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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2008

How quickly 2007 has flown by and we are now entering a new year. A year of new hopes, new challenges, and new opportunities.

Work is being completed on the new CSACI website. This newly configured website has a fresh new look and greatly enhanced capabilities. There is a members' only section for members and associate members of the Society. Soon payment of dues and registration fees will be possible through the website. I would like to thank Dr. Richard Warrington and the Website Task Force for all their efforts in developing this new website.

Plans are being finalized for a weekend retreat in May 2008 regarding the sustainability of our subspecialty. This meeting will bring together key stakeholders to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing our subspecialty. Furthermore, the issue of sustainability of the society will be discussed at the AllerGen Annual meeting in Banff, Alberta on February 11, 2008. Dr. Susan Waserman has been heading up the Task Force on Sustainability.

There are new members on the CSACI board. Dr. Marie-Noël Primeau and Dr. Sari Herman-Kideckel joined the CSACI board in September 2007. Dr. Primeau is the head of the Pediatric Allergy training program at the University of Montreal. Dr. Herman-Kideckel is a first year Allergy resident in the University of Toronto program and is the FIT representative on the board.

I wish you all the best in the New Year. I look forward seeing you in Philadelphia in March.

Warmest regards,

*Dr. Charles Frankish*  
President, CSACI

### - IMPORTANT DATES -

- ◆ Maintenance of Certification (MOC) deadline is January 31, 2008
- ◆ AllerGen 3rd Annual Conference - February 10 - 12, 2008 - Banff, Alberta
- ◆ American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology - Mar. 14-18, 2008  
Philadelphia, PA
- ◆ CSACI Mid-Term Canadian Dinner - March 15, 2008, Philadelphia, PA
- ◆ Congress of European Allergology - June 7-11, 2008, Barcelona, Spain
- ◆ 14th International Congress of Immunology - Aug. 22-27, 2008, Kobe, Japan
- ◆ CSACI Annual Meeting - October 23 to 26, 2008  
Hamilton, Ontario
- ◆ XIX World Congress of Asthma, November 5-8, 2008, Monte-Carlo, Monaco,
- ◆ American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology - November 7-12, 2008  
Seattle, WA

## 2007 Annual Meeting Highlights

The annual scientific meeting of the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI), held this past September in Edmonton, was a tremendous success by every measure. The meeting attracted over 300 participants from all across Canada, including clinicians, researchers, trainees, and allied health professionals, all with a common interest in allergy, asthma and immunology. For the first time, the Hereditary Angioedema Network and the Canadian Immunodeficiency Society held their independent meetings in conjunction with the CSCAI.

The academic activities included a Potpourri Symposium of different clinical updates; a translational symposium in "New Biologics In Clinical Allergy"; the Allied Health Symposium on "Allergy: From Bench To Bedside And Beyond"; a Food Allergy / Anaphylaxis Symposium; a plenary session reviewing current literature; and a Poster Session and discussion. Attendees who participated rated the programs very highly. The varied and busy schedule provided many opportunities for networking and socializing.

The CSACI would like to congratulate Dr. Gerald Gleich, Professor from the Department of Dermatology at the University of Utah, recipient of the National Specialty Society Visiting Speaker Award, granted with our great appreciation by the Royal College. Congratulations also to the other award winners including Drs. Richard Pumphrey who gave the Bram Rose Memorial Lectureship, Alan Becker for the CSACI Research in Immunology award, and Robert Reisman for the Jerry Dolovich award.

A special thank you goes to our industry sponsors, without whom a meeting of this caliber would not have been possible. We are extremely grateful for their financial support in the form of unrestricted educational grants, and we look forward to their continuing valued partnership.

Next year's meeting will be held in Hamilton, Ontario, October 23-26, 2008. It promises to be even better, so mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Susan Waserman, 2007 Program Chair

### CSACI Awards

Bram Rose Award - Dr. Richard Pumphrey

David McCourtie Memorial Lectureship - Dr. Susan Waserman

Jerry Dolovich Award - Dr. Robert Reisman

CSACI Award for Research in Immunology - Dr. Alan Becker

### CSACI BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SECTION HEADS



From left to right: Charles Frankish, Eric Leith, Richard Warrington, Susan Waserman, Eyal Grunebaum, David Fisher, Liliane Gendreau-Reid, Sandy Kapur, Paul Keith, Marie-Noël Primeau and last but not least Tim Vander Leek.

