Dear CSACI members,

Another decade is coming to an end!

And we allergists across Canada are benefiting from the hard work and dedication of our Society and past leaders over the past several years. The Board of Directors - especially the Executive, Dr. Tim Vander Leek and Dr. Anne Ellis - continue this tradition today. And I would be remiss if I did not also thank our Section Advisors who too have contributed to the success of the Society.

This fall has been hectic. The whirlwind included the inaugural Fellows-in-Training retreat, the CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting, our federal election, the Clinical Immunology and Allergy Royal College examinations. There has been one major disappointment this fall...the slip sliding away of my beloved Montréal Canadiens.

Let’s start with the meeting. Dr. David Fisher and the meeting committee must be congratulated for their incredible efforts in organizing Montréal 2019. The meeting committee was expecting to have another successful meeting, but we weren’t expecting to have the largest turnout of any CSACI meeting in history. We had 522 attendees in Montréal! The feedback from the attendees has been extremely positive. The generous support of our sponsors was instrumental to the success of our meeting. I would like to highlight the winners of our major awards on the Saturday night event which can be found on pages 12 and 13. Also, the first “team picture” of all of the past presidents was a personal highlight of mine of the whole meeting (page 11).

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President’s Message (cont’d)

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We have had a fruitful relationship with our sisters/brothers at CAAIF. With the sound financial standing of the CSACI, we were able to contribute a more substantial donation to CAAIF. We are happy to have witnessed CAAIF growing and providing appreciated funds for allergy research under the leadership of Dr. Susan Waserman. The CAAIF fundraiser gala was again a successful event. All of us were in awe from the nerve-racking Cirque du Soleil performance.

As all academic centers move on to Competency By Design for training and assessments of our residents, I would like to highlight the contributions from the CSACI members who contribute to the Specialty Committee in Clinical Immunology and Allergy at the Royal College. As well, I would like to thank Dr. Stephen Betschel and all others who volunteer for the Royal College on the examination committee. All who participate in these committees should be commended for the dedicated service to our specialty. I would also like to thank Dr. Fanny Silviu Dan who has faithfully represented our specialty at the Royal College meetings and has chaired the Special Committee meetings with the program directors at our annual meetings each year.

The CSACI guidelines projects are moving forward nicely. Under the leadership of Dr. Phillipe Bégin and Dr. Edmond Chan, the Canadian Food Oral Immunotherapy Guidelines project promises to be a document that will be appreciated and used by allergists across Canada and around the world. I would like to thank INESSS for the extraordinary contribution they have made to this project. I know all of the members of the Society will be amazed by the quality of the results of this project in the next few months. As well, the Allergic Rhinitis guidelines will be in full stride in 2020. This project is led by Dr. Jackie Quirt, Dr. Sean Mace and Dr. Bill Moote. This document will help Canadian allergists manage one of our “bread and butter” conditions.

Finally, the CSACI position statements are a project that is near and dear to my heart. We have published a number of these papers over the years. All of them have been valued and many of them have had real impact on clinical practice. But the most recent position statement on first generation antihistamines has been appreciated at a different level. The authors are Dr. Michael Fein, Dr. David Fischer, Dr. Andrew O’Keefe and Dr. Gord Sussman. This project has been planned for number of years. After its publication on October 1, 2019, it has become the premiere position statement produced by the Society. The media coverage was unprecedented for a paper from the CSACI. As I write this letter, there have already been 9518 accesses to this paper on our journal website. It is great to see the impact of our members have in Canada!

We look forward to seeing you at our CSACI Canadian Reception during the AAAAI meeting in Philadelphia on Saturday, March 14 and then our CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting in Ottawa, to be held at the Shaw Conference Centre, from October 21 to 25, 2020. I would like to thank Louise Tremblay, JP Tremblay and Alexi Campbell for their encouragement and support as I move through my term.

We hope that all of you will have a wonderful holiday and a stupendous New Year!

