Dear CSACI Members:

I am pleased to be writing to you as your new President of the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI). First and foremost, I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to Dr. Richard Warrington for his significant and ongoing contribution to the Society. In leading the planning of our annual scientific meeting for the last 2 years I think you would agree he has done an excellent job. I would also like to thank Dr. Stuart Carr, for his excellent leadership as President over the past two years. In his new role as Past President he will be responsible for leading the planning of our annual scientific meeting and I am sure you will all help him with this task.

After serving 14 years on the Board, 4 years as the Rhinosinusitis section head, and the last 4 years as a member of the executive, I have had the chance to learn first-hand about many of the important activities in which CSACI is currently involved. I look forward to serving as President the next 2 years and count on your support. Please let me know how the Board is doing.

For those of you, who do not know me; let me tell you a little bit about myself. I am a native of London, Ontario and I completed my MD in 1986 at the University of Western Ontario. I also did my residency training in Internal Medicine at UWO from 1986 to 1989 and had the great and good fortune to work with many of the Allergists on Faculty there. I completed a 2 year fellowship in Allergy and Clinical Immunology at McMaster University. Following this I completed my Masters in Clinical Epidemiology in Design, Measurement and Evaluation at McMaster working with Dr. Jerry Dolovich as my supervisor. I am now an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at McMaster University since 2000.

I am active in clinical research particularly in asthma, rhinitis, & nasal polyposis. I am a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for ARIA and am an investigator with AllerGen. I see adults and children at the McMaster Division of the Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation and at the Adverse Reactions Clinic, in the Firestone Chest and Allergy Unit, at St. Joseph's Hospital, in Hamilton. I am active in the Allergy and Immunology Residency Training Program – a combined program in both Medicine and Pediatrics.

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So, why should you support OUR society? "The mission of the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology is the advancement of the knowledge and practice of allergy, clinical immunology, and asthma for optimal patient care. The Society is also dedicated to improving the quality of life of people with allergies through research, advocacy, and continuing professional development and public education." This means using our resources to expand and improve scientific training and mentorship at all levels, to provide venues for our members to share their findings, whether in person, print or online, and to establish important contacts to facilitate scientific exchange and collaboration. Our society works hard to fight for research dollars for its members through CAAIF and to keep them informed about allergy, asthma and clinical immunology matters that will affect them both as physicians, scientists, and allied health professionals.

I also encourage you to support the AACI Journal (Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology Journal). Under the leadership of Dr. Richard Warrington as Editor-in-Chief, the AACI Journal has become an important component of the CSACI. The journal’s latest review supplement "Practical guide for allergy and immunology in Canada" provides a comprehensive guide on all of the common conditions dealt with in the field of allergy and immunology. You can Read the supplement now. For further information and special discounts for publishing your articles, please contact the editorial e-mail address at: editorial@aacijournal.com. Indeed, all of the editorial board members deserve our thanks for their dedicated service to the CSACI and the scientific community overall. In future, the journal will look to our members’ continued support through submitting and reviewing articles. It is great news that the journal now has an unofficial Impact Factor of 3.0.

Preparations for the annual meeting, to be held in Toronto, Ontario from October 3 to 6, 2013, are well underway. It will provide another excellent opportunity for all of us, both specialists and researchers in the field of allergy, asthma, and clinical immunology as well as allied health professionals from Canada and around the world to meet in an atmosphere conducive to medical, scientific and social interaction. We also hope to include more mentoring events during the annual scientific meeting. Information regarding the upcoming meeting will be posted shortly on the CSACI website at www.csaci.ca.

Please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you, and I welcome your participation in advancing the CSACI into the future.

I hope to see you at the Canadian Reception in San Antonio at the Westin Hotel on Saturday February 23, 2013 and meet your colleagues from across Canada. If you don’t have a ticket, please get one at our website at www.csaci.ca.

Paul Keith MD MSc FRCPC
CSACI President
INTEREST SECTION REPORT

RHINITIS AND SINUSITIS SECTION REPORT

Dear Colleagues,

At the Calgary Annual CSACI Meeting 2012, the Rhinosinusitis Section Session was dedicated to an exchange of informational, educational material and disease activity monitoring forms in use in allergists’ practices. The aim of our session was to create a unified type of approach in data collection and agree on a standard of care with regards to the educational materials used by Rhinosinusitis Section members. Such materials included:

- various inhaled allergen avoidance measures
- forms of saline nasal washes,
- recipe of home-made saline washes
- basic explanation of the allergic sensitization process in layman terms
- questionnaire form for rhinosinusitis (symptoms) and form to mark physical findings specific for rhinosinusitis
- assessment of result of antibiotic treatment of chronic rhinosinusitis
- advice “While on antibiotic” (probiotics, etc.)
- information regarding desensitization procedures

In attendance were: F. Silviu-Dan (Chair), M. Greenwald (vice-chair), D. Algom, H.W. Ho, P. Keith, E. Leith, K. Lee, R. Sulatycky, S. Mace, M. Noseworthy, P. Small.

