Dear CSACI members,

It is truly an honour for me to become the president of our society. The CSACI has grown into a solid, well-structured, and well-respected organization. The current executive and the board of directors are keen and motivated to continue to improve the society.

Dr. Sandy Kapur has been a humble, and very effective leader as president. His decision-making on some very difficult issues was bang on. His leadership style was one of collaboration and teamwork. As past president, he organized two very successful meetings. Even with organizational handicaps, the Toronto meeting was an outstanding educational event. But Dr. Kapur’s crowning accomplishment was the wonderful meeting in Halifax. The science worked, the kilts were stylish, and the East Coast vibe hit the sweet spot. We will miss Dr. Kapur on the board! Dr. David Fischer had a number of bumps in the road as president. He dealt with these bumps with Germanic flare. All of us could see Dr. Fischer’s honest commitment to his job as president and to our society. Now, Dr. Fischer will direct us through our next big assemblies in Montreal and Ottawa. I predict success with Dr. Fischer’s leadership. It has been a fantastic experience working with my two great friends!

Now for a bit about myself. I was born in Pusan, Korea and immigrated to Canada at age 2. We lived in a few locations in Southern Ontario, but I really grew up in Uxbridge, Ontario. At Western, I completed a few years of science and then medical school. I loved London so much that I finished internal medicine and allergy at Western. I broke up my formal training with real world experience, working in ERs and family medicine clinics during a year off after internship. After residency, my wife Jully and I settled in Waterloo.
President’s Message (cont’d)

Our allergy clinic in Kitchener has been a hopping place with great staff and great patients. Additionally, over the last several years, I have been working in London at St. Joseph’s Hospital with the Western group. I am so fortunate to be able to work with a warm and professional group of nurses, residents, and colleagues in London. Jully and I have five daughters. Laura, Natalie, Emily, Maddy and Becca have caused me lots of grief but even more joy. Honestly, every day has been an adventure for our big family.

Looking forward, I’m very excited about our society. Dr. Fischer has left us with a strong foundation to build upon. Just in September, we published the second edition of our supplement articles. These articles have become the “textbook” for allergy in Canada. We hope to expand the impact of these papers by distributing them to medical students and training programs across Canada. Recently, a major push for the society has been the development of two guidelines documents. The first will be on food oral immunotherapy and the second on allergic rhinitis. The resources and work to complete these projects will be great, but I am confident that the end results will be appreciated by our members and by thousands of other medical professionals around the world.

Another goal for the CSACI is to support education and our Fellows-in-Training. The CSACI will support a FIT retreat in the summer of 2019. The inaugural retreat will be held for the senior fellows. This weekend will be an exceptional educational and collegial experience for the all of the attendees. A final, promising initiative will be a joint project with Food Allergy Canada. We are in the planning stages of organizing and designing a national ‘Plan of Action’ for food allergy. A major goal for this undertaking is to raise awareness of food allergy, and to try to address some of the key gaps in this area at a Canada-wide level.

I’m looking forward to working on these important and exciting initiatives with our CSACI executive. Already, Dr. Tim Vander Leek (Vice-President), Dr. Anne Ellis (Treasurer), and myself have worked together to begin moving on these projects. Behind the scenes, Louise Tremblay, JP Tremblay, and Alexi Campbell continue to provide superior administrative and professional support for the CSACI as we continue to flourish.

As you all know, a great strength of the CSACI has been our successful meetings. We all hope to see you at our midterm meeting in San Francisco and the Annual Scientific Meeting in Montreal!

Harold Kim MD, FRCPC

President Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology
Western University and McMaster University
Chair/Chief Division of Clinical Immunology & Allergy at Western University
**Food allergy and anaphylaxis Section Report**

The section was pleased to attend the 2018 Halifax CSACI meeting. We welcomed Dr. Helen Brough to the section meeting. At the section meeting, questions remained about the Venom shortage. Mixed Vespid is now available in 5-dose vials and as more information is available it will be communicated to the membership by Dr. Harold Kim, president.

We are looking forward to working with the new Pediatrics Section Chair, Dr. Elana Lavine, and congratulate the prior Pediatric Section chair, Dr. Kyla Hildebrand, on her appointment to the CSACI board.

