



CSACI Spring Newsletter 2020

President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

We are not exaggerating when we say that we are living in unprecedented times. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the world has been tumultuous. To this point, tens of thousands of Canadians have been infected and thousands of Canadians have succumbed to the virus. I am hopeful that the initial wave of infections is truly subsiding. But realistically, life will never go back to the “pre-pandemic” times.

Behind the scenes, the CSACI executive and our exceptional Executive Director have been actively working to steer our society through the last few months. Dr. Tim Vander Leek, Dr. Anne Ellis, Louise Tremblay and I have been functioning as a close (but physically distanced!) team over the last few months.



Dr. Harold Kim
CSACI President

The first major decision that we made was to cancel the Canadian Reception at the AAAAI meeting (even before the AAAAI meeting was formally canceled). This decision was not easy, but we felt that the risks outweighed the benefits. We plan on having a COVID-19 section on our website to direct our members to pertinent information about the pandemic. Further, we have participated in two major papers to help guide allergists in North America to restructure our practices considering COVID-19. We hope that these papers have been beneficial to your practice. As well, we will be sending out letters to the membership when we feel that specifically Canadian guidance is required. We tried to provide this with the outline on the management of allergic rhinitis with COVID-19 a few weeks ago. We had contemplated holding Town Hall meetings and distributing COVID-19 regular bulletins to the membership, but elected not to; we felt that we were being inundated with multiple communications by other medical and professional groups.

Another major document that has been provided to all of our members is the CSACI food immunotherapy guidelines: “The CSACI guidelines for the ethical, evidence-based and patient-oriented clinical practice of oral immunotherapy in IgE-mediated food allergy” can be downloaded at [this link](#). These guidelines are the result of superb leadership from Drs. Phillippe Bégin and Edmond Chan as well hundreds of hours of work provided to us by our colleagues from *Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux* (INESSS). These guidelines were developed following incredibly rigorous protocols, and we believe that they will become the standard for future guideline development for our specialty.

President's Message (cont'd)

As the world and our nation experience this mega-crisis, our friends in Nova Scotia have gone through additional extraordinarily tragic episodes over the last few months. We stand with "Nova Scotia Strong" as the province mourns the mass killings, the helicopter accident, Snowbird accident and the childhood drowning victims. Nova Scotians have exemplified warmth and closeness despite facing extreme adversity; we will continue to keep our Atlantic colleagues in our thoughts through this difficult time.

Our professional lives have changed dramatically with the pandemic. All of us have had to modify our clinics and approach to seeing patients considering physical distancing. Currently, most of us are practicing telemedicine as the major method of caring for our patients. Many of us have stopped giving allergen immunotherapy. Also, we have converted from face-to-face meetings to virtual ones. We have more virtual meetings now than we did face-to-face meetings.

On that note, after discussion, deliberation, and a formal vote by the CSACI Board of Directors, we have decided to proactively convert our Annual Scientific Meeting to a virtual setting. Dr. David Fischer and Dr. Lori Connors have been working tirelessly in this transition. We hope to provide the same level of education and professional advancement that occur in our normal events. While not how we typically host our Annual Scientific Meeting, we believe the virtual setting lends itself to some unique benefits. For example, we may have a greater number of participants and access to speakers who may not have been able to attend in person. We look forward to your responses on our members' survey regarding the meeting. The results of the survey will be reviewed carefully and will provide guidance as we organize for October 2020. As well, we will be moving forward with the Fellows-in-training retreat in the fall with a virtual meeting.

Even with COVID-19, there have been some silver linings. Not only has it highlighted how lucky we were before March 2020, but it has also prompted improvements in medical management, teamwork in approaching crisis, rapid publication of medical papers, improvement in family closeness, and an increased volume of home baked goods.

All of us at the CSACI hope that you have a great spring and summer!

We look forward to seeing you... virtually in October 2020!

