

CSATVB Mini-NEWSLETTER

November 2000

President's Report

This letter is an update including the Meeting in Vancouver. At the General Meeting it was generally felt that a "Hard Copy" Newsletter was a good way in which to communicate with members. One problem is identifying an EDITOR! Having done this job, I realise how time and energy consuming is this task. If any one feels inclined to be involved in the production of a Newsletter..please let me know. In the mean time, Dr. Bassam Nassar has produced this "Information Sheet" and I thank him most sincerely for his efforts.

This year has seen some important activities in relation to CSATVB. In January Dr. Howard Parsons, the Chairman of the Education committee left us. We thank him for his major contribution to CSATVB, and wish him well. The vacant position has been filled by Dr. Jim Russell, who has been Secretary since 1995, and therefore was at the end of his term. We are pleased that Jim was willing to fill this spot, which was confirmed at the Annual meeting. The role of Secretary has been filled by Dr. John Hill, and this appointment was confirmed by the General Meeting. We welcome him onto the Committee.

I have represented the CSATVB at the International Atherosclerosis Society (IAS) "Presidents' Lunch"

at two International meetings, in Venice last October, and in Stockholm this June. I have attended four meetings of the Cardio/Cerebrovascular Research Advisory Council (C-CRAC), a planning meeting, and the meeting for the final organization of the abstracts for this conference. As well, I have participated in a number of Conference calls also related to the planning. At the request of the Canadian Cancer Society I sent a letter to the Bureau of Tobacco Control, Ottawa supporting the use of large graphics on cigarette packets.

International Atherosclerosis Society (IAS)

These luncheon meetings are intended to promote exchange of information among the various National Societies. This is achieved by each participant presenting a brief overview of the activities of their society. Briefly, most Societies are approximately the same size as the CSATVB, and most hold one, some two scientific meetings per year, but in contrast to CSATVB, many of these meetings are "stand alone" and independent of larger organizations such as the Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) or the Royal College. Further, many Societies have taken the initiative in setting and implementing guidelines for risk prevention.

C-CRAC

The meetings of this organization have largely been devoted to preparing a "blue-print" for the (then) putative Cardiovascular component of the CHIR. Much discussion has ranged concerning the nature and composition of this institute, with the intention that a considered plan could be presented when the political decision was finalised. Dr. Avrum Gotlieb attended the meeting after the announcement of the Institute.

The meeting in May included a presentation concerning Canadian Guidelines for Management of Lipid Disorders given by Drs Fodor, Genest and McPherson. There was considerable discussion concerning continued updating of these guidelines. This seems a potential role for the CSTAVB. It is generally felt that it is important that CSTAVB be represented at these meetings.

Canadian Cardiovascular Congress

The planning for this Conference occupies considerable time and energy. As a new venture which is joint between the CCS and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The objective to provide a comprehensive meeting relating to a spectrum of cardiovascular issues has been well received by all participants. However there have been a number of

administrative problems with regard to our position within the meeting. Specifically issues relating to financial commitments and to the policy for reviewing abstracts have been foci of disagreement. We are essentially committed to being part of this meeting next year in Halifax, but it is important to know the feeling of the membership if this association is to continue. Although our symposia were a great success and were very well attended, the numbers of submitted abstracts was lower than last year and the attendance is down. Is this an indication of the response of the CSATVB to this meeting?

Future Plans

Following the publications of guidelines in Canada, Dr. Jiri Frohich, President Elect, has agreed to organise a continuing update as part of our Canadian Society's activities.

Next year's Meeting with the CCS will be in Halifax, October 21 to 24 2001. The CLC meeting will be in Digby, NS, and it is anticipated that it will be possible to attend both meetings. The student travel awards given by CSATVB can of course be used to travel to both meetings when they are run sequentially.

The CSATVB is planning to host an international workshop in 2002. The timing will be integrated with the CLC programme and the Annual meeting with the CCS. Dr. Pierre Julien is the organizer and details will be posted on the web. The "Grant-in-Aid" initiative has not been popular, possibly because of lack of information. We were pleased to welcome Mark Hatton, Michelle Bendeck, and Marie-Claud Vohl as new Councilors, Rick Austin to the

Nominating Committee, and Gary Shen to the Education Committee. I wish to thank, most sincerely all the members of the Executive and other committees for all their work this year, but especially the Past President, Sean Moore, the past-president and Treasurer, and keeper of the WEB, Pierre Julien, and Jim Russell, the retiring Secretary and new Chairman of the Education Committee.

Finally, congratulations to Dr. Jean Davignon for receiving one of the "2000 Québec Awards" namely the Dr. W. Penfield Award from the Québec Government on November 10, 2000 for special contribution to research in medicine.

Mary Richardson, President

Important Notices to Members

Submitting abstracts to the CSATVB at joint meetings with CCS

The CSATVB encourages its members to submit their abstracts under its banner. Subsequently applicants have to check the CSATVB square. This way the abstract will be judged by CSATVB assigned referees. The CSATVB received eighteen abstracts this year for the Vancouver meeting and they were all of the highest quality.

Student Awards

Students applying for travel funds and the Young Investigator awards should be associate CSATVB members or applicants for the associate membership before the indicated deadline. The deadlines are indicated on the

enclosed application forms and should be verified carefully before submission to **Dr. Jean Bergeron**. Please also note that it is not sufficient for the student's supervisor to be a member for them to qualify. We encourage the students working in Laboratories of CSATVB members to join the Society and benefit from these opportunities. Moreover, they should submit their applications and abstracts on the CSATVB forms and should also benefit from the awards given by the Society. Applications forms for "Grants in Aid" and "Awards" are attached. These should be sent to:

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Preliminary Programme of the CSATVB 2001 Meeting in Halifax

Sunday, October 21, 2001

13:00-18:00 Meeting of the Executive

Monday, October 22, 2001

11:00-12:30 Paper Session
13:30-15:30 Symposium I
14:00-18:30 Young Investigator Posters
16:00-17:30 Paper Presentations
17:30-18:00 Young Investigator Awards
18:00-19:00 CSATVB Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 2001

07:00-09:30 Satellite Symposium
10:00-15:00 Poster Session
10:30-12:30 Symposium II
15:00-17:00 Workshop

Wednesday, October 24, 2001

10:30-12:00 Paper Presentations
09:30-13:30 Posters
14:00-16:00 Debates

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