Dr. Upton, along with other CSACI members, has continued work with Food Allergy Canada (FAC) with regards to patient advice for the EpiPen shortage. She edited FAC articles for medical accuracy and attended the launch of the Food Allergy Canada-led Managing Food Allergies and Anaphylaxis: A Guide for Post-Secondary Institutions.

Dr. Abrams and Upton have continued medical reviews of CSACI food allergy and anaphylaxis related documents.

Both Dr. Abrams and Dr. Upton have been continuing their academic work to help the food allergic population and individuals at risk of anaphylaxis. They have continued efforts to appropriately use screening, oral food challenges and treatments. Dr. Upton continues to contribute to multiple food allergy desensitization studies, research on platelet activating factor in anaphylaxis, the use of antihistamines, and the prospective oral food challenges of peanut allergic individuals in the CHILD cohort. She published an editorial about the cost effectiveness of early introduction of peanut and egg and an article about immune effects of baked milk and egg diet in milk and egg allergic children. Dr. Abrams authored articles on barriers to early introduction of peanuts to infants, maternal peanut consumption in pregnancy, and drug allergy, including the importance of de-labelling beta-lactam allergy in children.

Both Drs. Upton and Abrams have continued efforts to educate the public and non-allergist physicians about food allergies. As examples, Dr. Upton spoke to the Toronto Anaphylaxis Education Group (TAEG) and to the family medicine residents at the University of Toronto. Dr. Abrams spoke at the CPS annual conference on non-IgE mediated allergy and at multiple meetings/conferences about early peanut introduction, including Thunder Bay “spring school” and healthy baby program provincial meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Drs. Upton and Abrams
Immunology Report

2018 brought the Clinical Immunology Society Annual Meeting to Canada. The meeting in Toronto had record attendance and our American colleagues were very thankful for the hospitality. This was also an invaluable opportunity for Canadian Immunologists and other specialists with particular interest and practice in Immunology to meet and deliberate about the status of the field in our country and about ideas on how to improve it and how to build a stronger network.

A dinner meeting was held on April 28 with at least 30 attendees representing Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa, Regina, Toronto, Vancouver, and Victoria. A survey was circulated with the invitations to the meeting to focus and enhance the discussion. The most important results from the survey and from the conversation that night are summarized below:

- I was asked to convey the desire to see the enhancement of the clinical immunology content during our CSACI annual meetings.
- There is a genuine interest from physicians of different specialties dealing with patients with immunological issues in participating in a Canadian Clinical Immunology group to improve treatment of patients with immune diseases through advocacy, education, and multi-centre research in our country.
- **Advocacy:**
  - The group recognizes the efforts made by our CSACI past President, Dr. Fischer, in delivering everyone’s concerns to Canadian Blood Services over last year’s decision on changing provision of SCIG and IVIG products and the potential risks that those decisions pose to our patients: interruptions of therapies, shortages, lack of diversity of product options. As the Immunology Section Advisor, I have been following the transition and from communication I have had with patients and with the company providing the new SCIG product, the transition has fortunately been, in most cases, a smooth one. Nevertheless, the above-mentioned concerns are still present.
  - The National Advisory Committee on Blood and Blood Products needs to have clinical input by Immunologists on their decisions for recommendations on issues such as irradiation of blood components, and IVIG guidelines.
  - An urgent area for advocacy is the implementation of Newborn Screening for SCID in all Provinces and Territories.
  - Advocacy is also needed for access to newer and faster genetic testing techniques.
- **Education:**
- **Research:**
  - Some centres are participating in PIDTC studies.
  - Some centres are participating on databases such as USIDNET in the U.S. and C-PRIMES in Canada.
  - There is a need for increasing participation and collaboration among Canadian centres.
- Another identified concern is the transition of primary immunodeficiency patients to adult medicine and the need for specialists dealing with these patients to connect with each other.

At this year’s CSACI Annual Meeting in Halifax last September, we continued with these important discussions and had a fruitful business meeting, with many very good ideas for the future of our Section and the Immunology specialty in Canada.

For this year’s Immunology Section Breakthrough meeting we had the pleasure to learn from Dr. Theoharis C. Theoharides presentation on “The role of mast cells in immunity”. Dr. Theoharides is a world-renowned expert on mast cells and is currently the Director of Molecular Immunopharmacology and Drug Discovery, in the Department of Immunology at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston.