Harold

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INTEREST SECTION REPORTS

Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Report

Goals for 2020

1. Continue contribution to CSACI interests in Food Allergy:
 - Continue contributions to OIT guidelines: completed
 - Continue reviewing articles for Food Allergy Canada: ongoing
 - Continue review of articles for CSACI/FAC endeavors: ongoing
2. Advocate for Food Allergy
3. Continue contribution to CME syllabus: ongoing, now at family medicine input
4. Continue work on the daycare anaphylaxis document (with Dr. Elana Lavine)
5. Complete the comparison of diabetes and food allergy supports: this is likely ready for circulation to FAC in March or April 2020
6. Annual Meeting participation/planning
7. Dr. Abrams to continue advancing KT of early introduction

Explanation of Goals

1. Via the Food Allergy/Anaphylaxis Section we are involved in many of the Food allergy activities and work closely with FAC.
2. To fulfill the national action plan, the status and knowledge of food allergy must be elevated at all levels of health care and government.
3. As the Food Allergy/Anaphylaxis Section head, creating a slide deck for the specialty which fits with the CSACI goal to educate physicians.
4. Daycare is a special circumstance and a specific document from the CSACI would be helpful to support these patients.
5. I have a resident at SickKids 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.
6. As the Food Allergy Section Chair I am contributing to meeting planning and moderation.
7. Early introduction needs more general knowledge.

Meetings/Teleconferences and Progress to date

1. The OIT guidelines are submitted.
Review of articles routinely for FAC/CSACI (e.g. the early introduction documents, schools, WAO anaphylaxis guidelines, Ask the allergist, Mythbusters, etc.)
2. We invited Dr. Harold Kim, Jennifer Gerdtz (National Food Allergy Action Plan) and Dr. Elissa Abrams (Early Introduction of allergenic foods) to speak at the Food Allergy/Anaphylaxis section and their presentations were well received. I have attended Ottawa meetings and the launch of the Action Plan in May 2019 on Capitol Hill (with multiple CSACI members) and in Feb 2020 (with Food allergy Canada and Dr. Abrams) in Ottawa to advance awareness and support of food allergy.
3. We have had emails and two teleconferences about the CME endeavor, lead by Dr. O'Keefe.
4. Dr. Lavine and this section have discussed and initialized a draft. It has been circulated to the pediatric section of CSACI and FAC. It will be circulated shortly to the executive.
5. I have had Multiple meetings with the resident here at SickKids: draft estimated in early 2020.

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Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Report – continued from page 3

6. Moderated a session at 2019 meeting and actively involved in planning 2020: teleconferences and emails are ongoing, suggestions submitted via email to Dr. Fischer as requested.
7. Draft circulated of a joint CSACI/CPS statement: Dietary Exposures and Allergy Prevention in High-Risk Infants.

Motions Arising from Committee Discussion

1. OIT guidelines submitted
2. National action plan in food allergy is progressing
3. CPD Seminar slide deck project: company to be chosen and family physicians are being sought for the committee.
4. Daycare draft to be circulated to executive soon
5. Current plan is to submit as a paper in 2020
6. Meeting planning ongoing
7. Draft circulated of a joint CSACI/CPS statement and will be considered at the mid-term meeting

Some other relevant activities:

Dr. Upton has contributed to editorials about the controversies in OIT (Eiwegger T, Anagnostou K, Arasi S, Bégin P, Ben-Shoshan M, Beyer K, Blumchen K, Brough H, Caubet JC, Chan ES, Chinthrajah S, Davis CM, Roches AD, Du Toit G, Elizur A, Galli SJ, Håland G, Hoffmann-Sommergruber K, Kim H, Leung DYM, Muraro A, Nurmatov UB, Pajno GB, Sindher S, Szepfalusi Z, Torres MJ, Upton J, Worm M, Nadeau K. *Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol.* 2019 Nov;123(5):430-432. doi: 10.1016/j.anai.2019.09.001 and Eiwegger T, Anagnostou K, Arasi S, Bégin P, Ben-Shoshan M, Beyer K, Blumchen K, Brough H, Caubet JC, Chan ES, Chen M, Chinthrajah S, Davis CM, Des Roches A, Du Toit G, Elizur A, Galli SJ, Håland G, Hoffmann-Sommergruber K, Kim H, Leung DYM, Long A, Muraro A, Nurmatov UB, Pajno GB, Sampath V, Saxena J, Sindher S, Upton J, Worm M, Nadeau KC. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2019 Nov 1. pii: S0091-6749(19)31414-9. doi: 10.1016/j.jaci.2019.10.021.)

