PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It’s funny the things you start thinking about while shoveling the walk several times each day; honestly we have had more snow here in Edmonton this winter than any year I can personally remember. In fact, the piles on the sides of our driveways are all well above our heads, with the entire neighbourhood looking like a giant series of snow forts.

Anyway, when I’m not thinking about basketball, which is admittedly a lot of the time these days, I start thinking about the current state of Allergy & Immunology. This is an interesting and exciting, but also a bit unsettling time for our field.

We have more effective means for successfully managing asthma than ever before, however we continue to struggle with the most basic issues, accurate diagnosis and patient adherence.

We are being teased with more precise and effective ways to diagnose and manage life-threatening food allergy, but struggle with inappropriate testing and misdiagnosis, lack of access to novel and potentially game-changing component-resolved diagnostics, and painfully slow progress in the tantalizing field of oral tolerance induction.

We have witnessed the veritable explosion of research and understanding with regards to the diagnosis, management, and natural history of esophageal conditions, but are still trying to unravel its complex pathogenesis, and desperately lack convenient non-invasive ways to effectively diagnose and follow this increasingly-recognized condition.

On a more practical level, despite increased academic Allergy & Immunology presence across the country, the recent establishment of additional training programs in British Columbia and Quebec, and even more programs on the horizon in Nova Scotia and Alberta, we have had unmatched training positions, and face an ever-increasing shortage of practicing Allergists & Immunologists. We struggle with longer and frankly unacceptable waiting lists, sadly approaching 3 years in our centre, which only serves to increase the encroachment on our specialty from both untrained physicians and non-physician practitioners alike.

All that said, I remain very optimistic. Our particular expertise has never been more in demand, our unique skill set simply cannot be replaced by any other provider, and our field offers some of the more exciting opportunities for basic, translational, and clinical research, as well as patient education, and public health advocacy.

The CSACI is facing a number of challenging issues and also tremendous opportunities. Over the next few months, your Board of Directors will focus on strategies to ensure value for our members, bringing us closer to the Society’s goals and objectives. I look forward to our annual Canadian dinner at the AAAAI Annual Meeting in San Francisco, while we actively plan for next fall’s CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting in beautiful and historic Quebec City. In the meantime, we shovel.

“...an honour for me to write to you for the first time as your new President. I am not usually known for being at a loss for words, so I will try to use this soapbox wisely.”

Dr. Stuart Carr, CSACI President

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INTEREST SECTION REPORTS

ALLIED HEALTH SECTION REPORT

It is with mixed feelings I am announcing my plans to step down from the Chair Position of the Allied Health Section. When motivated individuals express an interest and have something extra ordinary to offer the group it is not my place to discourage but embrace their offer.

I would ask you to welcome Nancy Ross and Rishma Chooniedass as my replacements. These women have been my co-chairs for the last two years. They have proven themselves to be valuable contributors to the CSACI. I am confident they will provide the leadership required to take the Allied Health Section to a new level.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board Members for their support over the last few years. Your trust in my abilities to “run with my ideas” and support to help me think “outside the box” have been greatly appreciated. It certainly has been fun and I have been left with great memories.

Yours truly, Jo-Anna Gillespie

Greetings from the new Allied Health Section Co Chairs, Rishma Chooniedass and Nancy Ross

We have been members of the CSACI since 2005 and are excited about contributing to the CSACI in the shared role of Allied Health Chair. We are both nurses working in the Pediatric Allergy Department in Winnipeg. Rishma is the study coordinator for the C.H.I.L.D. study, Nancy is an Asthma Educator with the Children’s Asthma Education Centre. We are both interested in how research translates into the clinic and classroom to improve quality of life for atopic patients and families. We are beginning to plan for the CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting in Québec, QC October 20-23rd, 2011 and look forward to your ideas and suggestions for the Allied Health at this meeting. Please provide us with your feedback by email to: rchooniedass@mich.ca or nlross@hsc.mb.ca

Be Well, Rishma & Nancy

ASTHMA INTEREST SECTION REPORT

Dr. Noya reviewed current international guidelines for preschool wheezing, noting that the most recent Canadian recommendations (CTS) do not include children under 6 years of age. Section attendees reached a consensus for the section to pursue elaboration of recommendations on the management of preschool wheezing, on behalf of the Society with or without CTS participation. The intent is to publish these recommendations in the Society’s journal. Dr. Noya, Dr. Kim, and Dr. Becker will lead this endeavour and explore potential CTS participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Francisco Noya, Section Head

PEDIATRIC SECTION REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Dr. Tim Vander Leek for his many valued years of service as the previous Pediatric section head. At the recent annual meeting in Victoria, Dr. Vander Leek led our discussion one more time. Topics included: concern about the absence of the CSACI logo on Canadian Pediatric Asthma Guidelines, ongoing need for a CSACI food allergy prevention guideline (ideally a joint effort with the CPS/Canadian Pediatric Society), closer collaboration with the CPS, and component resolved testing.

As the new Pediatric section head, I plan on continuing the tradition of keeping the Pediatric section meeting informal. It will still be a round table discussion of current topics of interest in Pediatric Allergy, including initiatives to improve the care of children with allergic conditions.

