



Dear CSI Members:

We would like to begin the discussion regarding topics for the 2018 CSI meeting, which will be held at Western University, Friday, June 1 - Monday, June 4, 2018 located in London, ON. The 2018 Local Organizing Committee will consist of the following faculty from Western University: Dr. Mansour Haeryfar (Chair), Rodney DeKoter, Bhagi Singh, Lakshman Gunaratman, Lisa Cameron and Kelly Summers.

At this time, we are requesting suggestions from CSI members for symposium and workshop topics for the meeting. For the symposia, your suggestion should include a tentative title of symposium, possible Canadian Chair(s) of the session and possible speakers. However, general suggestions for topic areas are also welcome. We usually like to have a mix of Canadian and international speakers. In general, CSI will pay international speaker accommodation, registration, meal plan, economy airfare and/or ground transportation to the meeting.

Workshops involve short talks selected from the abstracts, so should have a relatively broad theme. Again, suggestions for Canadian chairs are welcome. The role of workshop chairs is often a good way to introduce recently appointed faculty and encourage their participation in the running of the CSI meeting.

Please submit your suggestions by responding to this email (info@csi-sci.ca) by June 19, 2017. Suggestions will be reviewed by CSI council to try and come up with an exciting and interesting program for all CSI members.

Past topics include:

CSI 2017:

Immunological Memory; NK Cells: A Coming of Age; Immunoparasitology at Mucosal Surfaces

CSI 2016:

Meyloid Cells and Immunity - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly; Overcoming Exhaustion in Viral Infection and Cancer; B-Cells - More than an Antibody Factor

CSI 2015:

Microbiome and Chronic Disease; Development and function of innate lymphocyte populations; Translating the Science of Cellular Immunotherapy to the Clinic

CSI 2014:

Exosomes; Germinal Center Reactions in Health and Disease; Cytokines and Immune Regulation in Interventional Immunology; Autophagy: Survival, Quality and Infection Control, or Out of Control

CSI 2013:

Innate Immune Responses to Pathogens; Immunobiology of Dendritic Cells at the Intersect Between Tolerance and Immunity; Human Immunology of the Lung

CSI 2012:

Immunometabolism; From Hematopoiesis to Immunity; Environment, Genetics and Immune Regulation in Autoimmune Diseases

CSI 2011:

Protective Antibodies Against Pathogens and Vaccines; Imaging Leukocyte Activation; Tolerance and Transplantation Immunology

CSI 2010:

Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms of Autoimmune Disease; Balancing Immunity and Inflammation at Mucosal Sites; Immunobiology of Viral Infection in Humans

Thank you for your help and suggestions.

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