Please do not forget to send me your ideas, comments, suggestions throughout the year and I hope to see you all in Montreal next year.

Sincerely,

Luis E. Murguía-Favela, MD, FRCP
Section Advisor
Luis.murguiafavela@ahs.ca
Pediatrics Section Report

The Pediatrics Section has been working on several initiatives since the CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting in Toronto.

- The CSACI continues to provide input as a member of an international working group developing evidence-based guidelines for the management of food allergy in schools. This project has received funding from AllerGen and is near completion. Publication is anticipated in 2018-19.

- In collaboration with Food Allergy Canada, the Pediatrics Interest Section provided a medical review of a new document entitled, ‘Managing Food Allergies and Anaphylaxis in Post-Graduate Institutions’. Published 2018.

Upcoming projects/scholarly work that will be set into motion include:

- A review of the literature regarding the use of emollients in the prevention of eczema
- A review article outlining the approach to recurrent infections in a child (in conjunction with the Immunology Section)

At the 2018 meeting, feedback from members and participants in this section reinforced the desire to create an open meeting style going forward, and to ideally place it at a time in the meeting accessible to anyone who is interested in participating.

The Scientific Meeting in Halifax saw a new Pediatrics section chair elected. I am pleased to report that Dr. Elana Lavine is the new section chair.

It has been my pleasure and honour to serve within this vibrant and dynamic society.

With my thanks and best wishes,

Kyla Hildebrand

The CSACI Pediatrics and Anaphylaxis Sections are undertaking a needs assessment on the current state of food anaphylaxis forms used in daycare settings. Do you have recent experience being asked to complete a form provided by a daycare that contained incorrect, outdated or misleading information? Please email Elana Lavine (pedallergist@gmail.com) with examples or comments on your recent experiences with daycare anaphylaxis forms. Your input would be appreciated.

Thank you!
Allied Health (AH) Interest Section Update

As we just wrapped up the CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting in Halifax, we felt this newsletter was a good opportunity to share some of the highlights, and our goals for the year ahead.

We had a great turn out with this year’s CSACI AH Symposium Program, with a nice balance between clinical updates, research, and opportunities for skill building. Our Symposium and meeting featured four great presentations, all of which led to a number of questions and a great discussion between the presenters and the audience:

- The psychological impact of food allergies on children, youth & families | Joanne Gillespie
- When two worlds collide – Research in clinical practice improves patient care | Ingrid Baerg, Lianne Soller & Nicole Lee
- Preparing your patients for oral immunotherapy | Edmond Chan & Lianne Soller
- Supporting adolescent patients in the transition to adult care | Elizabeth Stringer

Message from Sara:
Linda’s second term as Allied Health Section Co-Chair has come to an end. As her co-chair, I wish to thank her on behalf of the membership for her service. She has an impressive depth of knowledge about allergy, is highly motivated in her professional life, and cares deeply for everyone she works with. Linda has worked not only to bring a better understanding of allergies to her practice, but to the value of interprofessional collaboration to support patient care as well. This has been to our benefit in the AH Section, and we thank her for all her work over the past four years. As we move into a new year, I look forward to a new co-chair, Lianne Soller, to join me and encourage all members to participate in advancing AH Section interests.

Message from Lianne:
I am very excited to be joining Sara as the new co-chair of the AH Section this year. As a research manager and postdoctoral fellow at BC Children’s Hospital, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with allergists, nurses, respiratory technicians, and other researchers. I believe that collaboration is the key to success, and my hope is to bring more interdisciplinary collaboration into the AH Section both at the Annual conference and throughout the rest of the year. I look forward to working alongside Sara as the new AH Section co-chair.

Sara and Lianne
Accreditation Update:

The CSACI underwent the accreditation renewal process in 2018 and is approved as an Accredited Provider for CPD. This means we can accredit our Annual Scientific Meeting but also that we can continue to accredit other CPD events. Get in touch with us if you are looking to accredit an event for your group, regional society or the like.

The CPD Committee will be meeting in late November. Please contact us if you’d like to become involved in CPD!

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Lori Connors, CPD Chair
New Initiative – Staff Spotlight
A common theme in the feedback we received through our needs assessments has been a desire for advice around the transition to practice and insight into the world of the practicing allergist/immunologist. To this end, one of the new initiatives we implemented this year was a Staff Spotlight in the CSACI Newsletter. For the recent spring newsletter, we featured Dr. David Fischer. Thank you to Dr. Fischer for taking the time to provide that interview.

