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 2016
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 2016, [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 Friday, April 1 to Monday, April 4, 2016 at The Westin Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario. This is a wonderful venue and a great location. Stay up-to-date by following us on Twitter: [@CdnImmunol](https://twitter.com/CdnImmunol)

**Preliminary Program:**
**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Arlene Sharpe, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA

**Symposium: Overcoming Exhaustion in Viral Infection and Cancer**
Dr. Pamela Ohashi (Chair), University of Toronto, Canada
Dr. David Brooks (Chair), University of Toronto, Canada

**Special Session For Trainees: Career Development and Readiness**
Dr. Nana Lee, University of Toronto, Canada

**Symposium: Myeloid Cells and Immunity - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**
Dr. Paul Kubes (Chair), The University of Calgary, Canada
Dr. Subash Sad (Chair), University of Ottawa, Canada

**Symposium: B Cells - More Than an Antibody Factory**
Dr. Aaron Marshall (Chair), University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada
Dr. Mike Gold (Chair), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

**Important Deadlines:**
Conference Registration Begins: Dec. 1/15
Travel Bursary submission: Dec. 31/15
Abstract submission: Feb. 12/16
Early registration: Feb. 12/16
Hotel registration: Mar. 1/16
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 Cinader, 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](#).