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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This month has been designated as Food Allergy Awareness month by the House of Commons, through the hard work of Anaphylaxis Canada. We congratulate AC and Sara Shannon for their efforts on behalf of all food allergic patients.



The Society, in association with Anaphylaxis Canada, Association québécoise des allergies alimentaires, Allergy/Asthma Information Association and Allergic Living Magazine has spent considerable time in discussions with WestJet regarding their policies regarding food allergic patients and pet allergic patients and we are close to a joint review of WestJet's policy which we hope will be a helpful guide to them in the future. We commend WestJet on their willingness to participate in these discussions.

The Society has received an offer from the WAO regarding the possibility of jointly organizing a North American Meeting of the organization in 2017. Many of our members will remember the 2003 meeting in Vancouver. A decision will need to be made by June 1, 2010 in the form of a letter of interest from the Society, and I would welcome input from all members regarding this issue.

At the recent Drug Hypersensitivity Meeting IV in Rome that I attended, I was struck by the level of sophistication and organization of European allergy specialists in this area and I think it is important for our Society to focus attention on this problem.

Work progresses on the next Annual Meeting in Victoria, under the direction of Chuck Frankish and all indications are of a stimulating and educational time for us all.

Sincerely,

Dr. R. Warrington, CSACI President

## ALLIED HEALTH

**What is the role of the Allied Health Professional? Where do we fit into the healthcare system?**

Recently a life experience caused me to re-evaluate and answer for myself these questions. When the elderly patient becomes sick or the young parent has concerns about their atopic child's health, they turn to us for help.



The allied health professional is relied upon to explain a complicated diagnosis, organize a management plan and explain the importance of taking medication. If the treatment is not effective the allied health professional can intervene on the patient's behalf and request the physician to re-evaluate. We are the patient's healthcare advocate who can make the difference between the patient receiving personalized, cohesive care and care which is inadequate and frustrating. Our expertise may be requested at anytime by anyone.

**Are you ready for the challenge?**

**Submitted by:**

**Jo-Anna Gillespie  
Allied Health Section Chair**

## ANNAPHYLAXIS SECTION

The Anaphylaxis Interest Section would like to solicit requests from the membership for potential topics to be covered in the Interest Section meeting to be held at this year's Annual Scientific Meeting of the CSACI. One suggestion thus far has been a 'hands-on' session whereby members could refresh their skills in the basic emergency management of in-office anaphylaxis.

Please direct your ideas and suggestions to Dr. Anne Ellis at [ellisa@queensu.ca](mailto:ellisa@queensu.ca)

Thanks and Cheers,  
Anne

## AACI JOURNAL

The abstracts from the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology Annual Scientific Meeting 2009 have now been published in full text and PDF versions. The full content of the supplement can be found at <http://www.aacijournal.com/supplements>

The publication will also be announced in the next BioMed Central Update email which currently goes to over 390,000 registered users.

Dr. Richard Warrington, AAIC Editor

# 2010 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

## INVITATION

On behalf of Drs. Anne Ellis and Eyal Grunebaum, program Chairs, I would like to invite you to participate as a member of the Abstract Selection and Poster Adjudication Committee for the 2010 Annual Scientific meeting of the Canadian Society for Allergy & Immunology, to be held in Victoria, BC from November 3-6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This would require your review of approximately 5-7 submitted abstracts and subsequent poster judging based upon the number of abstracts received this year. We would ask that you review the abstracts primarily for categorization purposes (e.g. case report, basic immune mechanisms, asthma, etc.).

Details on the poster judging criteria will be forwarded closer to the date of the actual meeting. We thank you in advance for your consideration to participate in this important process which is so critical to the success of the Poster Discussion session and the scientific merit of the Annual meeting.

Sincerely,  
Chuck Frankish,  
Annual Planning Committee Chair

For additional information, please contact the  
CSACI Head Office at:  
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## **Allergy in Clinical Care A health care Event you will not want to miss!**

You are welcome to attend an educational event designed for health care professionals involved in the management of patients with allergic disorders.

Well known Canadian Allergists will share their expertise. If you are interested in increasing your clinical knowledge and sharpening your assessment skills, this course is for you!

### Objectives:

- ♦ To prepare the health care professional engaged in asthma management with the necessary clinical knowledge to recognize allergic disease.
- ♦ To learn safe, effective management options for allergic conditions.
- ♦ To understand the complex interplay between allergy and asthma.
- ♦ Understand the educational needs of the allergic patient.
- ♦ To increase accessibility of reliable, evidence-based allergy education to the public.