Dr. Edmond Chan, Section Head
ANAPHYLAXIS INTEREST SECTION REPORT

At the recent 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting of the CSACI, the Anaphylaxis Interest Section was treated to an excellent presentation by Laura Bantock of Anaphylaxis Canada. She reviewed for us the various resources that are available currently to patients via this important support group.

The Anaphylaxis Canada National Training Program provides education and support for patients at risk for anaphylaxis and their families from diagnosis onwards, including various on-line resources, facilitator-led sessions, and print materials.

Anaphylaxis Canada plans to introduce a “Newly Diagnosed Program” which will target the parents of children with food allergy who have only very recently been diagnosed with life-threatening food allergy.

Most recently they have expanded their Youth Program with their Youth Advisory Panel (YAP), which features a website, Podcasts (Available on iTunes), an E-Magazine consisting of articles written for teens, by teens and new educational videos starring real teens at risk of anaphylaxis.

They have also joined forces with the Alberta government to launch the Canadian Anaphylaxis Readiness Education (C.A.R.E.) web-based training program for schools across the province. The new interactive training program is designed to prepare educators for an anaphylactic reaction in their school and is available to teachers and non-teaching staff (by password only) at LearnAlberta.ca. The C.A.R.E. program was developed by Leap Learning Technologies Inc. and partners Anaphylaxis Canada and the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, with support from the Government of Alberta and other key stakeholders including McMaster University and AllerGen NCE Inc.

Anaphylaxis Interest Section Members wishing to learn more are encouraged to visit www.anaphylaxis.ca

Dr. Anne Ellis, Queen's University, Kingston, ON
Section Head

IMMUNOLOGY INTEREST SECTION REPORT

This year at the Annual CSACI meeting in Victoria the Immunology Interest Section discussed a new initiative, C-PRIMES (Canadian Primary Immunodeficiency Evaluation Study). This was based on previous interest section meetings which raised the possibility of a Canadian registry for patients with primary immunodeficiency. Most centers across Canada have now signed on as participants for C-PRIMES.

The C-PRIMES website is undergoing final upgrades and we will be able to begin registering patients very soon. Any physician following patients with PID will be able to access and use the site and register patients. Registration is easy. Patients will be asked to sign consent for the registry and grant permission to be contacted by investigators wishing to conduct research. Physician participants will have access to the non-nominal information available in the database. Physicians will be asked to complete an intake sheet at time of registration and then annually update their patients’ profiles. Intake and update forms are available on the website and can be used as case history notes for the patient chart.

We have obtained start-up funding through CSL-Behring for the purchase of secure servers to maintain the registry database. We plan to organize a meeting of participating centers in 2011 and have started discussions about merging the Canadian database with that of ESID in the future.

This initiative will permit Canadian physicians to conduct large studies on PID patient including quality of life, develop Canadian-based practice parameters and have open dialogue on diagnosis and management of our unique patient population. It’s a win-win-win situation for all.

Dr. Christine McCusker
Section Head
Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology

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**Do you have feedback, concerns or suggestions?**

Share them with the membership!

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Dear Residents:

As the current fellow-in-training representative, I am privileged to be the voice for trainees across the country. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas you may have for the FIT Day at the next CSACI annual meeting, and I will bring these up at the mid-term board meeting in San Francisco. I look forward to meeting each of you at the next meeting!

Chet Wong, PGY-4, University of Toronto

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2009 MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION DATA

The Office of Professional Affairs at the Royal College has recently compiled the 2009 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program participation data. A summary of both the overall MOC participation data for all specialties as well as specific MOC participation rates for our specialty can be found on the CSACI website – under the Accreditation Tab:

http://www.csaci.ca/include/files/2009_Clinical_Immunology_and_Allergy_Participation.pdf

Additional information is posted on the Royal College website at:

http://rcpsc.medical.org/opa/statistics/specialty/Clin-Imm-Allergy_e.pdf

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at csaci@royalcollege.ca

Dr. David Fischer, CPD Chair

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES - 2011

- AAAAI Meeting – March 18-22 – San Francisco
- **CSACI Canadian Dinner - Saturday, March 19 - Sir Francis Drake Hotel**
- Canadian Respiratory Conference "A Breath of Fresh Air" April 28 – 30 - Sheraton on the Falls Hotel & Conference Centre - Niagara Falls, Ontario
- Anaphylaxis Canada Spring Conference - Anaphylaxis Awareness in the Community: A Decade of Progress & A Future of Hope - Saturday, May 7th - Ontario Science Centre – Toronto, Ontario
- **CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting - October 20-23 - Hilton Hotel, Quebec City, Quebec**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE CSACI WEBSITE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**
IN MEMORIAM

The CSACI has lost a couple of very good people

The countless memories that we have will keep Milt alive … (Dr. Milton Gold)

I think that Milt would want to be remembered for all he did on behalf of his patients. He was always listening and acting on their behalf.

Milt’s contributions included writing a pivotal guideline for patients with food allergies and anaphylaxis. At that time children with anaphylactic allergies were finding it very difficult. Bus drivers were afraid to take them to school as their parents were to send them. Milton met with whoever would listen and was successful in making the necessary changes. He was relentless in his mission and countless in his accomplishments. This was all done in a modest and humble style that was uniquely Milt.