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Respectfully submitted,

**Drs. Julia Upton, Section Advisor
and Elissa Abrams**

Rhinitis and Sinusitis Report

Goals for 2020

1. Organize second annual FIT immunotherapy retreat
2. Rhinitis guidelines – first meeting fall 2020
3. Increase attendance at Rhinitis and Sinusitis Section meeting

Explanation of Goals

1. After a successful first annual FIT immunotherapy retreat, we are in the process of organizing a fall 2020 meeting. Our goal is to increase involvement of CSACI members across the country as facilitators. The retreat will occur in downtown Toronto and the date is currently being finalized. Funding will be directly from the CSACI rather than through pharmaceutical sponsorship.
2. The process of establishing updated Canadian Rhinitis Guidelines continues. Currently we are waiting for approval of the members by the CSACI guidelines committee. We hope to have the first meeting in fall 2020.
3. We had a successful joint Asthma / Rhinitis and Sinusitis section meeting at CSACI 2019 which was well attended. The hope is to continue these joint meetings when appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jackie Quirt, Section Advisor

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Immunology Report

Dr. Beata Derfalvi, a Pediatric Immunologist/Rheumatologist and Associate Professor at Dalhousie University, is pleased to take over the role of Immunology Section Chair. Dr. Vy Kim is a Pediatric Immunologist/Allergist and Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, and is pleased to serve as Immunology Section Co-Chair.

Among our first initiatives is to build a database of Immunology laboratory investigations/assays that are available across Canada, as a resource for Clinical Immunologists. A survey was sent out to the members of the Immunology Section, and we are collecting the data. We also would like to revitalize the Canadian Inborn Errors of Immunity Patient Registry in order to promote research, strengthen the collaboration among Canadian medical centers, and also facilitate patient advocacy. We had one telephone discussion with Dr. Christine McCusker about her previous experiences and how we might transfer the questionnaire from C-PRIMES to the REDcap system. Other research projects were discussed in detail at the 3rd Western Canada Immunology Meeting (Banff, January 10-11, 2020) organized by Dr. Luis Murguia-Favela.

Interesting plenary talks on immune dysregulation in inborn errors of immunity are planned for the CSACI 2020 Annual Meeting, where a research meeting for the Clinical Immunology Network-Canada (CINC) is also scheduled.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the CIS 2020 Conference has been cancelled, and the Canadian Blood Services Immune Globulin (IG) Forum to discuss key topics related to Ig treatment has also been postponed until further notice.

**Respectfully submitted by
Dr. Beata Derfalvi, Section Advisor**

Asthma Report

After a successful joint meeting with the Rhinitis and Sinusitis Section at our Annual Scientific Meeting we will consider continuing this format at future meetings.

We have continued to develop the CME project, and have engaged Ardeane Healthcare Solutions to assist in branding, needs assessment and general logistics of the program. To date, we have drafted a needs assessment, and engaged CFPC members to become involved in the project committee. Next steps include deploying the needs assessment, analyzing the results, and developing content.

We have had preliminary discussions with otolaryngologists about developing a collaborative, Canadian statement on the use of biologics in airway disease, to be discussed further at the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Andy O'Keefe, Section Advisor

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Pediatric Report

Goals for 2020

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

Explanation of Goals

1. As detailed in previous reports, 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 care providers together, to ensure cooperation and clarify responsibilities of both "sides". The language is directed at a lay readership. The draft form was shared with Food Allergy Canada and revisions were made. The form was distributed to the attendees at the Pediatric Interest Section at the annual meeting in Montreal, and many other suggestions were provided. A draft of this form will shortly be circulated for review among the executive of the CSACI.
2. A position statement was researched and written to provide recommendations about the role of emollient skin care in infancy to prevent food allergy. It was set aside pending publication of large clinical trials of this intervention.

The recent Lancet publication of a large trial of daily emollient skincare during the first year of life (the BEEP RCT) by Chalmers *et al* showed no benefit. In the same issue of the Lancet, the PreventADALL study reported no benefit to either regular use of skin emollients from 2 weeks of age onwards, or early feeding of complementary foods, on the development of atopic dermatitis by age 12 months. Due to these disappointing results, the nearly complete position statement continues to be in official limbo.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Elana Lavine, Section Advisor

OTHER REPORTS

CPD REPORT

CSACI as Accredited Provider

- Completed Action Plan Dec 2019
- Our Action Plan for CPD was deemed appropriate
- Next interim report is due this month

ASM

- As per discussions with planning committee we need to consider virtual options in the event the pandemic prevents us from having an in-person conference
- Objectives: Objective writing information will be sent to planning committee members, as this a responsibility of the committee
- More co-developed talks, for the ASM, in planning stages for this year

Other CPD news

- RCPSC announced that all CME credit cycles will be extended by a year
- No minimum credits required in 2020

The CSACI is now a member of the Quick Response CPD Provider Team developed by the RCPSC to help accredit COVID-19 learning opportunities in a timely fashion.

