



AUTUMN 2016

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CSACI NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CSACI Members:

I would like to begin my first Message to the Members by first thanking Paul Keith for his excellent chairing of our last 2 Annual Scientific Meetings in Vancouver and Montreal. They were excellent Meetings and very well attended. I would also like to thank Sandy Kapur for his excellent leadership over the last 2 years. I look forward to what he'll be doing for us as Past-President as he arranges our next 2 Meetings, first in Toronto in 2017, and then on his home turf of Halifax in 2018.

Most of you will have known me as the CPD (Continuing Professional Development) Chair for the Society for...well...quite a number of years. Prior to that I had started on the Board as the Head of the Anaphylaxis Interest Section. I took over from Dr Peter Vadas and would like to take this opportunity to thank him for seeing something in me that suggested I was 'Board Material.'

I grew up in Oshawa, ON and went from there to London, ON to study first Undergraduate Science at the University of Western Ontario (yes...I can still call it that) followed by Medical School there. I did the last of the Rotating Internships at the Ottawa Civic Hospital then went back to London for Internal Medicine followed by Allergy and Clinical Immunology. I also had the pleasure of doing electives in Winnipeg and Toronto and made many connections there. In London I not only got to work with the great teaching staff who continue to work there, but also with Dr John Toogood, a Western legend who I got to co-author an Abstract with. Thereafter I left to open my practice in Barrie, ON. At the time of its opening, my clinic was the only full-time Royal College Allergy Practice in Ontario between Richmond Hill and...well...Winnipeg. To this day I am an Adjunct Professor at UWO.



I would like to thank all of the Members who volunteer to make the CSACI what it is. We have accomplished many things and I look forward to helping lead the great group of people who I work with on the Board of Directors and the Management team.

I can foresee many issues facing our Society in the next few years including: changes in the types of epinephrine auto-injectors available in Canada, the role of sublingual immunotherapy in allergy practice, the role of biologic agents in asthma and the eventual roles of food oral desensitization vs. epicutaneous immunotherapy for food allergy. I personally wish to investigate the extent of allergy teaching in Medical Schools, to maximize our CPD expertise to benefit not only our Members via Section III Modules but also to potentially create CPD programs for Family Medicine and to increase not only our Social Media presence but also our profile nationally. I hope we may also continue with Sandy's initiatives which have led us to be involved in the development of International Allergy Guidelines.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

Our Midterm Meeting Reception will be in Atlanta, Georgia on Saturday March 4th 2017 and our Annual Meeting will be in Toronto Oct 11-15, 2017 at the brand new Hotel X on the Toronto waterfront on the grounds of the Canadian National Exhibition. Our Annual Meeting has grown to the point we will also be making use of the Allstream Centre next door (the former Automotive Building of the "Ex").

I hope all of you can attend these Meetings and I look forward to seeing you there.

Last but not least, on behalf of the CSACI Executive and the membership, I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to Dr. Dean Befus, CSACI Board Member and Ms. Jo-Ann St-Vincent as the Allied Health Co-Chair Representative for serving for the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. Thank you all for your spirit, hard work and dedication! It has been an honour working with you.

David Fischer, MD, FRCPC
Adjunct Professor, Western University
CSACI President
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WAO International Scientific Conference
December 6-9, 2016, Jerusalem, Israel

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) deadline is January 31, 2017

CSACI Canadian Reception – Atlanta (location to be confirmed)
March 4, 2017

AAAAI Meeting – Atlanta
March 3-6, 2017

Do you have feedback, concerns or suggestions?

Share them with the membership!

Send your comments to the CSACI via email at: info@csaci.ca

FELLOWS-IN-TRAINING CORNER

Hello fellow CSACI members! My name is Michael Fein and I am honored to be the new senior FIT representative for the upcoming academic year. I would like to thank the CSACI board for giving me this opportunity to introduce myself here and I would like to sincerely thank Dr. David Fahmy, our outgoing senior FIT representative for all of his hard work these past two years.

We are lucky in our specialty to be a small, tight-knit community, and it was wonderful to see familiar faces and friends from across the country at our recent 71st Annual Scientific Meeting in Montreal. Highlights for our fellows-in-training this year included a very successful FIT workshop with a focus on immunotherapy, OSCE preparation, and a new session on financial management. I would like to thank Dr. Harold Kim, Dr. Jaclyn Quirt, and Dr. David Fahmy for leading the immunotherapy sessions and Dr. Susan Wasserman, Dr. Bill Moote, and all who volunteered their time to host the annual OSCE.

