



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This will be my last newsletter as President of your Society; it's hard to believe that my term ends at our meeting in Calgary this fall. It's been an amazing couple of years, definitely challenging times for our Society, but also a time of tremendous opportunity.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer, it's been an up and down couple of months for me personally, starting with a ruptured Achilles tendon in early May requiring surgery and a slow rehabilitation process, but followed up with another basketball gold medal coaching at Alberta Summer Games.

Our mid-term reception in Orlando was well-received, and we appreciate the supportive feedback we received from members in attendance. Richard Warrington has been working hard with his planning committee to organize an excellent scientific program for our forthcoming Calgary meeting, and I'm confident there will be something for everyone at the conference.

The CSACI has recently issued a formal position statement on the very concerning issue of IgG testing for foods, which has now been published online in our own *Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology* journal. I would like to thank Elana Lavine, Edmond Chan and Bill Moote for collaborating with me on this long-overdue endeavour. Dr. Lavine did a great job representing our shared concerns in a number of media opportunities following the publication of her case-based overview of IgG testing in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal*.

The last year has also been a time of struggle. As you will all recall, facing dwindling corporate sponsorship and growing financial uncertainty, we made the decision to sever ties with the Royal College Association Management services, which had become increasingly inefficient and cost-ineffective, and as of April 1, have been contracting with a private management firm for our administrative support. This transition has been seamless so far, and I am grateful to Louise Tremblay for her very hard work ensuring our successful ongoing day-to-day functioning.

Our Ontario members were hit by fee reductions imposed unilaterally by the provincial Minister of Health, an unprecedented move which undermined a long partnership between the province and the Ontario Medical Association. Worse yet, the Ontario Premier sent a letter to all of his counterparts across the country asking them to take similar steps, a serious threat to the traditional relationships between physicians and our health care system ...

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Executive Director

CSACI NEWS

... Hopefully cooler heads will prevail, and the process of honest good faith negotiations will remain the norm, and return to our largest province. We in Alberta have been watching these developments closely, as we have been without a current contract for the past couple of years, and there are grumblings the Alberta government is considering following the Ontario precedent. The CSACI, as a member of the Canadian Medical Association's Specialist Forum, has been involved in discussions around this important issue, and I recently attended the CMA's SPF meeting in Yellowknife on our behalf.

The CSACI has been involved, not to the extent I would prefer, with the most recent Canadian Asthma Guidelines update, spearheaded by the Canadian Thoracic Society. Wade Watson has been a long-standing committee member representing our interests, and Francisco Noya and Harold Kim served as expert reviewers of the document on our behalf before publication. Our Society was involved and well-represented in the World Congress of Asthma in Quebec, an exciting meeting earlier this month which showcased many deserving Canadian clinicians and researchers, including Allan Becker and Dean Befus in a symposium sponsored by the CSACI. I was a member of the planning committee for the meeting, and was very happy with the tremendous focus on allergy and immunology in the final program.

As our Annual Meeting approaches, I want to remind everyone that this is the most important fund-raising opportunity for our Foundation, and on behalf of Eric Leith and the CAAIF Board, I would encourage you all to approach corporate friends and colleagues who may be able to make tax-deductible donations for our SILENT AUCTION. The more we can generate donations from interested third parties rather than our own membership, the more successful the event becomes.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer, and I look forward to seeing you all in Calgary.



Stuart Carr, MD, FRCPC, FAAAAI
President, Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW FELLOW-IN-TRAINING REPRESENTATIVE!

I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to the new CSACI FIT representative, Dr. Amy French, from the University of Toronto.

Dr. Stuart Carr

INTEREST SECTION REPORTS

PEDIATRIC INTEREST SECTION

It was nice to see many of you at the AAAAI meeting in Orlando in March. Since the last newsletter, there has been continued work by many section members on a Joint Position Statement (Canadian Pediatric Society and CSACI) for allergy prevention in infants and dietary exposures. We are waiting for the Canadian Pediatric Society to give their full approval of the statement, which will hopefully occur soon. Please attend the Pediatric Interest Section meeting in Calgary, where we can discuss the statement and other relevant issues of concern to you.

