



## President's Message

I hope you all had the opportunity to take time to enjoy this past summer and fall, because old man winter is just around the corner.

Looking back on 2013, I am proud of the many accomplishments of our society.



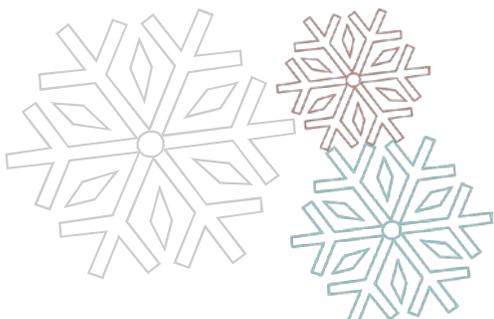
The CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting was the highlight of our activities as a scientific society. As you will see in the report presented by Dr. Stuart Carr, 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting Chair, this year's meeting was a great success in terms of attendance, scientific sessions and abstracts presented.

I was pleased to see the large number of abstracts submitted with about 1/3 of the 64 submissions being presented by our Fellows-In-Training, Medical Students and Allied Health Professionals. I would like to thank Dr. Carr and the planning committee for putting together such a great event.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Edmond Chan was elected to the CSACI Board at our annual meeting. He will continue to serve as Pediatric Interest Section Chair and Dr. Kyla Hildebrand will assist as co-chair of this section.

The CSACI position statement "Safety of topical calcineurin inhibitors in the management of atopic dermatitis in children and adults" has been published in the AACI Journal and our Pediatric Interest Section was successful in releasing a joint statement with the Canadian Pediatric Society on "Dietary exposures and allergy prevention in high-risk infants" which will soon be published in our Journal as well.

We are now in the preparation phase of a new strategic plan. The CSACI will be holding a retreat next fall and would like your direct involvement in the process both before and after the retreat. Over the next few months you will be hearing more about our strategic planning process, so stay tuned and feel free to email us with your ideas.



Happy Holidays!

*Paul*

Dr. Paul Keith  
CSACI President

## CSACI NEWSLETTER

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## JOURNAL UPDATE:

Allergy Asthma & Clinical Immunology, our Society Journal, continues to see increasing numbers of submissions. In 2012 we published 19 peer-reviewed articles. So far, up until the end of November, we have published 45 articles. We continue to receive a steady number of submissions, of increasing quality. I am also happy to see more submissions from Canadian authors.

We are currently preparing to publish the abstracts from the CSACI meeting in Toronto and also the AllerGen abstracts from the same meeting. The joint abstract collaboration between the two organizations was a great success, giving opportunities for interactions between basic and clinician scientists. We have free slots available for the winners of the CSACI Poster competitions.

We have added to our Editorial Board a number of distinguished clinical and basic scientists that will improve the quality of the review process and hopefully attract more manuscripts. We hope to enhance the Board further with additional members from the US and Europe.

The following is the list of new Board members.

- Dr. Rohan V Ameratunga, Auckland District Health Board, New Zealand
- Dr. Marilia Cascalho, University of Michigan, United States
- Dr. Edmond Chan, BC Children's Hospital, Canada
- Professor Motohiro Ebisawa, Sagamihara National Hospital, Japan
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- Dr. Harissios Vliagoftis, University of Alberta, Canada
- Professor Geng Xu, Sun Yat-Sen University, China

We have applied for an Impact Factor with Thomson Reuters, but this will require the Journal to be followed for a period of time by Thomson Reuters, and I have not received any further information on this application, since it was submitted in the summer.

I would encourage all members of the Society to consider submitting to our Journal, since your membership includes a 50% reduction in the publication fee.

