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Dear CSI Colleagues,

There is only one week to go before the **February 3rd deadline for travel awards** for the 25th Canadian Society for Immunology(CSI) meeting to be held in the exciting and historical town of St John's Newfoundland. There are travel awards available for **graduate students, postdoctoral fellows** and, for the first time this year, for **new Investigators**. Don't miss out on this opportunity to help support your attendance at the CSI meeting! Details of how to apply are in the "awards" section of the CSI website http://www.csi-sci.ca/scientificmeeting/meetingwelcome12/travelawards.aspx The results of these awards will be posted in early March. Well before the final CSI meeting abstract submission deadline of April 27th, 2012.

This will be a very special 25th CSI meeting, thanks largely to the efforts of our outstanding local organising committee. We have an absolutely tremendous program of speakers including keynote speaker Diane Mathis (Title: Treg Control of Non-immunological Processes), Three major symposia will feature an exciting line up of international and Canadian Speakers, focussed on the topics of "Immunometabolism", "Environment, Genetics and Immune Regulation in Autoimmune Diseases" and "From hematopoiesis to immunity". In addition, there will be many opportunities for investigators and trainees to highlight their work to colleagues, from across the country, and further afield through both oral presentations at workshops and poster sessions. Full program details can be found on the CSI website. Several airlines including Air Canada, Porter and Westjet have regular flights to St John's the more adventurous can even consider taking the ferry! Don't miss out on the CSI meeting or on this great opportunity to see Newfoundland.

Continued CSI membership is an eligibility requirement for travel and other meeting awards, for future international travel awards as well as for our graduate student poster competitions. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2012 do so, <u>right now</u>, to avoid missing out on any opportunities.

On behalf of CSI Council and the local organising committee, I truly look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Jean

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