



CSACI NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

Spring has gone (I think) and summer (I hope) is just around the corner. Perhaps this won't be the worst allergy season ever. (Hopefully with your help it won't be!)

I am happy to report that the CSACI board has approved its new CSACI position statement on: *Safety of topical calcineurin inhibitors in the management of atopic dermatitis in children and adults* and it has been submitted for publication to our journal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Harold Kim, Dr. Anne Ellis and Dr. Audrey Segal for this excellent document. If you have further ideas for position statements please let us know.

This past February, at the CSACI mid-term meeting in San Antonio, discussion ensued on the Development of an Evidence-based Certified Allergy Educator Curriculum. I attended the AllerGen NCE Inc. and CNRC Knowledge Mobilization Planning Workshop in January where we deliberated how the CSACI could work in collaboration with these groups to develop the curriculum. The CSACI will contribute as content experts and looks forward to seeing how this could further help our patients. This will be discussed further at the annual AllerGen meeting this June. Your input in this endeavor is welcomed.

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to the CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting. Reserve the dates October 3 to 6, 2013 – Toronto, Ontario. The meeting will provide an opportunity to strengthen relationships with colleagues and develop new ones through the networking opportunities of the workshops, scientific presentations, discussions around the posters and through the sharing of ideas and mutual interests. The Organizing Committee under the direction of our past president Dr. Stuart Carr is actively developing a program of interest focussed on current issues including: Urticaria Update, Asthma update, Immunology Symposium, Pro/Con Debates, Fellows-In-Training Workshop, and so much more ... Visit www.csaci.ca for all your annual meeting information.

I attended the Specialist Forum at the CMA meeting this past February. The following key points were discussed: Family practice development of special areas of interest; Allied health care providers – impact on physician resource needs; Physician Assistants – existing and future opportunities for collaboration in health care delivery; Resident's perspective on practice .../2



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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... opportunities; Journey through the resident's lens –for more information, please contact the CSACI Head Office. I will be attending the World Allergy and Asthma Congress in conjunction with the EAACI meeting in Milan in June and will report my findings in the next newsletter.

The 2013 CSACI membership dues notice have gone out. We value your membership and hope you will continue to support the CSACI. Keeping your membership current helps maintain a strong CSACI promoting the interests of allergy, asthma and clinical immunology across Canada. Please remit your dues and continue your support.

Dr. Paul Keith, CSACI President



IMPORTANT DATES

2013 – 2014

CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting
October 3 to 6, 2013,
Toronto Hilton, Ontario

American College of Allergy, Asthma
and Immunology Meeting –
November 7 – 11, 2013, Baltimore,
Maryland

WAO Symposium on Immunotherapy
and Biologics – December 13-14,
2013, Chicago, IL

CSACI Canadian Reception
San Diego, California (Location – to
be determined) – March 1, 2014

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

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FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING SECTION

Hello FITs! We have been diligently working on the next CSACI FIT symposium to be held in Toronto, October 2013. This year we hope to address a number of topics encompassing some of your favorite CanMEDS roles, ranging from medical expert to communicator! We have arranged for some great speakers and look forward to seeing you in October!

Thanks,

Andy

(Dr. Andy O'Keefe – FIT Representative)



Calling all Fellows-in-Training!

The RCPSC Specialty Committee for Allergy and Clinical Immunology has spearheaded the development of a "**Practice OSCE**" during the (Fellows-in-Training) **FIT Day*** (on Thursday morning, October 3 – at the Hilton Toronto) to help prepare for RC examinations.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING.

RSVP: info@csaci.ca ASAP

Get the edge and join your faculty examiners for this inaugural event of constructive feedback and fun!

**To be held in conjunction with the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI) Annual Scientific Meeting.*

Fellow Training Program

CI Society-Grifols Fellow Training Program

The CI Society-Grifols Fellow Training Program provides financial aid to trainees in Canadian fellowship programs who wish to expand their education in immunodeficiency disorders. The intent of the program is to support immunology trainees who plan to practice in Canada upon completion of their studies. Applications can be made for rotations at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Saint Justine

or the Montreal Children's Hospital. Specific arrangements must be made with the home and host institution Training Program Directors before applying. Only after full agreement of the rotation by all parties can a fellow apply to the CI Society-Grifols Fellow Training Program.