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

Goals for 2020

1. Continue contribution to CSACI interests in Food Allergy:
   • Continue contributions to OIT guidelines
   • Continue reviewing articles for Food Allergy Canada
   • Continue review of articles for CSACI/FAC endeavors
2. Continue contribution to CME syllabus
3. Continue work on the daycare anaphylaxis document (with Elana Lavine)
4. Complete the comparison of diabetes and food allergy supports

Explanation of Goals

1. As the Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy Section head, I am involved in many of the Food allergy activities and work closely with FAC
2. As the Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy Section head, creating a slide deck for the specialty that fits with the CSACI goal to educate physicians
3. Daycare is a special circumstance and a specific document from the CSACI would be helpful to support these patients
4. I have a resident at Sick Kids working with us to compare and contrast supports for 2 different food related diseases and hope this will support widening supports for food allergic patients

Meetings/Teleconferences and Progress to date:
1. The meetings for OIT have been scheduled via CSACI
   • I review articles routinely for FAC/CSACI (e.g. the early intro FAQ documents, TREKK etc.)
2. We have had emails and one major meeting about the CME endeavor, led by Andy O’Keefe
3. Elana and I have discussed and initialized a draft
4. Multiple meetings with the resident here at SickKids: draft estimated in early 2020

Motions Arising from Committee Discussion:
1. OIT guidelines progressing
2. CME will be discussed in the upcoming meeting
3. Daycare draft will be discussed in the upcoming meeting
4. Current plan is to submit as a paper, input welcomed

Respectfully submitted,
Drs. Julia Upton and Elissa Abrams
REPORT of the Rhinitis and Sinusitis Section

Goals for 2020

1. Review feedback regarding FIT retreat to plan for possible annual event
2. Rhinitis guidelines – regroup with new plan
3. Rhinitis and Sinusitis Section meeting – increase attendance

Explanation of Goals

1. The first annual FIT immunotherapy retreat occurred from Sept 6-8, 2019 at the ALT hotel in Toronto. Preliminary feedback was very positive. Formal feedback from the residents will be reviewed to determine if this should be an annual event. If so, adjustments in the program will be made to align with the feedback.

2. The process of establishing updated Canadian Rhinitis Guidelines was postponed due to discussions about the scope of and necessity for the project. We will be having a limited teleconference in late September to discuss these issues before bringing them to the larger group. A list of names has been generated for participants. This will be revised due to some who have declined.

3. Continued effort will be made to increase attendance at the Rhinitis and Sinusitis Section meeting. This year Dr. Michael Wechsler will be speaking about biologics in nasal polyposis patients.

Meetings/Teleconferences and Progress to date

- Teleconference re FIT retreat – March 2019
- FIT retreat Sept 6-8 – Toronto
- Teleconference for Rhinitis guidelines scheduled Sept 23, 2019
- Motions Arising from Committee Discussion.

Dr. Jaclyn Quirt
Section Advisor
INTEREST SECTION REPORTS

Immunology Section Report

Goals for 2020

1. Advocacy for the enhancement of Immunology content during the CSACI Annual Meeting.
2. Cross-Canada Canadian Immunology networking and collaboration.

Explanation of Goals

1. The Immunology section recognizes the effort of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee to include more Immunology topics during the 2019 Meeting in Montreal. However, we believe that more Immunology content is needed to motivate Clinical Immunologists that are not Allergists to become CSACI members and attend and present at the meetings every year.

2. Clinical Immunologists in Canada have, for the most part, worked in silos, and there has not been significant communication across the country, despite the great quality of clinicians and researchers in the field. Over the last couple of years, and particularly this year, there have been concrete actions taken to enhance the collaboration and networking among us.

Meetings/Teleconferences and Progress to date

Meetings:
1.1 Canadian Immunologists dinner meeting during CIS Annual Meeting in Atlanta in April
1.2 Telephone meeting with Immunodeficiency Canada’s CEO
1.3 Telephone meeting with Immunodeficiency Canada’s Scientific Director

Progress to date: A succinct proposal is being submitted to the CSACI Board for consideration of discussion during this year’s Board Meeting.

Meetings:
2.1 Cross-Canada Canadian Immunologist Teleconference in February and June 2019.
2.2 Canadian Immunologists dinner meeting during CIS Annual Meeting in Atlanta in April.
2.2 Multiple e-mail communications among the group throughout the year.

Progress to date: The first cross-Canada research study protocol has been created and it is in the process for REB submission in the different centres.