Dr. Edmond Chan
Section Head

ASTHMA SECTION REPORT

Good news for those interested in asthma that will attend our Annual Meeting in Calgary this fall. The program has two asthma presentations in plenary sessions. Wade Watson will discuss the new Canadian asthma guidelines in Plenary Session II on Friday October 12. Francisco Noya and Mark Anselmo will debate maintenance vs. intermittent ICS in preschool wheezers in Plenary Session V on Sunday October 14. The Allied Health Symposium also includes sessions on asthma, one by Devi Banerjee and the other by the Children's Hospital community asthma program representative. The content for the Asthma Interest Section has not yet been determined.

I would like to hear your suggestions. Please email me at francisco.noya@mcgill.ca <<mailto:francisco.noya@mcgill.ca>>

The new Canadian guidelines mentioned above were prepared by the CTS. CSACI was invited to review the guidelines before publication. Harold Kim and Francisco Noya were the reviewers for our society.

CSACI was also represented at the World Congress of Asthma in Quebec City. Francisco Noya chaired the CSACI Symposium where Dean Befus and Allan Becker were the featured speakers. Stuart Carr also co-chaired the ACAAI Symposium. Allan Becker was the busiest CSACI member at WCA because he was also chair in an oral presentation session, debate on dust mite exposure prevention, lecture on pediatric asthma, and co-chaired the Keynote Lecture.

Presented by Dr. Francisco Noya, Section Head

FELLOW-IN-TRAINING REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Thank you for electing me to be the new Fellow-In-Training representative. I am currently in my second year of a Paediatric Allergy and Immunology fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario. I am looking forward to planning the FIT workshop at the upcoming CSACI Annual Meeting in Calgary. If anyone has ideas regarding what they would like to see in the program this year, please feel free to let me know. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any other questions/concerns that you may have, or that you want brought up to the CSACI board of directors. As a reminder, we will be electing a vice-chair during the FIT workshop at the CSACI Annual Meeting in Calgary to allow for continuity for the following year. Looking forward to seeing you all in Calgary!

Many thanks, Amy

INTEREST SECTION REPORTS

RHINITIS AND SINUSITIS REPORT

Dear Rhinosinusitis Section members,

In preparation for the coming CSACI Meeting in Calgary, and in view of the envisaged changes in the format of our annual Section meeting, I would like to suggest a more interactive session.

Under the title: "Useful Information Material for the Rhinosinusitis Patient", we would present various informational material that we offer our rhinosinusitis patients, protocols to evaluate these patients etc. Anyone who has such materials or would like the collective advice as to how best to develop them can benefit from the interaction in this session. Examples of such material: use of saline washes, how to assess successful therapy for rhinosinusitis, allergen avoidance, etc.

Please bring whatever material you already have or your innovative ideas to this exciting session.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Fanny Silviu-Dan, Section Head

ALLIED HEALTH SECTION REPORT

The Allied Health Co-Chairs and CSACI program planning committee have put together an informative and ambitious Allied Health Symposium on Saturday October 13th, 2012. This one day interactive, evidence based symposium provides the latest information and current guidelines on the management of allergic disease. Our Canadian experts in the field of asthma, allergy and immunology will discuss allergic disease from cell, pregnancy, infancy, childhood and adulthood.

CSACI Allied Health members can apply for travel grant for the full meeting or for the one day symposium. Funding is not guaranteed. For more information check the website at www.csaci.ca

If you are interested in being an active member of the CSACI as an Allied Health Chair for 2012 to 2014 please contact Louise Tremblay at info@csaci.ca

We look forward to seeing you at CSACI in Calgary in October 2012.

*Rishma Chooniedass rchooniedass@mich.ca & Nancy Ross nross@hsc.mb.ca
Allied Health Section Co-Chairs*

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES – 2012

[CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting – October 11-14, 2012 – Westin Calgary, Alberta](#)

[American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Meeting – November 8-13 - Anaheim, California](#)

[WAO – WISC International Scientific Conference – 6-9 December 2012 – Hyderabad, India](#)

[CSACI Canadian Reception – San Antonio, Texas \(Location – to be determined\) – February 23, 2013](#)

[AAAAI Meeting – San Antonio, Texas – February 22 to 26, 2013](#)

Dear Colleagues:

The Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI) Nominating Committee will be meeting in September to make recommendations for a new Executive member and two Board members for CSACI.