The forms were briefly reviewed by all present. It was convened that the individual Section members would further assess the submitted form and documents and also contributes to the creation of:

- patient information on polyps
- a list of commonly asked questions by patients and residents regarding rhinosinusitis

Members were encouraged to get in touch with myself with their suggestions. I take the opportunity to re-iterate the invitation for the Rhinosinusitis Section to let me know what suggestions they have towards providing leadership in our Society on the subject of informational & educational material in rhinosinusitis.

Thank you and Happy New Year 2013 to all!

Dr. Fanny Silviu-Dan, Section Chair

PEDIATRIC SECTION REPORT

There has been steady progress for the creation of Canadian guidelines on allergy prevention and infant dietary exposures, which was discussed at our interest section meeting in Calgary in October. Over the summer, the Canadian Pediatric Society (CPS) approved the intent to create a Joint Position statement (with the CSACI) on this subject. Since, the draft position statement has been undergoing review with various committees and the board of the CPS. Once that occurs and the CPS Position Statement is published in their journal, it will also be published in the journal of the CSACI.

Dr. Edmond Chan, Section Chair
INTEREST SECTION REPORTS (continued)

IMMUNOLOGY SECTION REPORT

The work on the website for C-PRIMES is progressing rapidly and we are anticipating full access for C-Primes investigators by March 2013. We have new sites coming on board and now have representation from many centers across the country. We have included a registry for patients with HAE with web-based enrollment scheduled for March launch. Anyone interested in helping with the testing and debugging of the database should contact the C-PRIMES coordinator Duncan Lejtenyi at Duncan.lejtenyi@muhc.mcgill.ca. Feedback and suggestions are most welcome. We will be ready to enroll patients early in 2013.

While still in the pen and paper age, there is one paper published and two manuscripts submitted. At least one paper is in prep.

The network of investigators includes expertise of clinical and fundamental immunology with active and ongoing collaborations.

Dr. Christine McCusker, Section Chair

ALLIED HEALTH SECTION REPORT

My name is Jo-Anne St-Vincent. I am an RN and Certified Asthma Educator at the Thompson Allergy and Asthma Centre in Winnipeg. It is a pleasure to come on board as the Chair of the Allied Health Section of CSACI. The Allied Health sessions offered at the Annual Scientific Meeting are priceless in helping the non-scientists gain a better understanding of the complex field of allergy and immunology. Across Canada, members of the Allied Health Section are developing programs and educational resources to help the increasing number of allergic patients understand and manage their disease. Promoting links between Allied Health members will help us share research results and educational resources and in turn, improve our practices.

I encourage you to be active members of the CSACI Allied Health Section. Please email your concerns or ideas to jstvincent@hsc.mb.ca so that I can bring them forward to our members and the CSACI Board.

Jo-Anne St-Vincent, Section Chair

FELLOW IN TRAINING REPRESENTATIVE – REPORT

As Allergy / Immunology fellows in training we face a spectrum of challenges as we begin to transition from residency, learn our subspecialty, and then move on to practice. While we are a relatively small number of trainees, we can find a great support network in our fellow colleagues. Each year at the CSACI annual meeting, the FIT workshop addresses issues important to the fellows. This venue is also essential in creating a networking opportunity to make connections with other fellows and physicians on a national level. As electronic communication and sharing of resources becomes easier, we should endeavour to maintain these connections and support each other throughout our training.

Dr. Andrew O’Keefe, FIT Representative
ANAPHYLAXIS AND ADVERSE REACTION REPORT

Happy New Year! After stepping into this role I have been actively investigating areas where the CSACI can benefit patients with anaphylaxis in Canada. I have been speaking with CSACI members, executive, Anaphylaxis Canada and other groups about activities and policy statements that will improve the medical care of our patients. Here are a number of directions that I am investigating:

1. Position statement on post-resuscitation care for anaphylaxis in the emergency department: Draft has been written.
2. Position statement on epinephrine auto injectors for first responders: Currently collaborating with first responder groups, including fire department.
4. Research directions including biphasic anaphylaxis, glucocorticoids in anaphylaxis etc.