Location: Victoria, British Columbia  
Date: November 5<sup>th</sup> - dinner and lecture  
November 6<sup>th</sup> - full day seminar

### Cost:

\$100.00 for November 6<sup>th</sup> 2010  
\$125.00 for November 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

For more information—please see insert!

# 2010 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

**JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN VICTORIA FOR THE 2010  
CSACI ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

**THE PREMIER ALLERGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY  
EVENT OF THE YEAR**

Come and join us at this year's annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology in Victoria. International and Canadian speakers will share their expertise and insights as they cover the wide spectrum of clinical and basic sciences. The event promises to be an exciting, informative, and enjoyable experience.

**Dr. Charles Frankish, Chair, 2010 Annual Meeting Program Committee**

For more information regarding  
the meeting, please visit the  
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## Great News!

You can now pay your membership dues online. PLEASE go to the CSACI website and click on the link (<https://www.royalcollegeintrust.com/index.cfm?ID=510>)



**The CSACI has a new email address - all future emails should be addressed to: [csaci@royalcollege.ca](mailto:csaci@royalcollege.ca)**

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- ◆ 29th Congress of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, June 5-9, 2010, London, England
- ◆ CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting, November 4-6, 2010, Victoria, BC
- ◆ American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Meeting - Nov. 11-16, Phoenix, AZ
- ◆ WAO International Scientific Conference, 6-8 December 2010, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

## **ANAPHYLAXIS CANADA WELCOMES PARLIAMENT'S DECLARATION OF MAY AS FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH**

Anaphylaxis Canada applauds Parliament's motion recognizing Food Allergy Awareness Month and will be commemorating the occasion by promoting a number of initiatives intended to support the 1.3 million Canadians who live with food allergies. This is the first year such a month has been designated in Canada and will now be a permanently recognized occasion. Several other countries including the US, UK, Italy, New Zealand and Australia have similar declarations. "The declaration of Food Allergy Awareness Month is a significant step in the ongoing effort to educate the public about food allergies," said Laurie Harada, Executive Director of Anaphylaxis Canada.

Anaphylaxis Canada will be recognizing Food Allergy Awareness Month through a number of planned initiatives and events. Anaphylaxis Canada will also be launching two key initiatives for teens and young adults: a new French version of its website especially created for allergic teens to help them manage their food allergies more effectively; and the Sabrina Shannon Memorial Award for youth involvement in community anaphylaxis education. The award is dedicated to the life of Sabrina Shannon.

## AllerGen Emerging Clinician-Scientist Research Fellowship

AllerGen NCE Inc., the Allergy, Genes and Environment Network (AllerGen), a national research network, is pleased to announce the launch of a national competition for an Emerging Clinician-Scientist Research Fellowship valued at \$250,000 over two years. The goal of the AllerGen Emerging Clinician-Scientist Research Fellowship is to enable Canadian Clinical Immunologists and Allergists to pursue allergy, asthma and/or anaphylaxis academic research training immediately following their Clinical Immunology and Allergy sub-specialty training in order to:

- Strengthen the academic capacity of Canadian Clinical Immunology and Allergy subspecialists
- Increase Canadian capacity for translational Clinical Immunology and Allergy research
- Facilitate enhanced patient care through excellence in basic and clinical Allergy and related immune disease research

Eligible candidates are Canadian citizens or permanent residents who are clinicians that have completed Clinical Immunology and Allergy sub-specialty training within the past 18 months at an academic health sciences centre. Preference will be given to applicants whose host institution can confirm that the applicant has been identified for a junior faculty position following successful completion of the fellowship.

**Full applications must be either hand-delivered or courier stamped no later than: Friday, October 1, 2010 by 12:00 p.m. EST.**

Please visit the link: [http://www.allergen-nce.ca/Training\\_and\\_Careers/Funding\\_and\\_Training\\_Opportunities.html](http://www.allergen-nce.ca/Training_and_Careers/Funding_and_Training_Opportunities.html)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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# 2010 CSACI CANADIAN DINNER- NEW ORLEANS

**HE SHOOTS - HE SCORES!  
MEN'S OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL GAME  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010  
Lucy's Retired Surfers Bar - New Orleans**



**THE CSACI  
MEMBERS CHEER FOR  
THEIR OLYMPIC TEAM  
GO CANADA GO!**

