



Dear CSI Members;

**Cinader Award Recipient** - Congratulations to [Dr. Claude Perreault](#) of the University of Montreal in receiving this year's Hardy Cinader Award. Please join us for his presentation on Sunday, April 9, entitled "Know Thyself".

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**CSI Annual Meeting: [Early Registration now open](#)**

The meeting this year will take place from Friday, April 7 to Monday, April 9, 2017 at The Banff Conference Centre in Banff, Alberta. This is a wonderful venue and a great location. Stay up-to-date by following us on Twitter: [@CdnImmunol](#)

**Preliminary Program:**

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr. David Artis, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, USA

**Special Session For Trainees**

**Symposium: Immunological Memory**

Dr. Martin Richer (Chair), McGill University, Canada  
Dr. Nathalie Labrecque (Chair), University of Montreal, Canada

**Symposium: NK Cells: A coming of age**

Dr. Jeannette Boudreau (Chair), Dalhousie University, Canada  
Dr. Debby Burshtyn (Chair), University of Alberta, Canada

**Symposium: Immunoparasitology at Mucosal Surfaces**

***co-sponsored by NSERC Create Host-Parasite Interactions (University of Calgary)***

Dr. Derek McKay (Chair), University of Calgary, Canada  
Dr. Kathy McCoy (Chair), University of Calgary, Canada

**Important Deadlines:**

Conference Registration now open  
Abstract submission: Feb. 3/17  
Early registration: Feb. 3/17  
Hotel registration: Feb. 7/17

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**CSI Membership for 2017**

Our records indicate that you hold/held a CSI membership within the last three membership years. **If you haven't already done so**, this membership will require renewal. Please visit the CSI website ([www.csi-sci.ca](http://www.csi-sci.ca)) and select Member Login to check your membership status or renew for 2017.

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CSI would like to encourage all, and we mean all, 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.

Sincerely,

The Canadian Society for Immunology  
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Dear Immunology Colleagues,

As the current academic year is well underway, I am writing to encourage your membership and involvement in the Canadian Society for Immunology (CSI), and to ask for your help in ensuring that your colleagues and trainees become aware of the many opportunities provided by a CSI membership.

The Canadian Society for Immunology (CSI) is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1966, that fosters and supports the discipline of Immunology throughout Canada. The Society provides a focal point for Canadian Immunology. It organizes an annual spring meeting that alternates between the west and the east of the country. We are especially looking forward to our 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, in Banff, Alberta from April 7 – 10, 2017 (Friday – Monday). We have a very exciting program planned, with renowned international speakers, as well as workshop and poster sessions that cover a wide range of topics. This meeting is an excellent venue to network with immunologists from across the country, and for our trainees to present their work.

One of the highlights of the annual meeting is the Cinader Award lecture, named in honor of Hardi Cinader, a founding member of CSI and its first president. Congratulations to this past year's winner, Dr. Tania Watts. The CSI also recognizes scientific excellence via a number of other awards including the CSI Investigator and New Investigator awards. If you are a CSI member, there will be an opportunity for you to nominate individuals for these awards coming up in the next few months. For trainee members of the CSI, we have several poster awards, and generous travel awards that allow graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and new investigators to attend the annual CSI meetings, as well as the International Congress of Immunology meetings. The Canadian Society for Immunology is managed by an elected council of immunologists from a variety of locations and with a diversity of interests. CSI currently has more than 300 members from universities, hospital research institutes and other sectors across Canada.

The CSI lobbies for Immunology research funding in Canada, in part through its membership in Research Canada. Through membership of CSI you gain access to their lobbying efforts. The higher the rate of CSI membership, the stronger our voice! The CSI also acts as a liaison for communication between its membership and national funding agencies, such as the CIHR. CSI was one of the founding members of the International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS) and participates in international events through this umbrella organization. The CSI also collaborates with the American Association of Immunologists and sponsors a symposium at their annual meetings.

By joining the Canadian Society for Immunology, your students and fellows become eligible to apply for travel awards and you are eligible for discounted registration to the annual meeting. More importantly you demonstrate your collegial support for the discipline of Immunology in Canada. I encourage all those working in Immunology in Canada to go to the Society's web site (<http://www.csi-sci.ca>) and join today.

Sincerely,  
Juan Carlos (JC) Zúñiga-Pflücker, President  
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