I am quite open to suggestions about other possible directions and initiatives, please don’t hesitate to contact me at dougpmack@gmail.com.

Dr. Doug Mack
Section Chair

ASTHMA SECTION REPORT - LOOKING BACK AT CALGARY 2012

Our Annual Meeting in Calgary this fall was quite active in the asthma front. The program had two asthma presentations in plenary sessions. Wade Watson raised many eyebrows and caused many chuckles with his mercurial take on the new Canadian asthma guidelines, a process in which he participated, given during Plenary Session II on Friday October 12. Francisco Noya and Mark Anselmo “debated” maintenance vs. intermittent ICS in preschool wheezers in Plenary Session V on Sunday October 14. The Allied Health Symposium included sessions on asthma, both paediatric and adult by Stuart Carr, and Devi Banerjee, respectively. Harold Kim and Francisco Noya presented relevant articles from 2012 in the Asthma Interest Section, some of which were revisited by Allan Becker in the paediatric literature review on Plenary VI the following day.

For our interest section meeting in Toronto next October I would like to hear your suggestions. Please email me at francisco.noya@mcgill.ca

Dr. Francisco Noya
Section Chair
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Anaphylaxis and Adverse Reactions
Dr. Doug Mack

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Ms. Jo-Anne St-Vincent

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Dr. Andrew O’Keefe

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES - 2013
(Click on links below for more info)

- **CSACI Canadian Reception** - San Antonio, Texas (Westin Hotel) - February 23, 2013 - Go to [www.csaci.ca](http://www.csaci.ca) to get your tickets
- **AAAAI Meeting** - San Antonio, Texas - February 22 to 26, 2013
- **5th Jack Pepys Workshop on Asthma in the Workplace**, Montreal (McGill University), **May 17, 2013**
- **CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting** - October 3 to 6, 2013 - Toronto, Ontario
The **5th Jack Pepys Workshop on Asthma in the Workplace**, Montreal (McGill University), May 17, 2013

This event will focus on the **comparisons between asthma in the workplace and ubiquitous asthma**.

Registration fees (including meals but not hotel):
200$ CAN (before March 1, 2013)
250$ CAN (March 1 and after).

For information, please contact:
Jocelyne Normandin at:
j-normandin@crhsc.rtss.qc.ca

Jean-Luc Malo MD
Susan M Tarlo, MB BS FRCP(C)

**EMPLOYMENT**

Allergist in Burlington looking for part time help, up to 2 days per week. Prefer Internist background. Possible start date of July 2013. If mutually agreeable, can eventually take over the practice in 3 to 4 years.

For more information, please contact Dr. Mabel Chow at mytchow@cogeco.ca
AllerGen NCE Inc is pleased to announce that Dr. Philippe Bégin from the Centre hospitalier de l’Université de Montréal (CHUM) and the Centre hospitalier universitaire Sainte-Justine (CHU Sainte-Justine) in Montreal, Quebec has been awarded the prestigious AllerGen Emerging Clinician-Scientist Research Fellowship Award in the amount of $250,000.

This award is an innovative solution to the critical shortage of allergy and clinical immunology expertise in Canada and the need to enable newly trained Canadian Clinical Immunologists and Allergists to pursue allergy, asthma and anaphylaxis academic research training.

Visit www.allergen-nce to learn more.

2013 AllerGen Emerging Clinician-Scientist Research Fellowship Call for Applications closes April 12, 2013

Applicants are eligible to apply during the period 18 months prior to and 18 months after completion of their Clinical Immunology and Allergy sub-specialty training. Eligible academic foci include basic and/or clinical research related to allergy, asthma and/or anaphylaxis.

A $100,000 stipend plus a $25,000 research allowance is awarded in each of the two years of the fellowship.

Applicants are evaluated on the quality of the proposed research and the potential for a career as a clinician-scientist. The award is intended for someone with a clinical appointment in an academic, health sciences setting, with access to clinical research facilities. Ideally, the award will leverage an opportunity for a faculty appointment at a university.