FIT Symposium – Meeting the needs
We were very excited about our program for the FIT Symposium this year. It incorporated most of the commonly requested topics.

The program includes:
• A presentation on how to prepare for the Royal College Clinical Immunology and Allergy written and oral exams (OSCE)
• A presentation on oral immunotherapy
• A session in which allergists/immunologists from across Canada will share their approach and insights to some challenging immunotherapy cases
• An open forum on transitioning to practice, to address the questions the FITs have about the transition

New event at CSACI Annual Meeting: FIT Social
Again, based on a request from the FITs, we added a new event to this year’s Annual Meeting – The FIT Social, which will be held on Friday evening after the Opening Reception. This will be an opportunity for the FITs to spend some downtime together, mingle and network outside of formal sessions.

Continuing to meet the needs of FITs
We solicited feedback during the FIT Symposium on how we as the FIT Program Committee can improve and continue to meet the needs of the Canadian FITs. More info to come.

New Senior FIT Representative
My term as Senior FIT Representative has ended, and Ana-Maria Copaescu, the current Junior FIT Representative, has moved into the role of Senior FIT Representative. Elections were held during the FIT Symposium and the new Junior FIT Representative is Keelia Farrell.

Thank you very much for your attention. If you have any feedback, advice, questions or concerns, please feel free to approach me at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Yasmin Moolani Merchant, MD, MSc, FRCPC
CSACI Past Senior FIT Representative
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ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2018

I would like to express my heartfelt thank you to each of you who participated in the 2018 CSACI meeting last month in Halifax.

Over 400 participants from across Canada, the United States and Europe gave their time and resources to attend. You made the Conference a success and it was a great pleasure to see so many of you there!

I am sure you enjoyed both the scientific part and the social programs and that you used the opportunity to extend your existing networks. You can download pictures of the CSACI meeting, social events and awards dinner as well as the CAAIF Gala at: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kr0egfmebxw9muji/AACacbo1nk0pYyYCSq99zTj0a?dl=0

I would like to give special thank you to all of our Speakers and especially to Dr. Sandy Kapur for chairing the meeting and hosting us in his beautiful City in the brand-new Halifax Convention Centre.

We hope to see you all next year in Montréal at the Hotel Bonaventure from October 23 to 27, 2019.

Regards,

Dr. Harold Kim
CSACI President
ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2018

The CSACI Distinguished Member Award: Dr. Gord Sussman*

The CSACI Distinguished Member Award is presented to an exemplary member of the CSACI for his or her outstanding achievements in Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, dedication to the CSACI, and whose accomplishments serve as an inspiration and example for others to follow.

Presenting the award were Dr. Fischer, Dr. Sussman (middle) and Dr. Susan Waserman (right).

The F. Estelle R. Simons Award for Research: Dr. Anne Ellis*

The F. Estelle R. Simons Award for Research is presented to a CSACI member in recognition of his or her exemplary research in the field of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology. To be considered for this award, the candidate’s research should be viewed as significant and of benefit to the specialty.

Presenting the award is Dr. David Fischer, Dr. Charles Frankish (left) and Dr. Anne Ellis (middle).

The Jerry Dolovich Award: Dr. Judah Denburg*

The Jerry Dolovich Award is presented to a CSACI member who demonstrates excellence in clinical work, teaching, and research, and serves as a leader and role model in our specialty. Dr. Dolovich exemplified all of these attributes during his career.

(The award was accepted by Ms. Diana Royce and Dr. Allan Becker).

*Professor of Medicine, University of Toronto, Division Director Allergy and Immunology, University of Toronto

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*James H. Day Chair in Allergic Diseases and Allergy Research Professor and Chair, Division of Allergy & Immunology, Department of Medicine, Queen’s University, Kingston
The John Howard Toogood Award: Dr. Kyla Hildebrand*

The John Howard Toogood Award for Teaching is presented to a CSACI member in recognition of his/her exemplary teaching and mentoring in the field of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology.

