

## FALL 2019 CSVS E-NEWSLETTER

### President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

It is with some trepidation that I assume the reigns of leadership of the CSVS from the pioneering Dr. April Boyd. I would like to emphasize to our Society members her legacy, not just as a manager of our association, but as an influential and inspirational researcher, advocate, and clinician in our field.

Thank you to all that joined us in Kelowna for the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting on Vascular Surgery! - Un gros merci à tous ceux qui ont participé à la 41<sup>e</sup> réunion annuelle de la Société canadienne de chirurgie vasculaire à Kelowna! Over 220 delegates attended the CSVS Annual Scientific Meeting this year. We received a large number of quality papers which allowed Dr. Heather Gill, Program Chair, to put together an impressive academic agenda. We were honoured to have Prof. Alison Halliday, University of Oxford Professor of Vascular Surgery, Past President of the European Society for Vascular Surgery, and recipient of the 2019 RCPSC Harry S. Morton Lectureship, to be our distinguished guest speaker. She spoke on her involvement in pivotal carotid endarterectomy trials and provided the membership with access to important research opportunities in our field. Our meeting was also highlighted by an interactive poster presentation session, and a spectacular dinner held at the stunning Mission Hill Winery. Thank you to Dr. Kirk Lawlor and his Kelowna colleagues for hosting a great meeting. Please visit the [website](#) to print out the 2019 certificate of attendance and view photos from the meeting.

I would like to thank Dr. George Oreopoulos for spearheading our society's educational initiatives. He has assembled an online self-assessment program through our website that I think all our membership should engage in. This program satisfies members' needs for strategies to improve their technical performance, and also provides an opportunity to accumulate category 3 CPD credit for maintenance of certification with the Royal College. It relies on self-reflection modules, structured around the book SKILL, by Dr. Christopher Ahmad. Please refer to the CSVS website for further information.

The CSVS website continues to undergo improvements and we encourage all members to utilize this valuable resource. Please ensure you are included in the membership directory (public and private). The directory can help will many facets of collaboration, including unique areas of clinical interest, location of practice, and language preference, which is a useful tool for the public and our membership. Click the link for instructions <https://vascular.ca/Member-Instructions-for-Directories/>.

**Mark your calendars!** Watch for updates as we begin to plan for the 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting in St. John's, NL. For the first time we will be holding a clinical half-day on September 10, one day before the start of the CSVS annual meeting. We are also excited to have Dr Tara Mastracci back on home soil as our guest speaker!

I will close by saying our Society has a bright future because of our members, both past and present. The CSVS is indebted to giants in our field like Dr. Andrew Hill, valued colleague and friend who

as most of you know, recently passed. We will never forget Andrew's leadership of our Society nor his tireless work as Vascular Surgeon. I am honoured to be your President this year, and will strive to continue supporting our CSVS mission for Canadian Vascular Surgeons to lead, educate, and advocate as experts in comprehensive vascular care.

Sincerely,

Keith Baxter, MD, FRCSC  
President, CSVS

### **Mot du président de la SCCV**

Chers collègues,

Ce n'est pas sans nervosité que je remplace la pionnière, Dre April Boyd, à la barre de la SCCV. J'aimerais souligner aux membres de notre Société l'héritage qu'elle a laissé, non seulement à la direction de notre association, mais à titre de chercheuse, porte-parole et clinicienne influente et inspirante dans notre domaine.