I fondly recall Milt’s tireless work at the Hospital for Sick Children that helped establish policies used by Canadian and North American healthcare facilities to become latex allergy safe workplaces. Again his guidelines laid the foundation for advancement. They brought change.

Milton made a difference on how we educate and treat asthma, anaphylaxis, and latex allergy. His charismatic teaching approach and style were contagious. Things got done. His work was often unnoticed because of the type of person he was, but, certainly was appreciated.

Milt was always accompanied by Gloria, the love of his life - in sickness and in health. His children Miriam and Sara and grandchild Grace were a source of pride, enjoyment, and contentment.

We all will miss Milt’s smile, the twinkle in his eye, and his voice of reason. The secret of life is knowing how to pass the time. Milt’s life cannot be measured by the length of time. It is by the lives he touched, by his compassion, and his passion.

Dr. Gordon Sussman, Past President, CSACI (1994-1996)

James Halliday Day, MD, FRCP(C), FACP, Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Queens University, passed away on Monday, January 24, 2011 in Kingston with his family by his side. Beloved husband of Dr. Maureen Briscoe and loving father of Jennifer and son-in-law Trevor Turnbull.

Dr. Milton Gold was the recipient of the Annual Research Award (1995) as well as the David McCourtie Memorial Lectureship (1998). Dr. James Day was President of the CSACI (1972-1973). Dr. James Day (1996) and Dr. Milton Gold (2004) were both past recipients of the Jerry Dolovich Award for Contributions to Allergy and Clinical Immunology in Canada.
And the winners are:

Dr. Tom Bowen: David McCourtie Memorial Lectureship
Dr. Steven Taylor: Bram Rose Memorial Lectureship
Dr. Bruce Mazer: CSACI Award for Research in Immunology
Dr. Susan Waseman: Jerry Dolovich Award

2010 Abstracts - 1st Place by Category

**Allergy and Anaphylaxis - Optimizing Oral Immunotherapy to Cow Milk Protein** ◆ Presented by: Elinor Simons1 and Myla Moretti2
1 Child Health Evaluative Sciences and Department of Pharmacology
2 The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON M5G 1X8

**Asthma-Allergic Rhinitis - Comorbidity with depression and overweight in children with asthma** ◆ Presented by: Salma Bahreinian1, Geoff DC Ball1, Allan B Becker2, Anita L Kozyrskyj1
1 Dept Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, T6G 2J3
2 Dept Pediatrics and Child Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3A 1S1

**Basic Science-Clinical Immunology - Expression of Semaphorin4C by Th2-stimulated B cells** ◆ Presented by: Jean-Philippe Drolet1,2, Julie Guay1, Yasaman Nouhi1, Bruce Mazer1,2
1 Meakins-Christie Laboratories, McGill University, Montreal, H2X 2P2, Canada
2 Division of Pediatric allergy and clinical immunology, McGill University Health Center, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, H3H 1P3

**Case Study - Adrenal suppression in an asthmatic presenting after change from high dose inhaled fluticasone propionate to inhaled budesonide** ◆ Presented by: Zainab B Abdurahman1, Douglas P MacK2
1 Dept of Clinical Immunology and Allergy, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
2 Dept of Pediatrics, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

All Abstracts can be found on the AACI website at www.aacijournal.com – under Volume 6 – supplement 2

See link below:

For more information regarding the meeting - visit the CSACI website at www.csaci.ca

◆ Submit your abstract by June 27
◆ Travel Grant deadline is September 16th
THANK YOU

2010 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, which raised over $6000.

AAIA
I would also like to thank Ms. Mary Allen, CEO, and her AAIA team for their support, through numerous fundraisers, including the “AAIA Run Walk” which sustains partnership grants.

Thank you!
Dr. Eric Leith, Chair, CAAIF

Walk to Axe Anaphylaxis
October 2010 - Toronto

Thank you’s go to Ms. Karen Mazer, her daughter Sophie and the organizing committee for their involvement in the successful “Walk to Axe Anaphylaxis” for which proceeds were donated to CAAIF. A new RFA has been created for anaphylaxis research.

Thank you organizers!
Back row: Allison Yashinsky, Karen Mazer, Sophie Rose Nisker, Lawrence Nisker, Jodi Margolis, Marc Kadonoff, Alison Brotman, Front row: Craig Smeaton, Shari Cogan, Sandi Silver, Donna Unger, Rhonda Lewis

2011 AAIA Run Walk

Mississauga, ON
Date: Sunday May 29
Location: Erindale Park

Ottawa, ON
Date: Saturday May 7
Location: Tunney’s Pasture

Whitby, ON
Date: Saturday May 14
Location: Heydenshore Pavilion
Whitby Waterfront Trail

Windsor, ON
Date: Saturday May 28
Location: Riverfront Trail: Dieppe Gardens

Winnipeg, AB
Date: Saturday May 14
Location: Assiniboine Park

Kelowna, BC
Date: Saturday, May 7
Location: City Park

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