*Clinical Associate Professor Director, Pediatric Clinical Immunology & Allergy Residency Program Clinical Investigator, BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute Division of Allergy & Immunology, Department of Pediatrics BC Children’s Hospital, University of British Columbia

Presenting the award were Dr. Fischer (right), Dr. Hildebrand (middle) and Dr. Vicki Cook (left)

The CSACI Early Career Award: Dr. Elissa Abrams*

The CSACI Early Career Award is presented to a CSACI Fellow, who has been working post-fellowship for five years or less, and has shown dedication to our specialty through his or her contribution to the CSACI.

*Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba, Division of Allergy, Department of Paediatrics

Presenting the award were Dr. Fischer (left), Dr. Elissa Abrams (middle) and Dr. Allan Becker (right)

The Milton Gold Memorial Lectureship: Dr. Johnathan Hourihane*

This award is presented to a speaker at the CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting whose lecture exemplifies the role of advocacy in the field of Allergy & Immunology, an attribute that Dr. Gold was well known for throughout his career. Congratulations, you are the first recipient of this prestigious award.

*Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health at the University of Cork Ireland

Award was presented earlier to Dr. Hourihane by Drs. Fischer and Kapur.

The Bram Rose Memorial Lectureship: Dr. Donald Leung*

Bram Rose was a founder of the CSACI and a pioneer in the field of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology. After he passed away, the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology established this lectureship to commemorate his honour. He is a significant figure to our Society.

*Head, Division of Pediatric Allergy & Clinical Immunology and Professor of Pediatrics at the National Jewish Health in Colorado

Award was presented earlier to Dr. Leung by Dr. Fischer.
CONGRATULATIONS!

2018 CSACI / ALLERGEN POSTER COMPETITION – TOP POSTER AWARDS

IF YOU MISSED THE CSACI ANNUAL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, YOU REALLY MISSED OUT ON A LOT OF TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR VARIOUS TRAINEES IN ALLERGY ACROSS THE COUNTRY. FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING, INTERNAL MEDICINE AND PEDIATRIC RESIDENTS, MEDICAL STUDENTS AND TRAINEES AT MULTIPLE LEVELS (BSC, MSC, PHD) FROM THE ALLERGEN NCE NETWORK SUBMITTED A RECORD NUMBER OF ABSTRACTS, AND CHOOSING WINNERS WAS NO EASY FEAT FOR OUR JUDGES.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE JUDGES WHO HELPED OUT!

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**CASE REPORTS**

| 1ST | Geneviève Bouvette | Division of Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine, Centre Hospitalier de l’Université de Montréal (CHUM) | A case of ranitidine-induced exanthema |
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| 1ST | Michael Chen | Meakins-Christie Laboratories, McGill University | Heparin-binding EGF-like growth factor modulates the bidirectional activation of CD4+ T cells and dendritic cells independently of the epidermal growth factor receptor |
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| 1ST | Lauren Muttucamaroe | Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, The University of British Columbia, BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute | Strategies for Participant Retention in Pediatric Longitudinal Research Studies: Lessons Learned from the Vancouver Site of the CHILD Study |
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FIT Bowl

2018 marked the 9th Annual FIT (Fellows-in-Training) Bowl and all in attendance agreed it was great! Teams were competitive and inventive, and all are to be congratulated for excellent performances, and for an extremely entertaining session!

In the end, there can be only one winner, and this year our winning team McMaster.

Congratulations to our winners and all who competed.

Special thanks to Drs. Chuck Frankish and Bill Moote for their question writing and judging assistance. Thank you to Shire, ALK & Sanofi for their ongoing support of the FIT Bowl.

See you next year!

Dr. Anne Ellis
FIT Bowl Chair
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Canadian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF) Update

Since June 2018, the CAAIF Board has undertaken a strategic review of its governance structures and as a result, a series of new Board standing and advisory committees have been established, and new Board members recruited. The CAAIF Research Advisory Committee has been revamped - Drs. Phillipe Bégin, Allergist, Université de Montréal, and Jean Marshall, Professor, Dalhousie University, are serving as the co-chairs. As a result of their efforts, the CAAIF research support and capacity building program has been revamped.

A Fundraising and Events Committee has been established and is chaired by Ms. Kimberly Waines, Key Accounts Manager, Stallergenes Greer. This advisory committee led CAAIF’s delivery of the Foundation’s annual gala event, held in conjunction with the CSACI conference. This year’s 3rd Annual Gala and Live Auction, held in Halifax, hosted over 180 guests and raised over $100,000 for research. Fine food and local entertainment provided by the Nova Scotia Youth Ambassadors generated some impromptu Highland dancing among the guests!