The CSACI election for the incoming Junior FIT representative was held, and the role will be filled by Dr. Yasmin Moolani Merchant from the University of Toronto. Congratulations and we look forward to your involvement in the CSACI!

My role as FIT representative will be to communicate our thoughts and needs as FIT's to the CSACI board so that the CSACI continues to provide the beneficial resources, training, and educational opportunities that are so important to fellows. In this vein, I encourage you to email me with any suggestions or concerns you may have. Furthermore, if anyone is interested in becoming more involved in one of the interest sections of the CSACI, this is very much encouraged and you can reach out directly to the interest section chairs.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AAAAI meeting in Atlanta!

Wishing you an exciting, productive, and rewarding year,

Dr. Michael Fein
Senior FIT representative
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OSCE 2016

We are delighted to report that fourth "Practice OSCE" at the CSACI annual meeting was again a tremendous success. Over 30 participated and gave feedback that is extremely valuable. We would like to thank our dedicated faculty and members who committed their time and expertise.

We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday and New Year!

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Susan Wasserman and Dr. Bill Moote

CSACI TRAVEL GRANTS – MID-TERM MEETING (AAAAI)

TRAVEL GRANTS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY RESIDENTS AND ASSOCIATE FELLOWS ENROLLED IN CANADIAN PROGRAMS OF ALLERGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY

TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER – VISIT THE CSACI WEBSITE: www.csaci.ca

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: JANUARY 27, 2017

2016 CSACI ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

September 29 to October 2, 2016 | MONTRÉAL, QUEBEC



The 2016 CSACI annual scientific meeting was a great success with highly respected national and international speakers taking time out of their busy schedules to help make this a memorable event.

Most importantly, the Montréal meeting was the best attended meeting since the CSACI has organized its own meetings. Over 420 were in attendance and we are able to enjoy this educational conference.

The program began with the 4th Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) for trainees, followed by an excellent joint CSACI / Immunodeficiency Canada immunology symposium. The CSACI provided three Section 3 sessions and an additional three hands on workshops. These meetings have been providing effective CPD meetings for over 15 years.

We hope that this meeting provided you with an opportunity to expand your knowledge, renew acquaintances, make some new friends, and network with researchers, clinicians and allied health professionals.

Dr. Paul Keith, 2016 CSACI annual meeting chair

We would like to congratulate the following 2016 award recipients:

The CSACI Distinguished Member Award: Dr. Allan Becker

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.



The F. Estelle R. Simons Award for Research: Dr. Christine McCusker

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.

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The Jerry Dolovich Award: Dr. Bruce Mazer

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 CSACI Early Career Award: Dr. Lori Connors

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.

The John Toogood Award for Teaching: Dr. Wade Watson

The John Toogood Teaching Award is presented to a CSACI member in recognition of his or her exemplary teaching in the field of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology. To be considered for this award, the candidate should be actively involved in teaching trainees and demonstrate excellence in teaching and mentoring.

The Bram Rose Memorial Lectureship: Dr. David Khan (presented earlier)

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 in his honour.



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CONGRATULATIONS!				
2016 CSACI / AllerGen Poster Competition – Top Poster Awards				
Category	Place	Name	Institution	Abstract
Allergic Rhinitis & Asthma	1st	Michelle North	University of Toronto	Kingston Allergy Birth Cohort (KABC); exposome characteristics and parentally-reported respiratory outcomes to age 2
	2nd	Keely Loewen	University of Manitoba	Prenatal antibiotic exposure and childhood asthma: A population-based study
Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis	1st	Rishma Chooniedass	University of Manitoba	Reflections on the use of epinephrine for anaphylaxis
	2nd	Elizabeth Simms	McMaster University	Ara h 1 peptide immunotherapy protects against severe peanut-induced anaphylaxis and induces PD-1+ CD4+ T cells
Immunology	1st	Bassel Dawod	Dalhousie University	Examining the role of soluble TLR2 in regulating the development of food allergy
	2nd	John-Paul Oliveria	McMaster University	IgE+ memory B cells subsets are higher in the airways of mild allergic asthmatics compared to healthy controls
Other Allergy / Immunology	1st	Victoria E. Cook	The University of British Columbia	A systematic assessment of mHealth Apps for atopic dermatitis self-management
	2nd	Mihaela Paina	McMaster University	Nasal inflammatory biomarkers in pediatric cystic fibrosis with and without nasal polyposis: a cross-sectional comparative study
Case Reports	1st	Adrienne Roos	The University of British Columbia	C1-esterase Inhibitor as an acute phase reactant: are we missing the diagnosis of Hereditary Angioedema?
	2nd	Colin M. Barber	University of Manitoba	A novel combination of an IgE mediated adult onset food allergy and a suspected mast cell activation syndrome presenting as anaphylaxis
	3rd	Sanju Mishra	Dalhousie University	Insulin allergy to insulin glargine 300 units/mL (Toujeo®) and other insulin derivatives in a type 2 diabetes mellitus patient



