



## CSVs E-NEWSLETTER – Fall 2018

### CSVs President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I begin my term as President of the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery. I am honoured by the trust that the Executive and you, the membership, have placed in me.

The recent meeting in Montreal was an outstanding success and I wish to thank the Program Chair, Dr. Joel Gagnon, for putting together a fantastic program and to the Local Arrangements chair, Dr. Jason Bayne, for organizing the social events. The invited guest speaker, Dr. Alan Lumsden provided stimulating content and commentary that inspired surgeons, trainees and attendees alike.

Congratulations to all of this year's Award winners listed in this newsletter, including the first Bayer Resident research award recipient. Watch for announcements regarding the 2019 awards early in the New Year as there will be changes made to existing awards and the addition of a new Young Investigator Award. I strongly encourage members to submit applications for these awards as it is an important function of the Society to support and encourage research. As well, this year 4 medical students were the recipients of a Benoit Cartier Medical Student Travel Grant and had a chance to travel to Montreal to attend the meeting.

This year, Dr. Kent MacKenzie engaged in a strategic planning process that will drive our priorities – essentially our programs, services, advocacy and communications to 2023. While we may represent multiple perspectives, regions and practice focus, we represent all vascular surgeons, and need to speak with one voice.

The CSVS committees continue to be engaged in various projects. The Canadian Vascular Surgery Research Group will be undertaking a second project comparing outcomes following open or endovascular repair of juxtarenal/short neck AAA. The education committee will be looking at developing section 3 activities and will be sending out a survey to the membership to assess content, interest and format for a future half-day CME session at the CSVS annual meeting. The CSVS Quality and Outcomes Committee chaired by Dr. Graham Roche-Nagle will be looking to share quality tracking insights and engage all members of the society.

Thank you again for the confidence you are placing in me.

Sincerely,

April Boyd, MD, PhD, FRCSC

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### Mot de la présidente de la SCCV

Chers collègues,

C'est avec grand plaisir que j'entame mon mandat à titre de présidente de la Société canadienne de

chirurgie vasculaire. Je suis honorée de la confiance que le Comité directeur et que vous, les membres, m'avez témoignée.

L'assemblée récente à Montréal fut un succès retentissant. J'aimerais remercier le Dr Joel Gagnon, président du programme, d'avoir élaboré un magnifique programme ainsi que le Dr Jason Bayne, président du Comité local des préparatifs, pour l'organisation des activités sociales. Le conférencier invité, Dr Alan Lumsden, a présenté du contenu et des observations stimulantes qui ont inspiré les chirurgiens, comme les résidents et les participants.

Félicitations à tous les gagnants de prix de cette année annoncés dans ce bulletin, notamment au premier récipiendaire du Prix de recherche Bayer pour les résidents. Surveillez les annonces au début de la nouvelle année au sujet des prix de 2019 : des changements seront apportés aux prix existants et un nouveau Prix du jeune chercheur sera ajouté. J'encourage fortement les membres à soumettre leur candidature pour ces bourses car il s'agit d'une fonction importante pour la Société que d'appuyer et d'encourager la recherche. Par ailleurs, quatre étudiants ont reçu une Bourse de voyage Benoit Cartier pour étudiants en médecine cet automne, ce qui leur a permis de se rendre à Montréal pour assister à la réunion.

Cette année, le Dr Kent MacKenzie a entrepris un processus de planification stratégique qui dictera nos priorités – essentiellement nos programmes, nos services, nos activités de défense des intérêts et nos communications – jusqu'en 2023. Bien que la Société représente de multiples perspectives, régions et domaines de pratique, elle représente tous les chirurgiens vasculaires et doit parler d'une seule voix.

Les comités de la SCCV poursuivent leur travail dans diverses initiatives. Le Groupe canadien de recherche en chirurgie vasculaire entreprendra un deuxième projet visant à comparer les résultats suite à une réparation ouverte vs endovasculaire d'un AAA juxtarenal/collet court. Le Comité de la formation travaillera à l'élaboration d'activités de section 3 et acheminera un sondage aux membres afin de déterminer le contenu, l'intérêt et le format d'une future séance de formation médicale continue d'une demi-journée lors de l'assemblée annuelle de la SCCV. Le Comité de la qualité et des résultats de la SCCV, présidé par le Dr Graham Roche-Nagle, prévoit partager ses réflexions en matière de suivi de la qualité et susciter la participation de tous les membres de la société.

Merci encore une fois pour la confiance que vous m'accordez.

Sincèrement,

April Boyd, MD, PhD, FRCSC

## 2018 Annual Meeting - Montreal Highlights

Over 270 delegates attended the CSVS Annual Scientific Meeting at the Westin Montreal Hotel. We received a large number of quality papers this year which allowed the Program Chair, Dr. Joel Gagnon to put together an impressive academic program. In addition to the podium and poster presentations, there was a Best CLI update by Dr. Matthew Menard on Friday morning, a presentation by Dr. Varun Kapila on the CSVS AAA Screening Guidelines and an update on TASC by Dr. Prasad Jetty. In addition, delegates socialized at the wine and cheese poster session on the Friday evening and at the CSVS annual dinner held at the Hotel Place D'Armes in charming old Montreal.

