

CSATVB Mini-NEWSLETTER

December 2001

President's Report

Condolences to NY following Sept 11th disaster, especially any colleagues who may have been affected. Canadians, including Pierre Julien, Murray Huff and Jean Davignon were in NY at the time, and participants at the DALM meeting, including a Quebec Minister organizing the FALL-QYEBC showcase were in one of the WTC towers. With great relief we understand that our colleagues returned safely.

It is with deepest regret I learned of the deaths of three of our members this year. **Robert Beamish**, from St. Boniface Hospital, Quebec, who had been a member since 1991 died on Feb 17th. **Sean Moore** died in his home June 10th, and **Peter Dolphin** died suddenly on June 22nd. The Society extended sincere condolences to family, friends and colleagues. Together with Jim Russell, Jean Davignon and Allan Sniderman I attended the memorial service for Sean. At the request of his family there is to be a memorial for him within the Society, the details of which are presented below. Bassam Nassar attended the memorial service for Peter.

New President

Although Jiri Frohlich was duly elected President at the general meeting in Halifax, he is unable to assume the position this year.

The President elect, Avrum Gotlieb, is currently President of the ASIP, and it is therefore difficult for him to become President of CSTAVB in addition.

With the full support of the Executive and Council, Jim Russell has agreed to become President for 2001 to 2002. Jim was Secretary from 199? To 2000 and has been Chair of the Education committee for almost two years. I am grateful to him for taking this responsibility, and I am confident the CSATVB is in good hands.

New Committee Members

Jules Lam has taken over from Teik Ooi as chair of finance. I am very grateful to Teik for his excellent service as chair of finance, and happy that he agreed to become a Councillor.

Bassam Nassar has taken over as Chair of Education.

Our other new Councillor is Alex Lucas, from UWO. We are very pleased to welcome her.

Distinguished Service Award

I am happy to report that Drs Davignon, Haust and Julien were pleased to accept this award. These have been presented after the General meeting, along with Young Investigator awards.

CCC Meeting in Halifax

It seemed generally considered that the scientific quality of the meeting in Halifax was excellent. The unfortunate organizational problems were not under our control.

I am happy to report that there is ongoing dialogue with the CCS in relation to our role in this meeting, and our relationship with the other societies involved continues to develop well.

One of the main problems last year was that we were not able to promote our sponsors because of some guidelines of the CCS.

There is now an arrangement whereby we are allowed to solicit support up to a maximum of \$250.00 per member of the society to be entitled to advertise our sponsors.

In return, "transparency" of financial support is required; respect of "blackout" periods; use of CCC registration forms, with fees going to the CCC; joint sessions to be under the final decision of the CCS Scientific Programme Committee; and satellite symposia to follow the CCS guide lines.

International Atherosclerosis Society

The new President, Heiner Greten, sent us his best wishes,

and invited us to be part of the International Web Site.

Sponsorship of Scientific Meetings

We were happy to support "Atherosclerosis Update, genomics and therapeutic perspectives" hosted by Bio-Inova, and organised by Jean Davignon, in Montreal this spring.

The CSTAVB is a sponsor for (Avrum's meeting) and is providing \$10,000 support for student travel. For more information see....

The CSATVB has also been asked to support, or sponsor the 11th Congress of the International Society of Cardiovascular Pharmacology, by permitting the use of the Logo, and distributing their literature to our members.

Professional Consultation

CSATVB was approached to provide expert input relating to hyperhomocyt(e)inaemia with regard to the laboratory standards, and the clinical guidelines. Our thanks to Dr. Gotlieb and to Dr. Frohlich for providing the necessary input. The Society received a financial donation, but also was recognized as an authority on Cardiovascular pathology.

Sean Moore Memorial Award

There is to be a one time award of \$10,000.00 made for a research proposal relating to an aspect of vascular biology. The guidelines follow those in effect for the Grants-in aid we already fund.

Details are on the Web site.

Appreciation and Review

After 2 years as President Elect, and 2 as President, with hopefully 2 more as Past President, I sincerely hope I have served the Society well. The task of President requires support from colleagues, especially within the Society.

I would like to acknowledge all the Executive, who are essential to the existence of the Society. I must acknowledge Jim Russell, who has provided unhesitating help whenever it was needed, not the least, to attend with me Sean's memorial Service in Montreal. As well, Pierre Julien has been tireless in his support, and in his provision of expert advice.

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 ***** abstracts this year for the Halifax meeting and they were all of the highest quality.

Service Awards

Dr. Jean Davignon



Dr. Jean Davignon

Dr. Pierre Julien



Student Awards

Three students received the Best Poster Award for their work and presentation at the CCC:

Carla Scarcella: Lipid Research Centre, CHUQ pavillon CHUL, Ste Foy, Quebec. Supervisor Dr. Jean Bergeron.

Marie Claude Beauchamp and ***Ling Li***: Centre de Recherche du CHUM, Montreal. Supervisor Dr. Genvieve Renier.



Carla Scarcella, BSc, MSc

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 27, 2002

13:00-18:00 Meeting of the Executive

Monday, October 28, 2002

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 29, 2002

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 30, 2002

10:30-12:00 Paper Presentations

09:30-13:30 Posters

14:00-16:00 Debates

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