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FIT BOWL 2016

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

Congratulations to the winning team from McMaster:

Lana Rosenfield

Ling Ling

David Yue

Many thanks to our teams, my esteemed judge Dr. Charles Frankish and our sponsors ALK-Abelló Pharmaceuticals for sponsoring the event.

Anne K. Ellis, MD, FRCPC, Queen's University
FIT Bowl Moderator

NREP

The National Residents Educational Program (NREP) is designed to increase interest in the subspecialty of Allergy & Clinical Immunology among full-time Canadian medical students and residents in training.

CSACI funded 24 residents who have demonstrated interest in the subspecialty. Thank you to Dr. Zainab Abdurrahman and Dr. Andy O'Keefe for co-chairing for the past two years!

The CSACI would also like to welcome its new CSACI members and associates:

ACTIVE FELLOW MEMBERS: Dr. Rae Brager, Dr. Amarjit Cheeman, Dr. Palinder Kamra, Marie-Soleil Masse and Dr. Melanie Nguyen

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES: Lucie Bérubé, Alvin Gutierrez, Saiful Huq, Jenna Jangalee, Susan MacInnis and Kelly Morrison

FELLOW-IN-TRAINING ASSOCIATES: Eiman Alselahi, Amanda Ciccolini, Yael Dinur Schejter, Lee Horgan, Jane Hsieh, Alexandra Langlois, Raymond Mak, Nazanin Montazeri, Laura Murphy, Safiah Sumayli, Yuanhang (Ken) Sun, Caroline Weisser, David Yue and Samuel Yung

RESIDENT ASSOCIATES: Colin Barber, Pascale Dupuis, Abeer Feteih, Fanny Goyette, Josh Hochman, Andy Liu, Sanjeevan Mishra, Adrienne Roos, Saghar Sadeghi, and Ori Scott

SCIENTIFIC STUDENT ASSOCIATES: Khadija Alzahrani, Yahya Fiteih and Marta Ponce



2017 CSACI ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

Mark your calendars! The 2017 CSACI Annual Scientific Meeting will be held from October 11th to the 15th, at the Enercare Centre and Hotel X in Toronto. The hotel is a brand new luxury hotel in Toronto! The meeting planning committee is getting rolling, and we are excited about the upcoming meeting. If you have any ideas of a topic or speaker that you would like to see at the 2017 meeting, please drop me a line. This will be a marquee event with the education you want, the CPD credits you need, and the social functions you will enjoy! Keep an eye out for information about registration and hotel booking next summer.

Dr. Sandy Kapur, 2017 CSACI annual meeting chair

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Link for the CAAIF Gala and CSACI meeting :
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CSACI Annual Dinner – Montréal 2016

INTEREST SECTION REPORTS

Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy Section Report

In 2016, under the leadership of Doug Mack, the Anaphylaxis section was involved in a number of initiatives. He reports he was working with the McMaster group and with multiple professional allergy associations and patient groups to create a systematic review and evidence based guidelines for food avoidance and epinephrine use in the school setting.

Another initiative Dr. Mack reported for 2016 is a review of Health Canada patient information brochures in order to provide the best and up to date educational information for patients.

A third initiative reported for 2016 was that Dr. Mack is looking to develop a review of the use of oral food immunotherapy in Canadian Allergist Practices.

And finally, in conjunction with the Pediatric Interest Section, a Canadian specific editorial to help Canadian allergists and other clinicians implement the upcoming NIAID guidelines resulting from the LEAP study has been initiated.

In October 2016 at the CSACI meeting in Montreal, a pro/con debate about the suitability of oral immunotherapy for allergists practices was held with Dr. Mack as the pro side and Dr. Sussman as the con side. This debate was well attended and highlighted many factors which need to be considered with this treatment.