At this year’s CSACI Annual Meeting, the Immunology Section Breakout session will feature Dr. Fabien Touzot from le Centre de Recherche du CHU Sainte-Justine. Dr. Touzot is an expert in gene therapy/editing for primary immunodeficiencies, a topic that, more and more, is becoming an important part of our practice, particularly with the prevalence in Canada of certain immune deficiencies that are already amenable to receive this type of treatment.

Finally, as I announced in the Spring’s Newsletter, this is my last year as the CSACI Immunology Section Advisor. I would like to thank the CSACI President and past-President, the Board of Directors, the advisors for the other sections, and everyone at CSACI, for their support and camaraderie during my exciting time in this role. And, most importantly, I would like to thank all of the CSACI members who belong to this group and who have provided me with advice and suggestions on how to continue to improve the CSACI Immunology Section. I would also like to welcome Dr. Beata Derfalvi as the new Immunology Section Advisor and her deputy Dr. Vy Kim.

Many thanks,

Dr. Luis E. Murguía-Favela
Pediatrics Section Report

Progress Report:

An excellent presentation was given by Dr. Thomas Eiwegger of Sick Kids for the Pediatric Section at the annual meeting in Montreal. He presented a concise summary on the appropriate use of specific IgE for food allergy diagnosis, with a focus on component-derived testing, and a very good Q&A session was held after his presentation.

Goals for 2020

1. Further development of a Daycare Addendum Form
2. Completion of position statement on role of early skin care in primary prevention of allergy (on hold)

Explanation of Goals

1. A form has been drafted that addresses practical issues arising in a daycare/childcare setting. In particular, these pertain to the safe preparation and provision of meals and snacks to older infants and toddlers. The form would be completed by parents and childcare providers together to ensure cooperation and understanding regarding expectations and responsibilities of both “sides”. The language is directed at a lay readership. The draft form has been shared with Food Allergy Canada and many suggested revisions have been made. At the annual meeting, input was sought from the CSACI membership, and comments gathered from attendees which are being compiled.

2. A position statement was researched and written to summarize the literature and provide recommendations about the role of emollient skin care in infancy to prevent food allergy. Updated literature suggested that this strategy might bear further scrutiny so this position statement has been set aside until further discussion.

Dr. Elana Lavine
Section Advisor
Allied Health (AH) Interest Section Update

Goals for the AH section

1. Developing an Anaphylaxis Educator Program

2. Interprofessional Collaboration in Allergy – Position Statement

Explanation of Goals

1. Developing an anaphylaxis educator program, similar to the asthma educator program, for allied health professionals.

2. Position statement describing the roles of different healthcare professional groups in provision of allergy care.

Meetings/Teleconferences and Progress to date

1. Anaphylaxis Educator Program
   a. Three teleconferences held in Spring 2019 to discuss stakeholders and experts
   b. Content and format of program brainstorming
   c. Needs assessment to be written and distributed in Fall 2019
   d. Teleconference in next two months

2. Interprofessional Collaboration in Allergy
   a. Two teleconferences held in Spring 2019 to discuss goals of position statement
   b. Currently working on Literature scan
   c. Will reconvene by teleconference in next two months

Lianne Soller, PhD
Allied Health Section Advisor
CPD Report

- CPD Committee met in Nov 2018 via teleconference
  - Report due Dec 2019 re accreditation areas of focus
  - In progress: Identify further opportunities for Section 3 credits (JACI, AACI)
- Reviews since last meeting:
  - Immunodeficiency Canada symposium
  - Section 1 for ASM
  - Section 3 for ASM
  - Co-developed Section 1 session
- This year’s ASM
  - Have more integration of intrinsic CanMEDs roles in sessions
    - Specific learning objectives for these roles identified
  - Section 3 pre-test questions developed by moderators, rather than speakers
  - Co-developed session with industry
  - New workshop format with interdisciplinary focus
- 11th Annual National Accreditation Conference
  - Presented workshop on Continuous Quality Improvement in CPD Programming
  - Pearls from the conference:
    - Conflict of interest
      - Need to be more proactive in management of COI
      - Planning committee members, in particular
    - National Accreditation Standards
      Unaccredited activities
      - Separate tab in app/website
      - Separate section in printed program
      - Inserts in delegate bag
      - Need to be clear that not accredited
      - Unaccredited sponsored lunch listed in program