Next year’s 4th Annual Gala and Live Auction will be held in Montreal. This “Cirque Spectacular” is planned for Thursday, October 24, 2019.

CAAIF’s 4th Annual Walk/Run also was also held in conjunction with the CSACI ASM. A special thank-you is owed to Stallergenes Greer and Shire for sponsoring the 2018 Annual Walk/Run, which took place in Halifax’s beautiful Point Pleasant Park. Over 50 runners and walkers broke a sweat to raise money for research. Congratulations to the overall winner of the race, Dr. Alexandra Langlois, form the Montreal Children’s Hospital, as well as everyone who participated in raising funds for research by taking part in this event!

The Top 10 Challenge: Spreading Awareness & Raising Funds for Food Allergy Research, is a new initiative CAAIF is supporting in 2019. The Top 10 Challenge isn’t your average fundraiser - it’s an opportunity to live “a day on the plate” of someone you know or love with food allergies. The goals of this challenge are to spread awareness and empathy; and raise much needed research funds.

The Top 10 Challenge will take place during the last ten days of April 2019, leading up to Food Allergy Awareness Month. There are a number of ways to participate in the Challenge. Register at https://bit.ly/top10-register and pledge to avoid an allergen of your choice for either one meal or the whole ten days. Ask friends and family to support you by making donations to CAAIF!

Want to get involved? Have any comments or ideas you’d like to share. We’re always listening. Contact our Managing Director, Andrea Waserman, at andrea@caaif.ca or 647-334-2763. Check our website www.allergyfoundation.ca for research grant updates in the coming weeks, or follow us on Twitter @theCAAIF.
IN OTHER CAAIF NEWS

Message from the AAIA

Dear Valued Supporters of the AAIA Allergy/Asthma Information Association:

Thank you!

It has been an interesting and exciting journey for the past fifty-four years that the AAIA Allergy/Asthma Information Association has been in operation. We have made many great strides to improve the daily lives of those individuals living with allergies, asthma and anaphylaxis. Over the past five decades, the AAIA’s staff and volunteers have provided much needed support to help affected individuals cope with the concerns of everyday living. The time has come to inform you that the AAIA will be ceasing operations as of October 31st, 2018.

Best Regards,
AAIA Board of Directors

(Click here for more details)

On behalf of the CSACI and CAAIF, we would like to thank AAIA for their partnership.

AllerGen NCE and Asthma Canada are pleased to announce a Call for Applications for an MSc Graduate Student Research Award, with a due date of Friday, January 25, 2019 at 8 pm in the applicant’s local time zone.

Information and Call documents can be found here.
It seems like only yesterday that we were enjoying the beautiful weather in Halifax and wrapping up another tremendously successful CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting. But now we must put away our kilts and begin to turn our attention to planning our next Meeting in Montréal, QC from October 23-27, 2019 at the Hotel Bonaventure. Save the dates!

We’re just now putting together the Planning Committee and if anyone reading this has any ideas for topics/speakers etc. please email me to inform me of what you’re thinking about. The Meeting itself will be a great chance to earn CPD hours, socialize with your friends and keep up-to-date with the latest medical information.

Keep an eye out for further information about registration in the New Year!

David Fischer, Chair, CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting 2019

Congratulations to Dre Marie-Noël Primeau winner of this year’s Meeting Registration early bird draw. Looks Yummy!

Don’t forget to register early for the 2019 ASM

CSACI CANADIAN RECEPTION
JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Saturday, March 2, 2019
Location to be determined
San Francisco, CA
18:00-20:30

Registration will open on January 18, 2019

Fellows: $35
Guests: $35
Fellows-in-Training: Free
Corporate: $50

CSACI TRAVEL GRANT
AAAAI meeting

Travel grants are only available to Allergy and Immunology associate fellows enrolled in Canadian program of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and are members of the CSACI.

Travel grant application form will be available in early January 2019!
Please visit www.csaci.ca

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION JANUARY 31, 2019
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

On behalf of the CSACI Executive, Board and Section Advisors, best wishes for a happy holiday season and a healthy New Year!

The CSACI Office will be closed from Friday, December 21st to January 7th, 2019.