*Richard Warrington, BSc (Hons), MB.BS, PhD, FAAAAI, FRCPC,  
AACI Journal Editor*

*More AACI Journal news can be found on page 11*

# INTEREST SECTION REPORTS

## PEDIATRIC INTEREST SECTION REPORT

### Goals for 2013

- Continue work on Canadian Allergy Prevention guidelines
- Continue to liaise with the Canadian Pediatric Society (CPS)

### Explanation of Goals

Canadian guidelines for introduction of foods in infants and allergy prevention have been written by this section and have been undergoing extensive review by the CPS since the beginning of 2012.

The allergy prevention guidelines are a joint effort with the CPS (Canadian Pediatric Society), an illustration of how the CSACI can liaise more with the CPS. Once published, dissemination will be important.

### Meetings/Teleconferences and Progress to date

There has been regular work with the various CPS committees and sections on revisions to the allergy prevention guidelines.

At the CSACI Annual Scientific meeting in Toronto Oct 5, 2013, the Pediatric Interest section reconvened with a stellar turnout. There was stimulating discussion about the upcoming infant dietary exposures and allergy prevention guidelines, dissemination plans for the guidelines, influenza vaccine and egg allergy, and Pediatric relevant aspects of the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the parent guidebook "Anaphylaxis in schools and other settings".

Dr Kyla Hildebrand kindly accepted the role of vice chair of the Pediatric Interest section, assisting me in initiatives over the coming year.

Since the meeting in Toronto, I am very pleased to announce that the CPS Position statement on allergy prevention in infants has been accepted for publication, with a publication date of Dec 2, 2013. As this is a joint statement with the CSACI, it will also be published in the CSACI's journal afterwards.

**Dr. Edmond Chan, Section Chair**

## ASTHMA INTEREST SECTION REPORT

A CSACI Position Statement on adrenal suppression in children with asthma treated with inhaled corticosteroids has been drafted by Karine Issa-El Khoury in collaboration with Francisco Noya, Harold Kim, and Edmond Chan. It has been submitted to the Society's Board for review, with intent to publish it in the journal.

The program for our Annual Meeting in Toronto this fall had excellent asthma content. The plenary session on the morning of October 5th was dedicated to asthma. Dr. Paul O'Byrne from McMaster talked about new and emergent therapies; Dr. Parameswaran Nair, also from McMaster, discussed the therapeutic relevance of distinguishing eosinophilic from neutrophilic asthma; and Dr. Francine Ducharme from Université de Montréal presented on daily versus intermittent inhaled corticosteroids in children with mild persistent asthma.

During the Asthma Interest Section meeting, we presented the proposed position statement on ICS and adrenal suppression. Recent articles concerning biologic therapeutics of asthma (anti-IL13 and anti-IL4R-alpha) were also discussed.

**Prepared by Dr. Francisco Noya, Section Chair**

# INTEREST SECTION REPORTS

## RHINOSINUSITIS INTEREST SECTION REPORT

Under the title "Rhinosinusitis: Always Straightforward?" I presented a collection of seven difficult cases of rhinosinusitis. Each case was submitted to the general discussion.

There was active participation of the audience along with the general acquiescence that rhinosinusitis provides many generally unexpected challenges in diagnosis, prognosis and treatment.

Thank you!

**Dr. Fanny Silviu-Dan, Section Chair**

## ANAPHYLAXIS INTEREST SECTION REPORT

The Anaphylaxis section has been working on a number of position statements. A draft has been written re: the post-stabilization management of anaphylaxis. As well, a draft regarding the use of epinephrine in infants weighing less than 15 kg is in the process. A literature review of the use of epinephrine and first responders has been performed. These issues were discussed at the meeting in October. However, anyone interested in this latter topic should contact me!

Otherwise, liaison with local emergency departments regarding the use of Emergency Department Anaphylaxis Protocols as presented at our last meeting has resulted in many departments adopting similar protocols. This was presented by myself and Dr. Ellis at the most recent CAEP conference.

**Dr. Doug Mack, Section Chair**

## ALLIED HEALTH INTEREST SECTION REPORT

It was great to meet fellow Allied Health Members during the CSACI Symposium break-out sessions. The Allied Health session was attended by nurses, researchers and dietitians. The meeting's main objectives were to discuss and prioritize goals for the Section and to get ideas for the 2014 Allied Health full day symposium.