Next steps:
- Accreditation report for Dec 2019 to RCPSC
- Determine if JACI/AACI section 3 opportunities will work
- Develop spreadsheet to manage COI
- Streamline process for speaker letters, COI management, info re session using survey software for next year

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Connors, MD, MEd, FRCPC
CSACI CPD Chair
Activities
This is a summary of the activities of the FIT Portfolio.
1. FIT Retreat
2. FIT Symposium
3. FIT Friday night social
4. Increasing networking among FITs
5. New FIT Representatives

Explanation of Activities

1. FIT Retreat – Toronto (6-8 September 2019)

On behalf of the FIT team and all the Canadian fellows, I want to thank the CSACI organizing committee for this wonderful opportunity! Thank you for organizing such a great week-end event! I heard only positive comments regarding this training session. This is definitely a must for all Canadian Allergy-Immunology fellows.

A constructive suggestion mentioned by some of the fellows but also highlighted by the organizing committee was to involve speakers from all of the provinces in the future. The graduating fellows were extremely happy to be able to attend and to have a practical review just before their Royal College Examination.

Once again, the subjects discussed were all mentioned by the fellows in their post-session surveys answers.

2. FIT Symposium

We are very excited about our program for the FIT Symposium this year. It incorporates most of the commonly requested themes. As discussed during the mid-term meeting, we have a community (and not communist) approach to the management of allergy and immunology this year. We have also prepared a paper survey that we will ask the FIT participants to fill out at the end of the symposium.

3. FIT Friday night social

Based on a request from the FITs, we organized the second edition of 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.

4. Increasing networking among FITs

A renewed goal for the FIT team is to increase communication among the FITs. We have now a WhatsApp group chat and a Facebook group. We are happy to mention that all the FITs who have attended the last two CSACI meetings have voluntarily joined one of the two groups.

5. New FIT Representatives

The Canadian fellows who participated last year in the annual Halifax meeting elected our new Senior FIT Representative, Dr. Keelia Farrell.

Next year, we will elect the new junior FIT Representative. Stay tuned for more details. Meetings/Teleconferences and Progress to date

Meetings/Teleconferences and Progress to date
- Wednesday, 28th August 2019 - Teleconference with the FIT representatives and supervisors in order to discuss FIT Symposium.
- Monday, 24th June 2019 - CSACI Executive, Board and Section Chair teleconference
- Tuesday, 30th April 2019 - CSACI Executive, Board and Section Chair teleconference
- Friday, 22th February 2019 - AAAI San Francisco meeting
FELLOW-IN-TRAINING CORNER

Meetings/Teleconferences and Progress to date (continued)

- Wednesday, 13th February 2019 - Teleconference with the FIT representatives and supervisors in order to discuss the AAAI San Francisco meeting and the FIT report.
- Wednesday, 6th February 2019 - Teleconference to discuss the development and themes for the 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting

Thank you very much for reading our report. If you have any feedback, advice, questions or concerns, please feel free to approach the FIT team at any time.

Past FIT Senior Representative
Ana-Maria Copaescu, MD, FRCPC
Graduate from Clinical Immunology and Allergy
Université de Montréal

Senior FIT Representative
Keelia Farrell, MD
PGY5 Clinical Immunology and Allergy
University of Halifax

Junior FIT Representative
Angelika Barlas, BSc, MD
PGY4 Clinical Immunology and Allergy
University of British Columbia

CSACI FIT Program Co-Supervisor
Zainab Abdurrahman, MD, FRCPC (Pediatrics), FRCPC (Clinical Immunology and Allergy)
Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) of Pediatrics McMaster University

CSACI FIT Program Co-Supervisor
Audrey Segal, MD, FRCPC
Lecturer, Department of Pediatrics
University of Toronto
Montreal CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting Summary

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Scientific Meeting in Montreal. It was the most successful Meeting we’ve ever had with over 500 attendees! I would like to take the time to thank the Organizing Committee and especially our CPD Committee Chair, Dr. Lori Connors. There were a wide variety of topics presented by national and international speakers and we started a new concept: concurrent workshops. The FIT Sessions (and the ever-popular FIT Bowl) were once again a great success as well as the NREP sessions, the summer studentships presentations, and the Abstract presentations all of which help to build the future of the specialty.