The name of the section was changed this year to highlight the importance of food allergy and its emerging treatments. The section is now called, "Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy".

Thank you to Dr. Mack for his 4 years of Chair of the Anaphylaxis Section. I look forward to working with the new vice-chair Elissa Abrams and the CSACI and the professional and patient organizations to advocate for our patients.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julia Upton
Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy Section Advisor

Immunology Section Report

With increased understanding of the role of immune system in virtually every disease, it is presently a great time to be involved in immunology! The Immunology Interest Section encompasses the interests of those who provide both clinical and laboratory services for patients with diseases resulting from disordered immunological mechanisms. Areas of focus, expertise and advocacy for the Immunology Interest Section include: primary immune deficiency disorders, autoimmune diseases, laboratory assessment of immune function, and immunomodulatory therapies.

Goals for 2016/17

1. Develop a contact list/listserv for members of the CSACI Immunology Section (including trainees) allowing communication through our community around challenging cases, availability of testing for immune defects, conference opportunities etc.
2. In partnership with the Pediatric Section, publish a paper (perhaps in *CMAJ*) regarding newborn screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency in Canada with authorship opportunities for multiple section members. This initiative will be launched at the 2017 Annual Meeting during the Immunology Interest Section meeting where we will focus on SCID newborn screening progress in Canada.
3. Continue to ensure Clinical Immunology is well-represented in the CSACI Annual Meeting, including through partnership with Immunodeficiency Canada.

Dr. Stuart Turvey
Section Advisor

Asthma Section Report

With increased understanding of the role of immune system in asthma and utilizing this knowledge for the creation of custom therapies, it is an exciting time for Clinical Immunologists and Allergists to be at the forefront of managing asthma patients. Last year I made this statement and in late 2015 we saw the approval of the first anti-IL5 biologic therapy approved in Canada mepolizumab or Nucala[®]. This offers an additional strategic endotype based treatment for asthma in addition to omalizumab or Xolair[®].

I am now happy to announce that there is now a concerted national Canadian consensus document that is in the works through collaboration with Clinical Immunologists & Allergists working lock step with Respiriologists. This will provide evidence based guidance for physicians on how to tailor the best possible treatment for the variety of asthma phenotypes that exist.

Along with Dr. Susan Wasserman and other distinguished physicians in the field of asthma, I was able to contribute to the Asthma Society of Canada's annual conference. Other distinguished speakers included Dr. P Nair and Dr. Alan Kaplan. We were able to present a patient oriented conference on the field of asthma and the evolving role of new therapeutics.

I would like to thank Dr. Kenneth Liew who took over as interim asthma section advisor for the months of September, October and November during a personal leave of mine. He held the asthma break out session wherein he presented a scintillating summary of the basic science of asthma as well as translating this to direct patient care with new biologics.

My Goals for 2016/2017 are to:

1. Develop a close collaborative working relationship with the Asthma Society of Canada.
 - A new president will be chosen for this society and we wish to continue to collaborate to distil medical concepts and advocate for the CSACI and patients.
2. Complete an original paper on biologic therapies in Asthma that will be free of commercial bias.
 - This I anticipate will be completed sometime in 2017.
3. Continue to ensure Asthma is well-represented in the CSACI Annual Meeting.
4. Continue to promote a collaborative approach to asthma management with our colleagues in Otolaryngology and Respiriology.
 - I have spoken to several past members of the CTS 2012 guideline committee through various conferences and meetings.
 - It is my hope that they recognize the value and importance of our specialty in providing comprehensive evidence based care.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jason Lee
Asthma Section Advisor

Allied Health Section Report

The Allied Health Section mandate is to support the continuing education and networking needs of allied health members of the CSACI.

The Allied Health Section planned and delivered the annual all-day Allied Health Symposium in Montreal on October 1, 2016. The event schedule included different formats and presenters with a wide range of subject matter expertise—both internal and external to the CSACI. Topics for the Symposium were inspired by member feedback. Attendance was excellent: 50 allied health professionals and some physicians registered for the Symposium.