**For more information pertaining to the above,
please contact the csacicpd@gmail.com**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lori Connors, CPD Chair



FELLOW-IN-TRAINING CORNER

FIT REPORT

Activities

1. New Junior FIT Representative
2. CSACI FIT Session Survey – Montréal, 2019
3. CSACI Annual Virtual Meeting – October 22, 2020

Explanation of Activities

1. NEW JUNIOR FIT REPRESENTATIVE

The Canadian fellows present at the 2019 annual meeting elected the Junior FIT representative. We want to congratulate Dr. Angeliki Barlas on her new role!

2. CSACI FIT SESSION SURVEY – Montréal, 2019

The Fellow-in-Training (FIT) program is an essential part of the program at the CSACI Annual Meeting. This program provides the fellows access to a variety of topics that are identified as important to them, particularly as they transition from fellow to staff.

At the 2019 CSACI Annual Meeting a survey was carried out to elicit feedback from Canadian FITs regarding the FIT Program. Below is a summary of the feedback.

Results:

33 participants filled out the survey

- Overall most said that though the topics for the FIT sessions were very good - multiple people mentioned that topics were relevant and a good mix of material
- Most said they appreciated the panel discussion and that they found the panels more interesting than regular sessions. People would prefer to know in advance that the sessions are Q&A so they can prepare questions. Overall, 28/33 participants would like a Q&A session at the 2020 meeting.
- When asked what topics they would like to see covered at next year's FIT sessions the fellows present responded (top 6 responses):
 1. Transition to practice/how to set up a practice in the community (n=9)
 2. OIT in the community (n=6)
 3. Mastocytosis/Mast cell disorders (n=5)
 4. Guideline updates (n=3)
 5. Patch testing (n=3)
 6. Food allergy/oral challenges in the community (n=3)

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- When asked **which (of the following) topics the FITs received the LEAST exposure to** they responded:
 1. Patch testing (n=17)
 2. Oral Immunotherapy (n=15)
 3. Biologics in atopic disorders (n=8)
 4. Subcutaneous Immunotherapy (n=7)
 5. Drug allergy (0)
- **When asked if they found the FIT OSCE valuable, the answer was an overwhelming YES** (nobody said no) - multiple people said it is good practice and important, timely feedback. "Please keep the OSCE" was mentioned multiple times :-)!
- And last, **30 FITs said they are planning to attend the 2020 annual meeting** in Ottawa!

3. CSACI Annual Scientific Virtual Meeting

Our goal in planning the content of the FIT virtual sessions is to meet the needs as outlined by the FITs in the survey described above.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020 - VIRTUAL FIT SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP AND LUNCH

0930-1010	Breakfast* and orientation
1010-1045	Session 1: Transition to practice
1045-1115	Break* (Includes a 2-minute sponsor presentation)
1115-1200	Session 2: Oral food challenges in the community
1200-1230	Virtual lunch*
1230-1250	Elections
1250-1315	Session 3: Mast Cell Disorders

****Please note that food coupons will be sent to participants (prior to the virtual meeting)***

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Meetings/Teleconferences of FIT committee to date

- Thursday, 20th February 2020 - Teleconference with the FIT representatives and supervisors in order to discuss the 2019 annual meeting FIT survey results, possible sessions for the 2020 meeting, and the FIT mid-term report.

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

Senior FIT Representative

Keelia Farrell, MD, FRCPC (Pediatrics)
PGY5 Clinical Immunology and Allergy
Dalhousie University

Junior FIT Representative

Angeliki Barlas, MD, FRCPC (Internal Medicine)
PGY4 Clinical Immunology and Allergy
University of British Columbia

CSACI FIT Program

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Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) of Pediatrics
McMaster University

CSACI FIT Program

Co-Supervisor

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The FIT Committee members using some of their preferred methods of transportation:



ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC VIRTUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 23 AND 24, 2020
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From the desk of the CSACI Past President

I hope you all are keeping safe. The year 2020 has brought with it massive changes around the world because of the COVID-19. Because of this, the Annual Scientific Meeting and CPD Committees have recommended to the CSACI Board of Directors that we convert our scheduled in-person Annual Meeting to a virtual meeting instead. A survey was sent out to our Members and it helped guide us as we make this transition.