Some ideas that emerged from the breakout sessions include:

- Expanding the promotion of the CSACI to other Allied Health Professional groups such as dietitians, Emergency Room Nurses Association, etc.
- Consider forms of communication for Allied Health Members that provide information related to their practice areas:
  - Allied Health Specific newsletter to accompany CSACI newsletter
  - Promote education in the form of a blog or e-forum
- Updating the Allied Health Section of the CSACI website and keeping it current

Several topics and speakers were suggested for the 2014 symposium. Your ideas and learning needs are always welcomed and will definitely be considered in the planning!

Minutes of the meeting are available on the CSACI website, Section of Allied Health. I encourage members to review them and send me any feedback you may have.

My special thanks to Dr. Meghan Azad, Dr. Jennifer Protudjer, and Dr. Anthony Levinson for their interesting presentations to the Allied Health Members. All had so much more to offer than what their 20-minute time slot allowed but we appreciated the information and look forward to learning more about their specialties!

Finally, I wish all my allergy colleagues a safe and happy holiday season! Enjoy the cold and the snow, knowing that at least it pollen free!

**Jo-Anne St-Vincent and Bev Kulbaba, Co-Chairs of the Allied Health Section**

## INTEREST SECTION REPORTS

### IMMUNOLOGY INTEREST SECTION REPORT

The Immunology Section meeting focused on newborn screening (NBS) for severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID).

There are usually no clues at birth that a baby has SCID but, without treatment, babies with SCID are prone to serious infections that are very often life-threatening. Screening for SCID means that babies with SCID can be identified and treated early. Treatments help provide them with a working immune system to protect them from serious infections.

In August 2013, Ontario introduced NBS using the T-cell receptor excision circle (TREC) assay on dried blood spot samples already collected by the screening laboratories. This achievement was celebrated by the Immunology section.

The section meeting reviewed:

- Progress in adding SCID to the NBS panels in other Canadian provinces.
- The benefits of early diagnosis of SCID.
- Some potential imitations of the TREC assay and the need ongoing clinical vigilance in diagnosing SCID.

**Dr. Stuart Turvey on behalf of Dr. Christine McCusker, Section Chair**

### IMPORTANT DATES - 2014

**CSACI Canadian Reception - March 1, 2014, San Diego, California, The Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel – March 1, 2014**

**AAAAI Meeting – February 28 to March 4, 2014, San Diego, California**

**CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting – October 23 to 26, 2014, Delta Hotel, Ottawa**

**American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Meeting – November 6 to 10, 2014, Atlanta, GA**

### ***In memory***

#### ***Dr. Redwan Moqbel***

The loss of someone dear is always painful. Dr. Redwan Moqbel passed away on October 9<sup>th</sup> in Winnipeg after a lengthy battle with cancer. Redwan was honored with countless awards including the **CSACI Award for Research in Immunology**. Dr. Moqbel leaves behind his wife, children and grandchildren.

#### ***Dr. Mortimer Katz***

It is with great sadness that we announce that Dr. Mortimer Katz died peacefully on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 87. A number of us knew him as allergist, in active practice until his death, but he was also an amazing jazz musician who found such incredible joy playing his sax, clarinet and piano. Dr. Katz is survived by his wife and his three children.

***They will be dearly missed by their family, friends and colleagues in Canada and around the world.***

## FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING SECTION

### FIT REPORT

The FIT symposium at the 2013 CSACI Annual Meeting began with a lively election! We are happy to welcome Dr. Winder Gill as the deputy FIT chair. This was followed by a lecture series covering a potpourri of allergy topics; from effective communication skills to career planning. We would like to thank Drs. Anne Ellis, Greg Rex, and Wade Watson for their outstanding talks. This year saw the first of what will become an annual part of the meeting, a practice OSCE examination for fellows. While we were all anxious about the prospect of an examination, the FITs found it to be a valuable and educational experience, and are grateful for the opportunity to further hone our skills! Beyond the FIT symposium, the CSACI Annual Meeting is an excellent venue for learning and networking opportunities that are integral for FITs as we transition to our role as allergists / clinical immunologists. We're looking forward to next year already!