Leadership of the Section has undergone a transition. After four consecutive years of service on the CSACI Board, our co-Chair Jo-Anne St. Vincent has stepped down. We are grateful to her for her years of dedicated service and friendly leadership. Her steadfast tenacity to get things done will be missed. We are delighted to have Sara Johnson join Linda as the newest Allied Health co-Chair. Sara Johnson is an RN based in Winnipeg. She is currently working towards her PhD in Nursing full time, focusing on teen experiences living with food allergy. She previously worked as nurse clinician for Pediatric Allergy with the Children's Allergy and Asthma Centre at Children's Hospital, Winnipeg. "Please join me in welcoming Sara." Linda added: "I'm looking forward to our partnership, as Sara will undoubtedly bring new ideas and fresh perspectives for shaping CSACI allied health education and networking opportunities in very relevant ways."

Linda and Sara anticipate engaging in some initial planning within the next 2 months to (a) evaluate the Montreal Allied Health Symposium, and (b) begin charting a course for 2017 and 2018. Linda and Sara welcome your feedback. To get in touch, please email the CSACI or contact them directly.

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Pediatrics Section Report

The Pediatrics Section has been active in the last year in several exciting advocacy initiatives:

1. In conjunction with the CSACI Anaphylaxis Section (previously) led by Dr. Doug Mack and along with Dr. Susan Waserman's leadership, our interest group is engaged in conducting an evidence based review of the literature surrounding management of food allergy in schools. We have reached out to international stakeholders, interest groups and collaborators to form a consensus panel that will review the literature results and generate consensus recommendations. The purpose of this initiative is to develop a reference that schools, parents and administrations can look to for guidance when developing school policies for food allergy management that serves both individuals affected by food allergy and their larger communities. The panel is scheduled to meet in person in conjunction with the AAAAI 2017 meeting.
2. A proposal for a CPS Practice point describing and recommending early introduction of foods has been submitted and comments received. Dr. Elissa Abrams is a welcomed collaborator on this initiative in her role as Allergy Section head at the CPS, and has taken the lead in this initiative.
3. Over the summer, our interest section contributed to the revision of the Health Canada Food Allergen Information pamphlets. These revised pamphlets are expected to be available in 2017.
4. Our interest section was also asked to collaborate with Food Allergy Canada on the revision of the educational materials for the course 'Anaphylaxis in Schools and Other Settings'.
5. The Pediatrics section is leading an editorial response to accompany the upcoming publication of the *Addendum Guidelines for the Prevention of Peanut Allergy in the United States - Report of the NIAID-Sponsored Expert Panel*.
6. Further collaboration continues between the Pediatrics and Immunology Sections with plans to write an update and review on newborn screening for Severe Combined Immunodeficiency and its relevance in Canada.

We welcome Dr. Julia Upton and Dr. Elissa Abrams who will be leading the Anaphylaxis Section and thank Dr. Doug Mack for his successful term as past Section head.

One outcome from this past annual meeting was the creation of an email list serve for broader communication in between meetings that will engage the members more directly and facilitate ideas and action plan implementation.

I extend my sincere thanks to the collaborators in the Board of Directors in their ongoing support and to the CSACI members who drive this active section to continue its advocacy work.

Dr. Kyla Hildebrand
Chair

CPD Report

The Annual Scientific Meeting was well received. Members are able to claim Section 1 and/or Section 3 credits for all accredited sessions. The Section 3 credits typically take several weeks to process from the Royal College end. As such, once they are available on Mainport, members will receive an e-mail with individualized feedback and instructions on how to claim Section 3 credits. A needs assessment is under development to establish topics for next year's meeting.

The CPD committee will be looking at other Section 3 initiatives...stay tuned! If you are interested in getting involved with CPD please contact me at lconnors@dal.ca

Lori Connors
CPD Chair

IN OTHER NEWS

Locum Opportunity

Seeking a locum for May 15th 2017 to November 15th 2017 in St. John's Newfoundland.

Community adult and pediatric allergy / clinical immunology practice shared with another allergist / clinical immunologist. Overhead would include access to receptionist, clinic nurse, access to electronic medical record, extracts and testing supplies, office and two exam rooms. **Please contact haynes@nlallergy.ca for more details.**

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Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy
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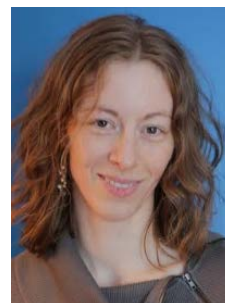
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Fellows-in Training Representative



FOUNDATION NEWS (CAAIF)

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Canadian Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF), I would like to thank everyone for attending the inaugural CAAIF 2016 Gala and Live Auction "Building Capacity: Excellence in Research and Education in Allergy, Asthma and Immunology" held on September 29, 2016 in Montréal, Québec. With your support, we are improving the lives of Canadians living with allergic and immunologic diseases, through investments in research excellence and education in these disorders.