We hope that you can attend next year’s Meeting in Ottawa, October 21-25, 2020. Save the dates!

David Fischer, MD, FRCPC, FCSACI

At the meeting in Montreal during the awards dinner, we had a chance to capture a glimpse from our history through a group picture of our past CSACI Presidents.

Back row from left to right:
Chuck Frankish, Allan Becker, Stu Carr, Bill Moote, Peter Small
Front row from left to right:
Sandy Kapur, Paul Keith, Zave Chad, Susan Waserman, Don Stark, Eric Leith and Bob Schellenberg

To view CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting and CAAIF Gala pictures please click on the link below:
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The CSACI Distinguished Member Award:  
Dr. Peter Small*

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.

* Chief, Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal

Presenting the award to Dr. Small (middle) were Dr. Kim, and Dr. Zave Chad (left).

The Jerry Dolovich Award:  
Dr. Stuart Carr*

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.

* Allergist and CMO at Snö Asthma & Allergy Clinics, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Presenting the award to Dr. Carr were Dr. Kim (right) and Dr. Sandy Kapur (left).

The F. Estelle R. Simons Award for Research:  
Dr. Stuart Turvey*

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.

* Professor of Pediatrics at the University of British Columbia where he holds the Aubrey J. Tingle Professorship in Pediatric Immunology.

Accepting the award on his behalf is Dr. Catherine Biggs
The CSACI Early Career Award:
Dr. Andrew O’Keefe*

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.

*Allergist at the NL Allergy & Immunology (Newfoundland)

David McCourtie Memorial Lectureship
Dr. Carina Venter*

Dr. McCourtie was well recognized for his contribution to teaching in the field of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and was well respected as a physician, teacher and allergist.

*Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Section of Allergy & Immunology, University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, Children’s Hospital Colorado

The Bram Rose Memorial Lectureship:
Dr. David Stukus*

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.

* Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Associate Director, Pediatric Allergy & Immunology Fellowship Program, Director of Quality Improvement, Division of Allergy and Immunology, Nationwide Children’s Hospital and The Ohio State University College of Medicine
# CONGRATULATIONS!

## 2019 CSACI POSTER COMPETITION – TOP POSTER AWARDS

If you missed the CSACI Annual Meeting in October 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), 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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FIT Bowl

2019 marked the 10th 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 was 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 ALK & Sanofi for their ongoing support of the FIT Bowl.

See you next year!

Dr. Anne Ellis
FIT Bowl Chair
These meetings would not be possible without the support and generosity of our industry partners.

Dr. Harold Kim, CSACI President presented a number of recognition awards to:

**Grand Patron – Sanofi**
Accepting the award are Goldy Croisic and Sven Sorenson

**Patron – Aralez**
Accepting the award is Luigi Berardelli

**Patron – Novartis**
Accepting the award is Jennifer Bordeleau

**Patron – Pediapharm**
Accepting the award is Susie Lake

**Patron – Pfizer**
Accepting the award Jasmin Laflamme

**Patron – Takeda**
Accepting the award is Christine Ford
And a very big thank you to all our exhibitors: Aerobiology Research Laboratories, CIPO/APIQ, Covis Pharma, DBV Technologies, Food Allergy Canada, HAE Canada Inc., Mastocytosis Society Canada (MSC), Mylan Canada, NeilMed Pharmaceuticals, Omega Laboratories Limited, Sobi Canada Inc., Somagen Diagnostics and Teva Canada Innovation.

FIT BOWL … Thank You to Alk, and Sanofi

We would also like to thank Immunodeficiency Canada for their support.