Call for Applications (English)      Call for Applications (French)
Application Form (English)      Application Form (French)

For more information contact Michelle Harkness, HQP and Events Coordinator, at michelleharkness@allergen-nce.ca.
And the winners are:

Cathy Gillespie: David McCourtie Memorial Lectureship
Harold Nelson: Bram Rose Memorial Lectureship
Richard Warrington: Jerry Dolovich Award

2012 Abstracts

ALLERGY & ANAPHYLAXIS:
Winner: Joanne Yeung, McGill University: “Oral immunotherapy for milk allergy: a systematic review”
2nd Place: Sophia Xu, McMaster University: “Anaphylaxis Deaths in Ontario: A retrospective review of cases from 1986 to 2011”
Honorable Mention:
Gina Tsai, University of Western Ontario: “Tree Pollen Allergy in Southwestern Ontario”
Mary McHenry, Dalhousie University: “Impact of primary food allergies on the introduction of other foods amongst Canadian children”

ASTHMA/ALLERGIC RHINITIS:
Winner: Elinor Simons, University of Toronto: “Associations between second-hand smoke exposure in pregnancy and age of childhood asthma development”
2nd Place: Arunmozhi Dominic: University of Western Ontario, “Measured Depth of Subcutaneous Tissue On Posterolateral Arm of Aeroallergen Immunotherapy Patients”

BASIC SCIENCE/IMMUNOLOGY:
Winner: Meghan Azad, University of Alberta: “Infant gut microbiota and the hygiene hypothesis of allergic disease”
No 2nd place named

CASE REPORTS:
Winner: Hugo Chapdelaine, University of Montreal: “Experience with Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin Therapy in Two Pediatric Cases of Immune Thrombocytopenia Purpura” hugo.chapdelaine@videotron.ca
2nd Place: Christine Song, University of Toronto: “Infliximab-graded challenge in a patient with Crohn’s disease and adalimumab hypersensitivity”

ALLIED HEALTH:
Winner: Doug Houlbrook, University of Manitoba: “Parental Asthma Diagnosis and Age of Onset as a Risk Factor in Child’s Asthma”
2nd Place: Lesley Stewart, Children’s Asthma Education Centre Winnipeg: “What Bugs Me”: Children’s lived experience of asthma

All Abstracts can be found on the AACI website at www.aacijournal.com
See link below:
http://www.aacijournal.com/supplements/8/S1/all
CSACI 2012 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Welcome to our new members

Twenty-nine membership applications were approved and ratified at the CSACI Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 13, 2012.

The new members are:


FIT BOWL 2012

Once again the Annual FIT Trivia Bowl was a resounding success. This year marked the beginning of formal teams based on training programs and the winners were honored with a plaque space on the new FIT Bowl Trophy!

Congratulations to the winning team from McGill: Yarden Yanishevsky, Joanne Yeung, Michelle Halbrich

Many thanks to our teams, the audience, the peanut gallery, my esteemed judge Dr. Charles Frankish, and ALK-Abello for sponsoring the event.

See you next year!

Anne K. Ellis, MD FRCPC
Queen's University
FIT Bowl Moderator
2012 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 $6,500.

CAAIF EXECUTIVE

I would like to announce that Dr. Charles Frankish is the new CAAIF Secretary-Treasurer. Welcome!

Dr. Eric Leith, Chair, CAAIF

2013 CAAIF Research Grant Competition - DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28, 2013

The Canadian Asthma, Allergy and Immunology Foundation is a non-profit organization, established to improve the educational and research resources of the Canadian Allergy and Immunology community. The Foundation has a budget for a small number of start-up grants for research projects. We will provide up to $10,000 total which can be divided between any number of grantees with a maximum per project of $5000. Projects must be of high relevance to the practice of allergy and immunology in Canada. The CAAIF research committee chaired by Dr. Bruce Mazer, will be overseeing the application review procedure.

The goals of the Foundation are to raise awareness for the following diseases: asthma, allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, food allergy and immune deficiency. Proposals therefore should be addressed to answering relevant questions related to one or more of these disease entities. Because of the limited nature of our funds, we seek applications aimed at supplemental funding for larger projects or for initiating pilot projects. It is not the goal of the Foundation to replace larger granting bodies; however, an innovative idea that needs preliminary work before a larger grant application can be made would be acceptable. Projects that are more appropriately aimed at the pharmaceutical industry (pilot projects using new or existing therapeutic agents) will not be considered.

The application process will include a short lay summary of the proposed work; a three page outline of the project and its relevance, and budget submission. Please keep in mind the modest size of the grant and define the budgetary use appropriately. As well, applications do not need to be exhaustive, but the innovation and applicability need to be highlighted.

Applications received after the deadline will be considered in subsequent competitions. Successfully funded candidates will be contacted in April 2013. Please send and address any questions regarding the application process to Louise Tremblay at:

CAAIF Head Office / P.O. Box 51045 / Orleans, ON K1E 3W4
Tel: 613-986-5869 / Email: info@caaif.ca

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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!

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Saturday, October 5: 07:00 - 14:30
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