Over the past year, CAAIF has awarded five research grants with a total value of over \$250,000. CAAIF could not have made these investments in clinical discovery-based research without your generous contributions.

We are busy planning for CAAIF's 2017 *Building Capacity: Excellence in Research and Education in Allergy, Asthma and Immunology* Gala and Live Auction. Please save the date: Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the new Hotel X in Toronto.

For 2017, we have in store an even more interactive networking reception, a lovely dinner with a range of guest presenters and speakers, and another dynamic live auction replete with a range of gifts and experiences to please all ages and tastes! Plan to join us again next year and bring your friends and colleagues!

Your support of the CAAIF Gala and Live Auction 2017 will help us reach our goal of raising \$100,000 to enable new opportunities to invest in clinical research and capacity building, the results of which will enhance patient care and improve the lives of Canadians living with allergic and related immune diseases.

So again, thank you for your support. I look forward to seeing you on October 12, 2017 in Toronto.

The Board of CAAIF wishes you a happy and healthy new year!

Susan

Dr. Susan Waserman, CAAIF President

Allergy Asthma Information Association (AAIA)

The CAAIF would also like to thank Ms. Sharon Lee, Executive Director and her AAIA team for their support, through numerous fundraisers, including the "Take Action Event" that is held throughout Canada every year.



Dr. Susan Waserman presenting a thank you plaque to Ms. Sharon Lee, AAIA Executive Director





THE CANADIAN ALLERGY ASTHMA AND IMMUNOLOGY FOUNDATION (CAAIF)

The CAAIF is pleased to announce the launch of two new grants and one fellowship. The CAAIF is a charitable organization, established to improve the educational and research resources of the Canadian Allergy and Immunology community.

- **2017 CAAIF Research Grant Competition – Allied Health**

The Foundation has a \$10,000 budget for start-up grants for CSACI Allied Health Members. For this competition we will provide two (2) grants for \$5,000 each. Projects must be of relevance to the practice of allergy and immunology in Canada.

- **2017 CAAIF Research Grant Competition**

For this competition we will provide up to \$50,000 of total funding, which will fund two (2) grants for \$25,000 each. Projects must be of relevance to the practice of allergy and immunology in Canada.

The CAAIF research committee, chaired by Dr. Harissios Vliagoftis, will be overseeing the applications review procedure.

- **2017 Canadian Asthma Allergy and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF) / AllerGen NCE Research Fellowship in the area of Clinical Immunology and Allergy**

Canadian Asthma Allergy and Immunology Foundation (CAAIF) in association with AllerGen NCE and Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI) are pleased to announce a competition for one 12-month Research Fellowship in the area of Clinical Immunology and Allergy.

The goal of the CAAIF / AllerGen Research Fellowship is to enable trainees in the field of Clinical Immunology and Allergy to pursue further research. The goals of the Foundation are to raise awareness for the following diseases: asthma, allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis, chronic urticaria, food allergy, anaphylaxis, immune deficiency and other immunological diseases. Studies relevant to any of these conditions covering any of the four pillars of CIHR research are eligible for funding.

Financial support: The fellowship will cover up to \$50,000 for salary for the PDF and will also provide a \$5,000 research and travel allowance.

Fellowship Application Form

Fellowship Attachment Form

DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: JANUARY 15, 2017

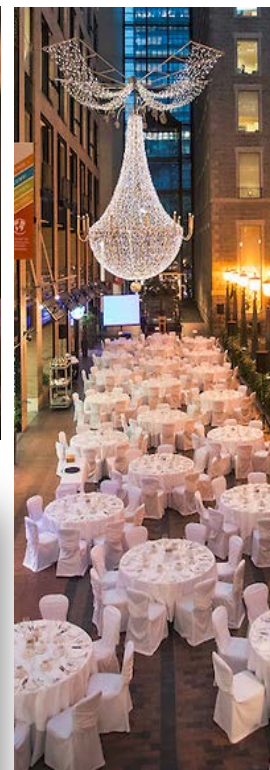
For more information on the above grants/fellowships, please visit our website at www.allergyfoundation.ca or contact the CAAIF Head Office at 613 986 4869.

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