And thank you to our Silver Sponsor – Merck

Platinum Sponsor - GlaxoSmithKline
Accepting the award is Renata Rhea

Gold Sponsor – Stallergenes Greer
Accepting the award is Christina Porter

Silver Sponsor - ALK
Accepting the award is Marie-Chantal Arseneault

Silver Sponsor - AstraZeneca
Accepting the award is Kim Loria

Bronze Sponsor - Grifols
Accepting the award is Jayesh Vasant
OTHER CSACI NEWS

CSACI CANADIAN RECEPTION
JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN
Philadelphia, PA

Saturday, March 14, 2020
Westin Hotel
Philadelphia, PA
18:00-20:30

Registration will open on January 31, 2020
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 2020!
Please visit www.csaci.ca

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION
JANUARY 31, 2020
A MESSAGE FROM DR. SUSAN WASERMAN, CAAIF PRESIDENT

This past year has been one of CAAIF’s most successful years yet. I’m pleased to announce that in 2019, together with our partners, CAAIF has invested $450,000 in research and fellowships, and in the past five years, over one million dollars. Thanks to the hard work of our Research Advisory Co-Chairs Drs. Philippe Bégin and Jean Marshall, we will be implementing an adjudication process that will include the patient’s perspective along with that of clinicians, researchers and healthcare professionals. If you would like to partake in this process, please contact CAAIF’s Managing Directors, Andrea Waserman at andrea@caaif.ca.

Our Fundraising and Events Committee, chaired by Kimberly Waines, has been working extremely hard. Our 4th Annual Gala and Auction, held in Montreal, hosted over 250 guests and raised over $125,000 for research grants and fellowships. Guests enjoyed fine food, an exciting live auction and a unique cirque performance by the Russian Bar Trio. Thank you to all our sponsors and guests for their support of this important fundraising initiative.

Last year’s Top 10 Challenge fundraiser was an overwhelming success resulting in the creation of the CAAIF Top 10 Challenge Food Allergy Research Grant for 2020. I encourage all of you to participate in this year’s Challenge and “live a day on the plate” of someone with food allergies. It’s a great opportunity to spread awareness and empathy, while raising much needed research funds. Register at top10challenge.ca and ask friends and family to support you by making donations to CAAIF.

Interested in getting involved? If you have any comments or ideas that you’d like to share, contact me directly at susan@caaif.ca. Don’t forget to check out CAAIF’s website allergyfoundation.ca for research grant updates in the coming weeks, and follow us on Twitter @theCAAIF. Very best wishes for a happy holiday and New Year, and look forward to working with all of you in 2020!

And last but not least, a heartfelt thank you to the CSACI for their generous support. This will allow CAAIF to continue to advance outstanding Canadian research and innovation, and invest in the future of our specialty.

CAAIF-CSACI-AllerGen Emerging Clinician-Scientist Research Fellowship

Dr. Derek Chu, McMaster University
“Translating Discoveries in IgE Memory to Transform Food Allergy Assessment and Management”

Valued at $250,000 this award enables a newly trained Canadian allergist and immunologist to pursue advanced research and establish a combined career as a clinician and an academic researcher.

Dr. Chu will begin his two-year Fellowship at McMaster University where he will train under supervision and mentorship of food allergy investigators Drs. Manel Jordana and Susan Waserman.
YOUR VOICE MATTERS

You are invited to serve as a “relevance reviewer” for the various grants that CAAIF offers throughout the year.

Reviewers can opt to partake in the adjudication for as many (or as few) grants that they desire depending on availability and conflicts of interest.

A review entails providing a relevance score based on a one-page summary provided by the applicant.

We really appreciate your input on our efforts to make the adjudication process more relevant to the patient community that we serve.

For more information, please contact CAAIF’s Managing Director Andrea Waserman at andrea@caaif.ca

CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

CAAIF Top 10 Challenge Food Allergy Research Grant
The objective of the Top 10 Grant is to fund research in the area of food allergy. The maximum value of the award is $25,000
Deadline: January 10, 2020 at 11:59 in the time zone of the applicant

CAAIF/Pediapharm Research Grant in Allergic Diseases
The objective of the Grant is to fund research in the area of allergic diseases a research grant on allergic diseases. The maximum value of the award is $25,000
Deadline: January 10, 2020 at 11:59 in the time zone of the applicant

For more information, visit www.allergyfoundation.ca/applications

Letters of Intent will undergo a relevance review through a patient-oriented process that includes patients, clinicians, researchers and healthcare professionals. Relevance scores will be assigned to each grant and selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application due March 1, 2020.
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 20th, 2019 to Sunday January 5th, 2020.