If you want to get more involved in CSACI, we invite you to consider volunteering on one of its many committees. Committee work not only gives you the chance to shape the future of our society and profession, but it is a unique opportunity to share experiences and solutions with colleagues.

If you are interested in serving as a Board Member or on one of the committees or if you would like to recommend someone please contact the CSACI at info@csaci.ca before September 14, 2011.

Thank you for making CSACI the exciting and dynamic organization it is today, and for ensuring a bright future for our specialty.

Regards,

Stuart Carr

CSACI Board member – three (3) vacancies

Responsibilities:

- Attend the Board Meeting at the Annual Scientific and at the Mid-term meetings each year
- Participate in CSACI Board teleconferences as needed
- *As stipulated in the CSACI bylaws, your term as Board member is for two years renewable on bi-yearly basis at the Annual General Meeting.*

Interest Sections Committees – new chair for Allied Health Section

Responsibilities:

- *We ask that you liaise with your committee members and chair an Interest Section meeting during the CSACI Annual Meeting. If it would help you to accomplish your goals, you may decide to hold one or two teleconferences with key members of your section during the year as well.*
- Report activities to the Executive at least once a year
- *As stipulated in the CSACI bylaws, your term as Section Head is for two years renewable on bi-yearly basis at the Annual General Meeting.*

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XXX OF THE CSACI BYLAWS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE CSACI WILL BE HELD IN CALGARY, ALBERTA ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 FROM 08:30 TO 09:30 IN THE "BRITANNIA / BELAIRE ROOM" – WESTIN HOTEL.

The Annual General meeting (AGM) is an important event for every organization. It gives its members a broad overview of the current directions and financial health of the organization. All CSACI members are invited to attend the CSACI and CAAIF AGMs.

The agenda and other pertinent documents will be available on site.

**Stuart Carr, MD, FRCPC, FAAAAI
President, CSACI**

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FOUNDATION NEWS (CAAIF)

2012 CAAIF SILENT AUCTION – WESTIN HOTEL - CALGARY

As previously mentioned above, the CAAIF Silent Auction and fundraising dinner are just around the corner. 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 28, 2012.

Thank you!
Dr. Eric Leith, Chair, CAAIF

2012 Walk to Axe Anaphylaxis Grant – CONGRATULATIONS!

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Anne Des Roches from the Université de Montréal - CHU Sainte-Justine has been awarded \$50,000 for the 2012 Canadian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF) "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*".

WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE THE FIFTH ALLERGY / ASTHMA INFORMATION ASSOCIATION (AAIA) AND CANADIAN ALLERGY, ASTHMA AND IMMUNOLOGY FOUNDATION (CAAIF) AWARD FOR ONTARIO RESEARCH IN FOOD ALLERGY.

The goal of the Program is to encourage basic scientific research in the mechanisms underlying food allergy. The research is to be carried out in Ontario, Canada as the funds were raised by the AAIA in Brampton, Ontario under a program regulated by the Ontario Alcohol and Gaming Commission. THE FUNDS MUST BE EXPENDED IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, CANADA.

The Award will provide expenses for research up to a maximum of \$50,000.00

Deadline for Applications: OCTOBER 19, 2012

For more information, please contact CAAIF at info@caaif.ca or visit us at www.allergyfoundation.ca

**DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION AND
CALGARY WESTIN HOTEL PREFERRED
ROOM RATE
IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**

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GRAND PRIZE IS AN "IPAD"

(Will be drawn at the CSACI Awards Dinner)

You will also be entered to win some other great cool prizes!

Daily prizes will be drawn during Networking breaks!

YOU MUST BE IN THE EXHIBIT HALL TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE!

Exhibiting Hours:

Friday, October 12: 07:00 – 15:45
Saturday, October 13: 07:00 – 14:30
Sunday, October 14: 07:00 – 10:30

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