Dr. Alan Lumsden, the Walter W. Fondren III Chair, Medical Director of the Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart &

Vascular Center and Chair of the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery at Houston Methodist Hospital , the CSVS invited guest speaker, presented two talks in Montreal while actively participating in the program and interacting with residents, students and members over the two days.



*Dr. Kent MacKenzie, CSVS President (left) and Dr. Alan Lumsden (right), invited guest speaker*

Thank-you to all that joined us in Montreal for the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery 40th Annual Meeting on Vascular Surgery! - Un gros merci à tous qui ont participés à la 40ième réunion annuelle de la Société canadienne de chirurgie vasculaire à Montréal!

The CSVS website continues to undergo improvements and we encourage all members to add themselves to the membership directories (public and private). The directory can identify expertise, location, languages, etc. and will become a useful tool for the public and the membership . Click the link for instructions <https://vascular.ca/Member-Instructions-for-Directories/>. Photos and award information from the meeting will be posted on the website shortly.

**Mark your calendars!** Watch for updates as we begin to plan for the 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting in beautiful Kelowna BC.



*CSVs Annual Scientific Meeting September 13-14, 2019*

## Welcome to our new members/ Bienvenue aux nouveaux membres

### Candidate members

Omamah Almousa, Hamilton ON  
Saad Bin Ayeed, Montreal QC  
Catherine Boudreau, Montreal QC  
Abdalla Butt, Vancouver BC  
Laurence Dufresne, Ottawa ON  
Olivier Gagnon, Montreal QC  
Lauren Gordon, Toronto ON  
Virginia Gunn, Edmonton AB  
Minji Kim, Hamilton ON  
Anna Kinio, Montreal QC  
Dominic Leblanc, London ON  
Graham McClure, Hamilton ON  
Patrick McVeigh, Toronto ON  
Ahmed Naiem, Montreal QC  
Derek Roberts, Ottawa ON  
Kenton Rommens, Calgary AB  
Gautam Sarwal, Vancouver BC  
Miranda Witheford, Toronto ON  
Michael Yacob, Ottawa ON

### Active Members

Fanny Alie-Cusson, Montreal QC  
John Byrne, Toronto ON  
Caitlin Hicks, Toronto ON  
Kathryn Howe, Hamilton ON

## Awards

*Congratulations to the 2018 Award recipients!*

**Bayer Resident Research Award** - Dr. Gary Yang

**Cook Research Award** Dr. Adam Power

**Gore Research Award** Dr. Giuseppe Papia

**John L Provan Award** Dr. Lauren Gordon

**Josephus Luke Award** Dr. Mark Rockley

**Sigvaris President's Award** Dr. Graham Roche-Nagle

### National Student Research Awards

Lauren Bath, University of Manitoba  
Graham McClure, McMaster University  
Mohammed Firdouse, University of Toronto  
Catherine Boudrias, McGill University

## Upcoming Events

### VEITH Symposium

**November 14-18, 2017**

New York Hilton-Midtown New York City

McMaster Venous Symposium: The Contemporary Management of Venous Disease and Disorders

### **Saturday, November 17, 2018**

Sheraton Hamilton Hotel

Please link to our landing page:

<https://fhs.mcmaster.ca/conted/venous.html>

### **23rd European Vascular Course (EVC) March 10-12, 2019**

Maastricht, the Netherlands

## Job Postings

### **University of Toronto Fellowship in Advanced Aortic Surgery**

Sites: St. Michael's Hospital/Sunnybrook HSC/University Health Network (Toronto General Hospital) - Click [here](#) for more information

### **Covenant Health Vascular Surgeon - Locum opportunity** - Click here for more information

### **Alberta Health Services & University of Calgary Section Chief of Vascular Surgery** - Click here for more information

**Vascular Surgeon - Southlake** - Click here for more information.

**Vascular Surgeon -Scarborough & Rouge Hospital**  
Click here for more information.

**Vascular Surgeon - Royal Columbian Hospital**  
Click here for more information.

## **Benoit Cartier Medical Student Travel Grants**



*Benoit Cartier Medical Student travel grants were awarded in 2018 to Ruixiang Sun, Arshia Javidan, Vanessa Rojas-Luengas and Yung Lee (pictured here with Dr. Benoit Cartier)*

## **Maintenance of Certification Program**

The Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program is the Royal College's continuing professional development program for Fellows and health care professionals. Participation in the MOC Program is a requirement for admission and renewal of Fellowship in the Royal College. Did you know that the Royal College has a tips page to help earn your CME credits? Click [here](#) to view the Tip of the Month, a list of activities that you can record and other helpful information.