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The New Year is a time to look back at all the accomplishments of the preceding year and to make plans for the upcoming year.

POSITION STATEMENTS

Anaphylaxis Guidelines: The CSACI and CAAIF, in association with Anaphylaxis Canada, l'Association québécoise des allergies alimentaires, and Allergy/Asthma Information Association have successfully collaborated to update the consensus guidelines for anaphylaxis. These new guidelines, "Anaphylaxis in Schools and Other Settings", were distributed to more than 5000 Ontario public schools as a resource to support the implementation of Sabrina's Law (Bill 3 – Province of Ontario). This new legislation states that all schools in Ontario must have an action plan for each child with anaphylaxis.

A website www.allergysafecommunities.ca, supported by Shopper's Drug Mart through an unrestricted educational grant has been established as a "companion" to the printed guidelines. The content for the websites (both in English and French) is based on these new guidelines. Furthermore, Shopper's Drug Mart pharmacists across Canada will be providing consumers with auto-injector demonstrations for both Epipen and Twinject. To promote this service, posters and flyers with a covering letter from the CSACI president and past president will be sent out to over 15,000 school principals across Canada in January 2007.

Immunotherapy Guidelines: Updated guidelines for immunotherapy, chaired by Dr. Eric Leith, have been published in our society's journal as well as the CSACI website.

Rhinitis Guidelines: Consensus guidelines for allergic rhinitis, spearheaded by Drs. Peter Small and Paul Keith, have been completed and are awaiting publication.

Jeffrey Modell Canadian Immunodeficiency Network

On October 27, 2006, at the CSACI Annual meeting, the Canadian Immunodeficiency Network was launched. This network is made possible by the generous support of the Jeffrey Modell Foundation.

The stated goal of the network is "to serve as a highly respected healthcare resource across Canada that fosters early diagnosis of Primary Immune Deficiencies through networking, knowledge dissemination and communication with healthcare professionals, patients and the general public to ensure that PID patients have access to excellent care." For further information, refer to the website at www.cisociety.com/files/networks.html.

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

New Board Approved at the AGM

Dr. Charles Frankish, an allergist from Ottawa, was approved as the new president of the society at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Other executive members include: Dr. Susan Waserman (past president), Dr. Richard Warrington (vice-president), Dr. Stuart Carr (secretary/treasurer). Board members are Drs. David Fischer, Lilliane Gendreau-Reid, Jacques Herbert, Rhoda Kagan, Sandy Kapur and Paul Keith. The Section Heads are Dr. Stephen Betschel (Asthma), Dr. Eyal Grunebaum (Immunology), Dr. David Hummel (Anaphylaxis/Adverse drug reactions), Dr. Eric Leith (Rhino sinusitis), Dr. Tim Vander Leek (Pediatrics) and Mrs. Diane Stewart (Allied Health).



CSACI Awards

Bram Rose Award: Dr. Scott Sicherer

David McCourtie Award: Dr André Cartier

Research in Immunology Award:

Dr. Kathy Siminovitch

Jerry Dolovich Award: Dr. Zave Chad

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CSACI STRATEGIC PLAN

The CSACI board embarked on a process of developing a strategic plan for the CSACI. A membership survey was emailed to 316 CSACI members in June 2006. There was an overall response rate of 31% to this survey. Thank you to all who responded. The board met for a strategic planning retreat in Toronto on July 16, 2006 and developed four strategic initiatives based on the findings of this survey.

1. Convert the CSACI into a member-driven organization.
2. Raise the profile of our specialty by becoming the recognized authority on the dissemination of useful and credible information related to allergic and immunologic disorders.
3. Play a key role in the evolution of our specialty and help to ensure its sustainability.
4. Create the required sustainable funding mechanism to support all these initiatives.

One of our first priorities is to upgrade the CSACI website. This will serve to enhance communication between the CSACI and its members, as well as provide up-to-date information in Allergy and Immunology to the allergy community and the public. A task force has been established to look at the evolution of our specialty and to recommend steps to ensure its sustainability.

FOUNDATION NEWS

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This past year has been a busy year for CAAIF. Dr. Zave Chad stepped down as chair of the Foundation and his position was filled by Dr. Eric Leith. A strategic planning retreat for CAAIF was held in Toronto in July 2006. The CAIFF board continues to work on refining its strategic plan. The CAAIF non-profit summit was held at the annual scientific meeting in Montreal in October 2006. The CAAIF Fundraising dinner and silent auction were held at the charming Le Windsor in Montreal. A **\$10,000** donation from AAIA, raised from a 10 km fun run in Whitby, was presented to Dr. Leith at this fundraising dinner. Donations given to CAAIF are directed to residency training and research of allergic and immunologic diseases.



2005/2006 Fellowship and Awards Recipients

- ◆ CSACI Clinical Fellowship Award:
Dr. Rozita Borici-Mazi
- ◆ CAAIF/Anaphylaxis Canada Fellowship:
Dr. Ann Clark
- ◆ CAAIF Research Grants:
Dr. Paul Keith and Dr. Joel Liem
- ◆ CAAIF/Bayer/CIHR Fellowship:
Dr. Helene Decaluwe
- ◆ CAAIF/AllerGen/Bayer Fellowship:
Dr. Anne Ellis

IMPORTANT DATES

MOCERT Deadline
January 31, 2007

CSACI Midterm Dinner
Saturday, February 24, 2007
San Diego —
Grand Hyatt Hotel

CSACI Annual Meeting
September 27 – 30, 2007
Edmonton, Alberta

- ◆ American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology Feb. 23 -27, 2007 San Diego, CA
- ◆ XXVI Congress of the European Allergy June 9-13, 2007 Gotborg, Sweden
- ◆ 13th International Congress of Immunology Aug 21 - 25, 2007 Rio De Janiero, Brazil
- ◆ XVIII World Congress of Asthma Oct 14 - 17, 2007 Guadalajara, Mexico
- ◆ American College of Allergy Asthma and Immunology Nov 9 - 14, 2007 Dallas, TX
- ◆ World Allergy Congress Dec 2-6, 2007 Bangkok, Thailand

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be sent to the membership quarterly. If you would like to receive future newsletters by email, please indicate this by emailing csaci@rcpsc.edu. Those who indicate no preference will continue to receive the newsletters by mail.