**Dr. Andy O'Keefe, FIT Representative**

### PRACTICE OSCE

As Chair of the Royal College Specialty Committee for Allergy and Clinical Immunology, and on behalf of the Vice Chair Dr Bill Moote, I am delighted to report that our first "Practice OSCE" at the annual meeting of the CSACI was a tremendous success. The 28 participating FIT's gave overwhelming feedback that this was an extremely valuable and positive experience. We have learned from this exercise and expect to use it as a platform for ongoing refinement of how to optimally conduct the OSCE. I'd also like to thank our dedicated faculty who committed their time their time and expertise. On another note, I will have further information on a new development in residency education called "Competency Based Education" which will affect all Royal College training programs.

Until then, a happy and healthy holiday and New Year to all!

**Respectfully submitted, Dr. Susan Wasserman**

### THE NATIONAL RESIDENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (NREP)

The National Residents Educational Program (NREP) is designed to increase interest in the subspecialty of Allergy & Clinical Immunology among full-time Canadian medical students and residents in training. Potential candidates, preferably a PGY1 or PGY2, who demonstrate interest in the subspecialty, are chosen by the Internal Medicine and Pediatric program directors to attend the CSACI annual scientific meeting. The NREP can also be nominated by a member of the CSACI.

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for a resident to participate in a high-calibre scientific meeting and be exposed to the most current information and trends in Allergy and Clinical Immunology. Furthermore, the resident has an opportunity to interact with peers and exchange information regarding his/her future career and attend social events.

In the past decade the CSACI has hosted over 130 candidates (some candidates did partake twice) and over 89% of them have gone into the subspecialty of Allergy & Clinical Immunology.

I am also happy to report that this year's program was again a great success. Feedback from the candidates was very positive and we invite you to contact us if you know a medical student or PGY1/PGY2 who is interested in participating in next year's meeting in Ottawa.

**Dr. Paul Keith**  
**CSACI President**

# CSACI 2013 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The 2013 CSACI annual scientific meeting was a great success with a number of highly respected national and international speakers taking time out of their busy schedules to help make this a memorable event. I would like to thank the members of the program committee for their efforts in making our conference a success.

Most importantly, it is only through the attendance and participation of our membership that we are able to enjoy the success we have with our educational conference. The CSACI has been providing effective CPD meetings for over 15 years and this would not be possible without the generosity and support of the corporate partners.

The program began with a novel and incredibly well-received Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) for trainees, followed by an excellent joint CSACI / Immunodeficiency Canada immunology symposium. A record number of abstracts were presented at the meeting, 64 from our members and 31 from AllerGen trainees. Over two dozen abstracts were selected for oral presentations. The abstract award winners are listed on page 8.

***Dr. Estelle Simons delivered an excellent inaugural keynote lecture, setting a standard we will have to work hard to meet next year.***

I would also like to congratulate the following winners:

***Dr. Kari Nadeau, Bram Rose Memorial Lectureship***  
***Dr Stuart Turvey, 2013 CSACI Award for Research in Immunology***  
***Dr. Charles Frankish, David McCourtie Memorial Award***  
***Dr. Estelle Simons, Jerry Dolovich Award***

We hope that this meeting provided you with an opportunity to expand your knowledge, renew acquaintances, make some new friends, and network with researchers, clinicians and allied health professionals.

We look forward to another successful meeting next year in Ottawa from October 23 to 26 at the Delta Hotel. Keep an eye out for further information as the program takes shape.