I am excited by the possibilities of this meeting format. We are looking to join with professional providers of virtual meetings to provide a seamless experience, but still look to have some of the interactivity and excitement of our regular meeting. We aim to host speakers from Canada and the rest of the World with topics including: Food Allergy, Asthma, Hereditary Angioedema, Immunodeficiency and Anaphylaxis.

I hope that you will join us (online) in October for our 75th Annual Scientific Meeting. Full details will be announced soon.

Dr. David Fischer
2020 Annual Scientific Meeting Chair

Congratulations to the winners of a \$100 gift certificate for completing the survey:

- 1. Simon Hotte**
- 2. Joel Liem**
- 3. Lianne Soller**



ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC VIRTUAL MEETING 2020



The CSACI invites you to submit an abstract for its 2020 Annual Scientific **VIRTUAL Meeting**.

ALL ABSTRACTS MUST ADHERE TO THE NEW VIRTUAL ABSTRACT GUIDELINES
NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

PLEASE VISIT <https://www.csaciabstracts.ca> under the Annual Meeting tab where you will find the revised abstract information.

We are pleased to announce the **CSACI Abstract Competition**

Submission Deadline:
Friday, June 26, 2020

The CSACI will award prizes for the top poster/ presentation in seven categories:

- Allergic Rhinitis/ Asthma
- Immunology
- Food Allergy/ Anaphylaxis
- Urticaria/ Angioedema;
- Other Allergy/ Immunology
- Case Reports
- Allied Health



ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2020

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CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) is a highly anticipated event each year and is our Society's flagship event. It serves as a chance to network with colleagues, exchange ideas, and gain knowledge, while also socializing and renewing friendships.

Benefits of Virtual meeting for Sponsors:

- Reduce costs and boost ROI: A virtual conference means you eliminate all of costs associated with physical events such as travel, lodging, promotional items, and other costly expenses typically associated with physical trade shows.
- Skip Logistical Hassles: Physical events come with numerous logistical hassles. Setting up the venue and arranging equipment are a few of the issues.
- Exposure to more attendees: Virtual conferences result in higher attendance since no travel is required. This means that sponsors will be able to engage with more attendees vs. a physical event.
- **Exhibitors** will get far more data than they ever would at a physical event. Imagine someone walking next to each attendee and writing down everything they do, every booth they stopped at, every bit of booth content they viewed, every conference session they attended, and for how long they did it. While face-to-face contact will always be necessary, the kind of data a virtual event can capture is incredibly helpful for both exhibitors and the meeting host to further their relationship with each attendee.
- **Sponsors** will get leads from a virtual conference just like a physical conference. Their booth can include one-click calls-to-action such as demo request, information request, newsletter sign up, etc. Also, booth reps can engage with attendees via chat and video.
- The event lives on. A physical conference lasts for one or two days, then it is done. A virtual conference can be available on-demand for 30, 60, 90 days up to 6 months (however long you'd like) so that attendees can continue to access sponsor booths, view presentations, etc.
- Add engagement opportunities during webcast presentations such as fun polls. The goal is to get the remote attendee to touch their keyboard every 3-4 minutes.

We look forward to hearing from you.

We would like to schedule a meeting with you in the very near future to discuss these new sponsorship opportunities. Please contact Louise Tremblay at 613 986 5869 or at info@csaci.ca.

***At time of print**

IN OTHER CSACI NEWS

CHOOSING WISELY

The CSACI's 7 recommendations for the Choosing Wisely Campaign were reviewed and approved by the BOD and submitted to Dr. Wendy Levinson and the Choosing Wisely national campaign. They were circulated to all of the other specialty societies and suggestions and edits were received. A final list has been approved and translated into French. The list will be released shortly.

Dr. Paul Keith
CSACI Past President

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

As a member of the allergy and clinical immunology community, you are facing many challenges that will affect how you practice your profession in the future. The Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI) exists to respond to your needs. Your input helped to determine the future agenda for our Society.