Please click on the following link for the application form:

<http://cisociety.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/CIS-GrifolsFellowsApp.pdf>

All applications should be emailed to:

fellows@cisociety.com

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INTEREST SECTION REPORTS

ANAPHYLAXIS REPORT

Over the past few months, we have drafted and nearly completed a position statement on post resuscitative care of anaphylaxis. We will distribute this prior to the next meeting for discussion at the next meeting. As well, a number of areas of need for position statements have been brought to my attention. Ideally, at the next meeting I would like to discuss with interested parties the following:

- o Epinephrine in the prehospital environment
- o Guidelines for the use of epinephrine in children under 15 kg

I have conducted preliminary literature reviews in these areas and I think these topics would benefit both physicians and the public. I think these are great initiatives and would welcome interested individuals to contact me at dougpmack@gmail.com.

Cheers,
Doug
(Dr. Doug Mack – Anaphylaxis Chair)

PEDIATRIC REPORT

It was nice to see members of the Pediatric section at the AAAAI meeting in San Antonio in February. Since the last newsletter, there has been continued progress on the draft Canadian guidelines on allergy prevention and dietary exposures, but overall the progress has been slow. The amount of work necessary to get this approved by the various committees and review panels of the Canadian Paediatric Society (CPS) has been considerable and much more than anticipated. We hope to have the Board of directors of the CPS review the document in the next few months, which would be the last step before completion. Our collaboration with the CPS on this initiative will ultimately strengthen our long term partnership with them. Once completed, we welcome suggestions for optimal dissemination of the guidelines to all pediatric care providers.

Regards,
Edmond
(Dr. Edmond Chan – Pediatric Chair)

ALLIED HEALTH REPORT

We look forward to seeing Allied Health Members at this year's Annual Symposium in Toronto, October 3-6, 2013. CSACI is planning 3 days of interesting and relevant topics, including one session geared specifically for Allied Health members. This year, we plan to explore the effects of globalization on allergy by looking at rates of allergy around the world and the effects of immigration on our practice. We also plan to explore the current and potential use of multimedia in patient education.

It's not too early to start planning the 2014 meeting! That meeting will provide a full day interactive, evidence based symposium geared to Allied Health Members.

I invite all allied health members (nurses, community pharmacists, family physicians, pediatricians, dieticians and respiratory therapists, etc) to think about topics of interest and challenges in your practice. Please take a moment to send me all your ideas. Together, we can plan a meeting that will improve our professional skills and benefit our patients!

Please email your ideas to the CSACI Allied Health Section at jstvincent@hsc.mb.ca.

Jo-Anne St-Vincent RN, BN, CAE
Allied Health Chair

ASTHMA REPORT

Our Annual Meeting in Toronto this fall will have excellent asthma content. The plenary session on the morning of October 5th is dedicated to asthma. Paul O'Byrne from McMaster will talk about new and emergent therapies. Parameswaran Nair, also from McMaster will discuss the therapeutic relevance of distinguishing eosinophilic from neutrophilic asthma. Francine Ducharme from Université de Montréal will present on the safety of inhaled corticosteroids. During the Asthma Interest Section, we will present a new position statement on ICS and adrenal suppression. If time allows, we could discuss interesting articles from 2013.

If you have any suggestions for our interest section meeting in Toronto I will like to hear from you. Please email me at francisco.noya@mcgill.ca

Prepared by Francisco Noya
(Dr. Francisco Noya – Asthma Chair)

CSACI NEWS

ALLERGY ASTHMA & CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY (AACI)

The AACI Journal is preparing to apply for an official impact factor, based on the last six months of publications. The process, which is through Thomson Reuters, will normally take about one year.

Hopefully we will be successful, since this would make the Journal more attractive for submissions. Some institutions require that their Faculty only submit to journals with official impact factors. It is also likely that we will attract more articles if we have an official IF.