**Dr. Stuart Carr, Program Committee Chair**

## Recognizing excellence in allergy research

The 2013 annual scientific meeting of the **Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology** was held last month in Toronto, bringing together both Canadian and international experts from the allergy community. Covering both basic and clinical research, the conference was an important event for sharing knowledge amongst the specialists and researchers in attendance.

In addition to the traditional CSACI awards for best abstracts, this year's conference was supported by **AllerGen**, who also ran their own poster competition for young researchers.

The conference abstracts will be published in **Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology** early next year. Once published you will be able to view and download all of the abstracts. Congratulations to all of the winners and of course to all of the contributors – the standard of research presented was incredibly high, giving the judges a tough job.

# CSACI 2013 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

As mentioned, the CSACI received a record number of outstanding submissions this year. The winners are:

## CSACI POSTER COMPETITION:

### Basic Science/Immunology:

Regulation of Proteinase Activated Receptor-2 on airway epithelium, Vivek Ghandi, University of Alberta

### Allergic Rhinitis/Asthma:

Probiotic supplementation during pregnancy or infancy for the prevention of asthma and wheeze: A systematic review and meta-analysis, Meghan Azad, University of Alberta

### Other Allergy & Immunology:

Systematic review of outcome measures in randomised controlled trials of pediatric eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE) treatment, Tamar Rubin, University of Alberta

### Food Allergy/Anaphylaxis:

Powder milk as a user-friendly tool for baked milk challenge, Sabrine Cherkaoui, Université de Montréal

### Case Reports

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Specific IgEs passively transferred through a platelet transfusion caused two discrete allergic reactions to food, Joyce Ching, Department of Pediatrics, Rouge Valley Health System, Toronto

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Kounis syndrome and systemic mastocytosis: One step from elective lipoma resection to cardiac arrest, Marina Lerner, McMaster University

## ALLERGEN POSTER COMPETITION:

### Top Undergraduate Students:

**Laura Feldman**, University of Toronto, *Estimating the impact of temperature and air pollution on cardiopulmonary and diabetic health during the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games*: **Timothy Chung**, University of Toronto (supervised by Dr. Brian Rowe) - *Pre-hospital management of anaphylaxis in one Canadian urban centre*: and **Ayanna Boyce**, University of Waterloo (supervised by Dr. Padmaja Subbarao) – *Are known biomarkers for asthma present in early infancy?*

### Genes-Environment Interactions:

**1st Place** – Dr. Elinor Simons, University of Toronto (supervised by Dr. Teresa To) – *Longitudinal association between neighbourhood walkability and incident childhood asthma*: **2nd Place** – Dr. Michelle North, Queen's University (supervised by Dr. Anne Ellis) – *Epigenetic upregulation of  $\beta 1$ -syntrophin correlates with rhinitis symptoms in the Environmental*: **Honourable Mention** – Sami Shariff, University of Calgary (supervised by Dr. Richard Leigh) - *Human rhinovirus infection of human bronchial epithelial cells results in migration of human airway smooth muscle cells*

### Biomarkers and Bioinformatics:

**1st Place** – Amrit Singh, University of British Columbia (supervised by Dr. Scott Tebbutt) – *Th17/Treg ratio derived using DNA methylation analysis discriminates allergen-induced early from dual asthmatic response*: **2nd Place** – Claudia Hui, McMaster University (supervised by Dr. Judah Denburg) - *Thymic stromal lymphopoietin promotes human eosinophil-basophil lineage commitment: a key role for tumor necrosis factor-alpha*: **Honourable Mention** – Jenny Thiele, Queen's University (supervised by Dr. Anne Ellis) – *The Allergic Rhinitic Clinical Investigator Collaborative – nasal allergen induced eosinophilia*

