties (neurosurgery being a notable exception) are predicting major manpower problems in the foreseeable future.

Our subspecialty here in Canada is no exception. The majority of our membership are 50 years and older. At our present rate of residency training, there will be insufficient numbers of new trainees to replace the retiring physicians. As a result, assuming no change in our present situation, there will be a dwindling number of allergists and clinical immunologists per capita over the next 10 to 15 years. This is at a time when there is an increasing incidence of atopic disorders and an increased demand for allergy assessments.

What can do done to assure the sustainability of our subspecialty? Recruitment of residents to the field of allergy and immunology is a top priority. To do this, we need to ensure that medical students and residents are aware of our subspecialty. This can be achieved through medical school lectures, short-term electives of medical students and residents in our offices, and the NREP program. In collaboration with the CMA, we have developed a detailed specialty profile to be provided to all medical students in order to inform them about our subspecialty. With increased awareness of our subspecialty, increased applications to our five allergy and immunology programs in Canada should follow. Our first goal is to fill all of our residency positions in our five existing Allergy programs.

What can you do to help in this cause? Be a spokesman for our subspecialty, discussing the field of allergy and immunology with your young patients who are considering medicine as a career. Welcome a medical student or resident into your office for a short-term elective. Point out our specialty's No. 1 ranking in "contentment with work/home balance".

The CSACI board has established a task force, chaired up by Dr. Susan Wasserman, to look at all aspects related to the sustainability of our subspecialty.

Together we can ensure that CSACI is a strong and vibrant subspecialty for many years to come.

Dr. Charles Frankish

CSACI 2007 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The CSACI will be hosting its 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting from September 27th to 30th in Edmonton, Alberta. Plans are well underway for what should be an excellent meeting.

New this year, there will be an Immunology half-day symposium on Thursday afternoon, September 27th. This has been organized by Dr. Eyal Grunebaum and the Immunology interest section. This symposium is open to all registrants.

On Sunday, September 30th, there will be a literature review. It will be a great way to ensure that you have not missed any of the key developments in the areas of Allergy, Immunology and Asthma over this past year.

For more information regarding the meeting, please visit the website at www.csaci.ca.

ABSTRACTS

Abstract submissions for the 2007 annual scientific meeting are now open. All abstracts will be published in the *Allergy, Asthma, and Clinical Immunology* the Official Journal of the CSACI. Guidelines for submitting an abstract can be found on the CSACI website.

All abstracts must be submitted electronically.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS IS JULY 20, 2007

AAAAI Meeting, February 23-27, 2007, San Diego, CA

A large contingent of Canadian allergists and immunologists attended the AAAAI meeting in sunny San Diego, CA. Dr. Tom Platts-Mills has been president and Dr. Estelle Simons the immediate past president of the AAAAI over this past year. The Jerry Dolovich Memorial Lectureship was presented by Dr. David Peden, professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at University of North Carolina on the topic of "Endotoxins Can Modulate Allergic Inflammatory Responses". Dr. Qutayba Hamid was honoured with the Burton Zweiman Lectureship. Over 140 members and industry representatives attended the Canadian mid-term dinner at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

Next year's meeting is in Philadelphia, March 14 to 18, 2008.

Do you have feedback, concerns or suggestions?

**Share them with the membership!
Send in your comments to the CSACI at:**

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FOUNDATION NEWS — AWARDS

Applications for the **\$25,000 Anaphylaxis Canada (AC) / Canadian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF) Research Award for anaphylaxis research in Canada** are now being accepted.

The Allergy Asthma Information Association (AAIA) and the Canadian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF) are pleased to announce the **\$60,000 AAIA Award for Ontario Research in Asthma, Allergy or Anaphylaxis**. Deadline for submissions is May 4, 2007. Please note that this award is open to Ontario residents only.

The 2006 CAAIF Research Award winner is Dr. Bruce Mazer from McGill University. Applications for the 2007 Research Award will be published shortly.

For more information regarding grants and awards, please visit the CAAIF website at: www.allergyfoundation.ca

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The Allergy Asthma Information Association (AAIA) Triple "A" Run Walk Sunday, May 27, 2007.

10 km walk starts at 09:30 a.m.

5 km walk & run and 10 km run start at 10:00 a.m.

2km Family Scamper starts at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Heydenshore Pavilion, adjacent to the Whitby Waterfront Trail

For more information, please visit the AAIA website at: www.aaia.ca or call 1-888-250-2298.



Proceeds go to support allergy, asthma and anaphylaxis research and education.

CAAIF SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER DINNER FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

We encourage everyone to contribute items to the Silent Auction, a fundraiser for the foundation.

This silent auction occurs during the CAAIF dinner at the Annual meeting of the CSACI. Proceeds will be used to support funding for research in the field of asthma, allergy and immunology.

We welcome art, handicrafts, gift baskets, and any other prizes.

We thank you for your contributions to this worthwhile event!

IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ XXVI Congress of the European Allergology June 9-13, 2007 Gotborg, Sweden
- ◆ 13th International Congress of Immunology Aug 21 - 25, 2007 Rio De Janiero, Brazil
- ◆ **CSACI Annual Meeting September 27 – 30, 2007 - Edmonton, Alberta (Westin Hotel)**
- ◆ XVIII World Congress of Asthma Oct 14 - 17, 2007 Guadalajara, Mexico
- ◆ American College of Allergy Asthma and Immunology Nov 9 - 14, 2007 Dallas, TX
- ◆ World Allergy Congress Dec 2-6, 2007 Bangkok, Thailand
- ◆ American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Mar 14 – 18, 2008 Philadelphia, PA

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be sent to the membership quarterly. If you would like to receive future newsletters by email, please indicate this by emailing csaci@rcpsc.edu. Those who indicate no preference will continue to receive the newsletters by mail.