We are also arranging, through BioMed Central, to have an RSS feed on the CSACI website for new articles published in the Journal.

Once more let me encourage you to take advantage of the Society's shared membership in BioMed Central and submit an article to the Journal.

Dr. Richard Warrington, AACI Editor

CanMEDS

In fall 2012, the Royal College began a three-year project to update the [CanMEDS Physician Competency Framework](#). The overall goal of the project is to further align the CanMEDS Framework with a [competency-based approach to medical education \(CBME\)](#).

We are asking for your support in completing the survey. This is your opportunity to shape the future of the CanMEDS framework and medical education and practice in Canada.

ALLERGIC LIVING MAGAZINE!

Canadian allergists in practice who want the Allergic Living magazine for their waiting room just need to e-mail info@allergicliving.com and request an "allergist's waiting room copy".

Please include name, address and the e-mail of a contact person in the office (just in case of delivery issues).

Please note this magazine is only available in English.

Have you seen the free poster put out by Allergic Living magazine?

<http://allergicliving.com/index.php/2013/05/13/six-that-save-lives-free-educational-poster-for-anaphylaxis/> (only available in English)

The survey will be accessible to anyone via the Royal College website on May 29th through to June 30th. We will also send you an invitation that day.

In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me via CanMEDS@royalcollege.ca

For more information about the new CanMEDS 2015 initiative: royalcollege.ca/canmeds2015

CSACI 2013 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR THE
2013 CSACI ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
OCTOBER 3 to 6 --- TORONTO, ONTARIO

CSACI MEETING – IMPORTANT TIMELINES:

- ❖ ABSTRACT DEADLINE – **JULY 26**
- ❖ HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION CUT-OFF DATE – **AUGUST 26**
- ❖ TRAVEL GRANT DEADLINES – **AUGUST 23**
- ❖ EARLY BIRD MEETING REGISTRATION DEADLINE – **SEPTEMBER 6**

For more information – please visit www.csaci.ca

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CAAIF NEWS



The Allergy/Asthma Information Association (AAIA) and Canadian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF), are pleased to announce that Dr. Manel Jordana and Dr. Susan Wasserman from McMaster University have been awarded the fifth Award for Ontario Research in Food Allergy for their project entitled Mechanisms underlying peanut allergy and anaphylaxis.

The CAAIF would also like to take this opportunity to thank the AAIA for their many years of contributions. **THANK YOU AAIA!**

CAAIF Silent Auction*

Going once, going twice, gone...

This year's SILENT AUCTION will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Toronto Hilton

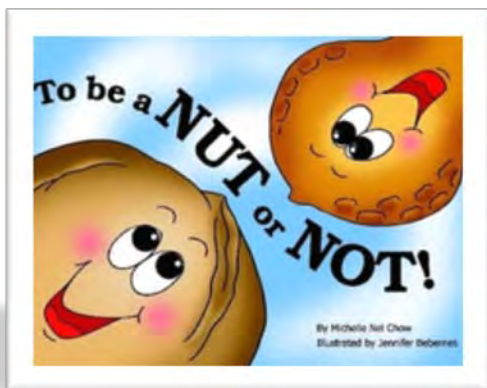
WE WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPROACH CORPORATE FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES WHO MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION. SEE ATTACHED DONATION FORM.

Please note that all donations must be sent to the CAAIF Head Office on or before September 26, 2013

* All donations are to support funding for research into the causes, prevention and treatment of allergic diseases in the field of asthma, allergy and immunology *and not to fund any social event.*



CSACI CORRESPONDENCE



To Be A Nut Or Not* is the first in a series of six allergy books written by Canadian allergy mom and author Michelle Nel Chow and illustrated by American allergy mom and artist Jennifer Bebernes. Michelle began writing in hopes of providing a fun yet informative manner in which to share allergy information. To Be A Nut Or Not provides a safe manner to learn what different tree nuts look like as well answering 'the' question, "Just what IS a peanut?" For more information visit: <http://www.lulu.com/shop/michelle-nel-chow/to-be-a-nut-or-not/paperback/product-21050388.html>

*Please note the CSACI does not endorse this publication.