### Patients, Policy and Public Health:

**1st Place** – Linda Warner, University of British Columbia (supervised by Dr. Stuart Turvey) – *Optimizing Subject Retention in a longitudinal birth cohort study: lessons learned from the Vancouver site of the CHILd study*: **2nd Place** – Laura Feldman, University of Toronto (supervised by Dr. Teresa To) – *Estimating the impact of temperature and air pollution on cardiopulmonary and diabetic health during the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games*: **Honourable Mention** – Timothy Chung, University of Toronto (supervised by Dr. Brian Rowe) – *Pre-hospital management of anaphylaxis in one Canadian urban centre*

# CSACI 2013 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

## Let's welcome our new CSACI members:

### Fellow Members:

Dr. Yoram Faitelson, Dr. Hermenio Lima

### Associate Fellow Member (FIT):

Dr. Mitra Abaeian, Dr. Al-Rushood Maysoun, Dr. Sabrine Cherkaoui, Dr. Charles Fillion, Dr. Geneviève Genest, Dr. Parwinder (Winder) Gill, Dr. Peter Ho, Dr. Allison Kwan, Dr. Marina Lerner, Dr. James Loh, Dr. Alex Lyttle, Dr. Husam Malibary, Dr. Caroline McLaughlin, Dr. Michelle North, Dr. Jaclyn Quirt, Dr. Tamar Rubin, Dr. Bahar Torabi; and Dr. Di Xue

### Associate Members:

Ms. Caroline Ethier, Mr. Vivek Gandhi

### Allied Health Professionals:

Mr. Edson Castilho, Ms. Judith Costantini, Ms. Roxanne Dantzer, Ms. Sarah Garvey, Ms. Jennifer Gransden, Ms. Anne Hill, Ms. Sara Johnson, Ms. Scarlet Salas, Ms. Lisa Stacey, Ms. Karlee Trafford, Ms. Perri Tutelman and Ms. Jing Venevongsa

### Medical Students:

Ms. Bahar Bahrani, Ms. Sarah Felder, Ms. Natasha Gattey and Ms. Laura Kim

### **FIT BOWL 2013**

Once again the Annual FIT Trivia Bowl was a resounding success. This year marked the beginning of formal teams based on training programs and the winners were honored with a plaque space on the new FIT Bowl Trophy!

Congratulations to the winning team from U of T (Nina Lakhani, Amanda Jagdis and Parwinder (Winder) Gill).

Many thanks to our teams, my esteemed judge Dr. Charles Frankish and our sponsors ALK-Abelló Pharmaceuticals and Paladin Labs for sponsoring the event.

Anne K. Ellis, MD FRCPC, Queen's University  
FIT Bowl Moderator

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## FOUNDATION NEWS (CAAIF)

### 2013 CAAIF Grants:

*Dr. Anne Des Roches, Université de Montréal, CHU Sainte-Justine* “Walk to Axe Anaphylaxis” Research Award for Anaphylaxis Research in Canada for her project entitled “Risk of anaphylaxis at time of allergenic food introduction in siblings of children with food allergy”.

*Dr. Allan Becker and Ms. Cathy Gillespie, University of Manitoba*, have been awarded \$10,000 for the 2013 CAAIF Research Grant Competition for their project entitled “Development of an education program for teens at risk for food-induced anaphylaxis”.



### THANK YOU!

Dr. Leith, CAAIF Chair, presented a plaque to Carol Sleeth and Debbie Bruce from the Allergy Asthma Information Association in recognition for the proceeds from 2013 Run Walk event which raised over \$20,000.

### 2013 Silent Auction

On behalf of the Canadian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF), I would like to thank you for your generous donations to the CAAIF Silent Auction.

## IN OTHER NEWS

### AllerGen Emerging Clinician-Scientist Fellowship

Shaping the careers of Clinician-Scientists in Canada

In 2011, Dr. Ben-Shoshan received the inaugural **AllerGen Emerging Clinician-Scientist Fellowship**. Valued at \$250,000, this award responds to the critical shortage of allergy and clinical immunology expertise in Canada and enables newly trained Canadian Clinical Immunologists and Allergists to pursue allergy, asthma and anaphylaxis academic research.