The results of the survey will be available soon.

CONGRATULATIONS!

As a thank you, three CSACI (paying) members have been chosen randomly and have received a free membership (\$225) for either 2020 or 2021 fiscal year. They are:

- Dr. Charles Frankish
- Dr. Mark Greenwald
- Dr. Tamar Rubin

And the winners of the \$225 VISA gift card are:

- Mr. Edson Castillo (Allied Health); and
- Dr. Amélie Gauthier (Fellow in Training)

Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology (AACI), the official journal of the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI), is an open access journal that encompasses all aspects of diagnosis, epidemiology, prevention and treatment of allergic and immunologic disease.

Free publishing costs for trainees

The CSACI is pleased to announce they have approved free publishing costs for six (6) articles (pending acceptance). First come first served.

Half price for CSACI members

You can publish your article in Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology Journal with a 50% discount off the article-processing charges. If you are a member of the CSACI, a part of your article-processing charges will be covered by the Society. **Please contact the CSACI office for the membership code.**

Publishing costs:

Open access publishing is not without costs. Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology therefore levies an article-processing charge of £1690.00/\$2380.00/€1990.00 for each article accepted for publication, plus VAT or local taxes where applicable.

We look forward to receiving your manuscript.

Dr. Richard Warrington, AACI Journal Editor
Dr. Harold Kim, AACI Journal Co-Editor, CSACI President

IN OTHER CSACI NEWS

2nd Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI) 2020 Summer Studentships in Allergy and Immunology Research

We are pleased to inform you that the CSACI has bestowed six (8) awards for the First Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI) 2020 Summer Studentships in Allergy and Immunology Research.

And the winners are:

Ms. Chloé Cyr, Dalhousie University
Mr. Youssef El-Sayes, McMaster University
Ms. Hailey Hildebrand, University of Manitoba
Ms. Kaitlyn Merrill, University of Manitoba
Ms. Kate Miyasaki, McMaster University
Ms. Zainab Ridha, Université de Montréal
Ms. Kelsey Smith, University of British Columbia
Mr. Son (Andy) Tran, University of Calgary



We would like to thank the 18 individuals who applied. We congratulate them all on their high caliber of work and wish them much success in this and other research endeavors.

I would also like to thank Dr. Harissios Vliagoffis (Chair), Dr. Sandy Kapur, Dr. Christine McCusker, Dr. Kyla Hildebrand, Dr. Julia Upton, Dr. Andy O'Keefe and Dr. Simon Hotte who helped in reviewing these submissions.

Dr. Harold Kim
CSACI President

CAAIF NEWS

YOUR VOICE MATTERS – RELEVANCE REVIEWER

Thank you to the over thirty relevance reviewers who participated in the patient-oriented relevance review for the *CAAIF Top 10 Challenge Food Allergy Research Grant* and the *CAAIF/Pediapharm, a division of Medexus Pharmaceuticals, Research Grant in Allergic Diseases*.

Reviewers can opt to partake in the adjudication for as many (or few) grants as 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 in our patient-oriented adjudication process. The next Letter of Intent required for a relevance review will be in September 2020.

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

CAAIF-CSACI Fellowship in Allergy and Clinical Immunology for "British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan", "Quebec and Atlantic Canada" and "Ontario and Manitoba"

The objective CAAIF-CSACI Research Fellowship is to enable developing researchers in the field of Clinical Immunology and Allergy to pursue further research training. There will be three separate Fellowships, in the amount of \$50,000, in the regions of "British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan", "Quebec and Atlantic Canada" and "Ontario and Manitoba".

Applications are due August 31, 2020 at 11:59 EST.

For more information on eligibility visit www.allergyfoundation.ca.

CLICK ON THIS Link for Applications for British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, Quebec and Atlantic Canada and for Ontario and Manitoba

CAAIF NEWS

CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT

CAAIF/Aralez Pharmaceuticals Inc. Research Grant in Allergic Rhinitis

The objective of the CAAIF/Aralez Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc. Research Grant in Allergic Rhinitis is to fund a research grant focused on the area of allergic rhinitis.

LOI Deadline: September 24, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST

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

Letters of Intent will undergo a patient-oriented adjudication review on relevance. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application for scientific review.



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keep our communities safe!**