



Dear CSI Members,

Here are some important announcements from CSI. Please take the time to read them so you don't miss any of the important deadlines and events mentioned.

### 1. CSI Membership for 2015

Our records indicate that you held a CSI membership within the last three membership years. This membership will require renewal, **if you haven't already done so**. Please click on the link to renew your CSI membership for 2015, [www.csi-sci.ca/application.aspx](http://www.csi-sci.ca/application.aspx) and select that you have held a membership in the last three years. Login with your email address and password.

CSI would like to encourage all those engaged in Immunology research in Canada to join CSI to strengthen our voice in lobbying efforts and to ensure that we provide the best possible forum to further Immunology in Canada. CSI would appreciate your help by circulating the [attached](#) recruitment letter to other members of your department, including Trainees.

### 2. CSI Annual Meeting

The meeting this year will take place from Thursday, June 4 to Sunday, June 7, 2015 at The Fairmont Winnipeg Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This is a wonderful venue and a great location. Stay up-to-date by following us on Twitter: [@CdnImmunol](#)

#### Preliminary Program:

**Keynote Speaker:** *Dr. Michel Nussenzweig, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, The Rockefeller University, USA*

#### Symposium: **Microbiome and Chronic Disease**

*Dr. Martin J. Blaser, New York University Langone Medical Center, USA*

*Dr. Jayne Danska (Chair), Hospital for Sick Children and University of Toronto, Canada*

*Dr. Max Nieuwdorp, Academic Medical Centre, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

*Dr. Michael Surette, Farncombe Family Digestive Health Research Institute, McMaster University, Canada*

#### Symposium: **Development and function of innate lymphocyte populations**

*Dr. Albert Bendelac, The University of Chicago, USA*

*Dr. Marco Colonna, Washington University - School of Medicine, USA*

*Dr. Kelly McNaghy (Chair), The University of British Columbia, Canada*

*Dr. Jenny Mjosberg, Karolinska Institute, Sweden*

*Dr. Greg Sonnenberg, University of Pennsylvania, USA*

*Dr. Fumio Takei (Chair), Terry Fox Laboratory, BC Cancer Agency, Canada*

#### Important Deadlines:

Conference Registration Begins: Dec. 8/14

Travel Bursary submission: Jan. 30/15

Abstract submission: Apr. 3/15

Early registration: Apr. 3/15

Hotel registration: May 4/15

10 - 15 travel awards (up to \$1000) will be available for students and postdocs and up to three Investigator travel awards (up to \$1,500). Watch our website for application details as they come available. Award decisions are based on merit ranking determined by a panel of senior immunologists. Results of the travel award competition will be announced before the early CSI meeting registration deadline. To be eligible for an award you and your supervisor (if your lab is Canadian) must be CSI members.

An email announcement will be sent out requesting nominations for the Cinander, Investigator/New Investigator and John D Reynolds awards. Please start considering carefully which of your colleagues, locally and across the country, you would like to put forward for these prestigious awards.

For more detailed information, check the conference website [here](#).

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