Absent, Stu Carr, Stephen Betschel, Rhoda Kagan, David Hummel and F-I-T Representative, Sari Herman-Kideckel

## CAAIF FOUNDATION NEWS

The CAAIF non-profit summit, a gathering of non-profit organizations involved in allergies, asthma and immunologic diseases was held during the CSACI annual meeting in Edmonton. One of the main joint projects to be developed is a collection of FAQs (frequently asked questions) and answers of common concerns related to allergic and immunologic diseases to be available on the CAAIF website and in print for patients, public and caregivers.

The CAAIF fundraising dinner and silent auction was held at the Shaw Conference Centre. The bidding was silent but the funds raised were high. During the CAAIF dinner, AAIA presented a cheque to CAAIF for \$20,000, proceeds from their AAIA run/walk. These funds will be directed to research and education of allergic and immunologic diseases.

*"Building the foundation, pursuing the mission, managing the organization" Smith, Bucklin & Associates, Inc.*

*Dr. Eric Leith, CAAIF Chair*



### CAAIF Awards

2007 Allergy/Asthma Information Association (AAIA) and Canadian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF) Award for Ontario Research in Food Allergy was awarded to Dr. Dana Philpott, from the University of Toronto, for her project entitled "Node-like receptors in the development of asthma using a murine model".

### CSACI POSITION STATEMENTS

**Rhinitis Guidelines:** Consensus guidelines for rhinitis were published in the Journal of Otolaryngology. These guidelines were spearheaded by Dr. Peter Small and Dr. Paul Keith.

Small P, Frenkiel S, et al: **Rhinitis: A Practical and Comprehensive Approach to Assessment and Therapy** J Otolaryngol 2007; 36(suppl. 1)

#### **Anaphylaxis Guidelines**

The guidelines, "Anaphylaxis in Schools and Other Settings", are being distributed to all schools in Canada. A tremendous thank you to Joni Huang for all her efforts in coordinating this huge undertaking.

A revision of this guideline is in the works. Input is being sought from key stakeholders such as the emergency physicians, nurses and paramedics. The revised guidelines are scheduled to be completed later this year.

**\*\* VACANCY - ALLIED HEALTH CHAIR \*\***

Hi Everyone,

It was great to see some of you at the meeting in Edmonton at the end of September!

As those of you who were there know, we are presently looking for a new chair for the Allied Health Section of the CSACI. The responsibilities for this position are not huge and I found the job both interesting and rewarding. The chair is expected to take part in about 4 teleconferences between now and next September. These are in the evening and about an hour in length. As well, you would attend the midterm meeting in March. This year it is to be held in Philadelphia and is largely a planning meeting for the next CSACI Annual General Meeting, which will be held in Hamilton in October 2008. All your expenses for both the midterm and annual meetings are covered by the society.

I know we all agree that it is important for the Allied Health to maintain a presence at the meetings and ultimately in the Society. It is a great way for us to network with other society members as well as to receive all the updates first hand, in advances in the field. It is a perfect opportunity to request any assistance or advice we may need from the experts in the field of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology.

If this sounds like a role that you would enjoy, please let Dr. Chuck Frankish know at [csaci@rcpsc.edu](mailto:csaci@rcpsc.edu). He is great to work with and will be more than happy to walk you through the process. All the physicians on the board were very supportive as I served my year as chair.

Thanks for considering this and I hope that one, or two of you, as the job was always a chair and assistant chair, will take up the challenge. I know you won't regret it!

Take care,

Diane Stewart

**UPDATE FROM THE ROYAL COLLEGE: ENHANCEMENTS TO MAINPORT**

Several enhancements have been made to MAINPORT and as a result, it has a new look with added features such as MY HOLDING AREA where Fellows can record their thoughts and questions for future reference. WEB RESOURCES provides links to useful websites. (A tutorial is also available offering step-by-step assistance). The new format has been designed to support Fellows in recording their learning as it happens, and to enhance their learning and practice benefits.

Once a Fellow has entered the new MAINPORT home page ([www.mainport.org](http://www.mainport.org)), there are two entry points from which to choose:

**REPORT CPD ACTIVITIES** the basic option for recording key aspects of your learning, with some opportunities for reflecting on how it will be useful; or

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