“This AllerGen award was crucial to establishing my career as a clinician-scientist,” says Dr. Ben-Shoshan. “It allowed me to develop skills as an epidemiologist, establish collaborations with other investigators and research sites, and dedicate focus and research time to the Cross-Canada Anaphylaxis Registry (C-CARE) study.” C-CARE, the first prospective study on anaphylaxis, establishes patient registries and assesses the rate, triggers and management of anaphylaxis in emergency medical services, emergency departments and medical clinics across Canada.

For more information on the AllerGen *Emerging Clinician-Scientist Fellowship* [CLICK HERE](#) YOU CAN DELETE THIS, THERE ARE 2 LIVE LINKS TO SAME PAGE.

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**2014 Application Deadline - April 11, 2014**

# AACI JOURNAL NEWS UPDATE

## LEARN MORE ABOUT CSACI'S OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL

Did you know that [Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology \(AACI\)](#) has an unofficial Impact Factor of **3.03** that over **2000 AACI registrants** receive new article alert notifications **and that AACI** articles are accessed over **35,000** times per month? We hope that these numbers, the following information about publishing in AACI and the selection of recent articles will encourage you to submit your next manuscript to the journal.

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### Have you read some of the most popular AACI articles from this year?

Review: [A practical guide to the monitoring and management of the complications of systemic corticosteroid therapy](#) Dora Liu, Alexandra Ahmet, Leanne Ward, Preetha Krishnamoorthy, Efrem D Mandelcorn, Richard Leigh, Jacques P Brown, Albert Cohen, Harold Kim *Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology* 2013, **9**:30 (15 August 2013)

Review: [CSACI position statement: safety of topical calcineurin inhibitors in the management of atopic dermatitis in children and adults](#) Audrey O Segal, Anne K Ellis, Harold L Kim *Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology* 2013, **9**:24 (9 July 2013)

Research: [Induction of immune tolerance and reduction of aggravated lung eosinophilia by co-exposure to Asian sand dust and ovalbumin for 14 weeks in mice](#) Miao He, Takamichi Ichinose, Seiichi Yoshida, Hirohisa Takano, Masataka Nishikawa, Guifan Sun, Takayuki Shibamoto *Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology* 2013, **9**:19 (3 June 2013)

Research: [Infant gut microbiota and the hygiene hypothesis of allergic disease: impact of household pets and siblings on microbiota composition and diversity](#) Meghan B Azad, Theodore Konya, Heather Maughan, David S Guttman, Catherine J Field, Malcolm R Sears, Allan B Becker, James A Scott, Anita L Kozyrskyj, CHILD Study Investigators *Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology* 2013, **9**:15 (22 April 2013)

Research: [Improper inhaler technique is associated with poor asthma control and frequent emergency department visits](#) Hamdan AL-Jahdali, Anwar Ahmed, Abdullah AL-Harbi, Mohd Khan, Salim Baharoon, Salih Bin Salih, Rabih Halwani, Saleh Al-Muhsen *Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology* 2013, **9**:8 (6 March 2013)

# CSACI 2014 CANADIAN RECEPTION

## JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN SAN DIEGO FOR THE CSACI CANADIAN RECEPTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2014

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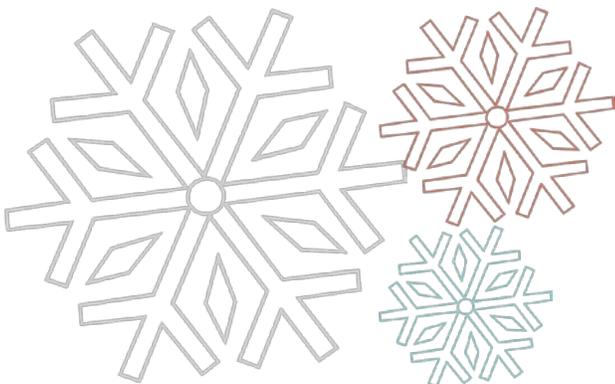
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