Un gros merci à tous ceux et celles qui ont participé à la 41<sup>e</sup> réunion annuelle de la Société canadienne de chirurgie vasculaire à Kelowna! Plus de 220 délégués ont pris part à l'Assemblée scientifique annuelle de la SCCV cette année. Grâce à la quantité d'exposés de qualité que nous avons reçus, la Dre Heather Gill, présidente du programme, a élaboré un programme impressionnant. Nous avons eu l'honneur d'accueillir la Dre Alison Halliday, professeure de chirurgie vasculaire à l'Université d'Oxford, ancienne présidente de la Société Européenne de Chirurgie Vasculaire et récipiendaire du Prix de conférencier invité en chirurgie Harry S. Morton 2019 du CRMCC, ce qui lui a permis d'être notre éminente conférencière invitée. Elle a parlé de son rôle dans des études pivots sur l'endartériectomie carotidienne et a donné à nos membres accès à d'importantes possibilités de recherche dans notre domaine. La réunion proposait aussi une séance d'affiches interactive et un magnifique souper au spectaculaire Mission Hill Winery. Merci au Dr Kirk Lawlor et à ses collègues de Kelowna de l'accueil qu'ils nous ont réservé. Consultez le [site Web](#) pour imprimer le certificat de présence 2019 et pour voir des photos de la réunion.

J'aimerais remercier le Dr George Oreopoulos, fer de lance des initiatives éducatives de notre Société. Il a élaboré un programme d'autoévaluation en ligne sur notre site Web que tous nos membres devraient suivre, selon moi. Ce programme répond aux besoins des membres en matière de stratégies d'amélioration de leur performance chirurgicale et permet d'obtenir des crédits de DPC de catégorie 3 aux fins de maintien du certificat auprès du Collège Royal. Reposant sur des modules d'autoréflexion, le programme est articulé sur le livre *SKILL*, du Dr Christopher Ahmad. Vous référer au site Web de la SCCV pour plus d'information.

Le site Web de la SCCV continue de faire l'objet d'améliorations et nous encourageons tous les membres à profiter de cette précieuse ressource. Prière de vous assurer d'être inclus dans le répertoire des membres (public et privé). Le répertoire peut contribuer à de nombreuses facettes de collaboration, précisant notamment les domaines d'intérêt clinique uniques, le lieu de la pratique et la langue préférée, ce qui s'avère un outil utile pour le grand public et pour les membres. Cliquer sur le lien pour accéder aux instructions : <https://vascular.ca/Member-Instructions-for-Directories/>.

**À vos agendas!** Surveillez les mises à jour alors que nous entamons la planification de l'Assemblée scientifique annuelle 2020 à St. John's, à Terre-Neuve. Pour la première fois, nous offrirons une demi-journée clinique le 10 septembre, un jour avant le début de l'Assemblée annuelle de la SCCV. De plus, nous sommes enthousiastes d'accueillir la Dre Tara Mastracci, de retour en sol canadien à titre de conférencière invitée!

Je termine en vous disant que l'avenir de la Société est prometteur grâce à nos membres, actuels et anciens. La SCCV doit une fière chandelle aux géants de notre domaine, tel le Dr Andrew Hill, précieux collègue et ami, décédé récemment comme la plupart d'entre vous le savez. Nous n'oublierons jamais le rôle de chef de file d'Andrew auprès de notre Société ni son travail inlassable à titre de chirurgien vasculaire. Je suis honoré d'assumer la présidence cette année et j'entends continuer à appuyer la mission de la SCCV, permettant aux chirurgiens vasculaires du Canada de diriger, d'éduquer et de défendre les intérêts en qualité d'experts des soins vasculaires complets.

Sincèrement,

Keith Baxter, MD, FRCSC  
Président, SCCV

### **2019 Annual Meeting - Kelowna Highlights**

Over 220 delegates attended the CSVS Annual Scientific Meeting at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort in Kelowna BC. We received a large number of quality papers this year which allowed the Program Chair, Dr. Heather Gill to put together an impressive academic program. In addition, delegates socialized at the wine and cheese poster session on the Friday evening and at the CSVS annual dinner held at the stunning Mission Hill Winery.

Professor Alison Halliday, the CSVS invited guest speaker and recipient of the RCPSC Harry S. Morton Lectureship, presented two talks in Kelowna while actively participating in the program and interacting with residents, students and members over the two days.



*Dr. April Boyd, CSVS President (right) and Professor Alison Halliday (left), CSVS invited guest speaker.*

## **Awards**

### **Congratulations to the 2019 Award recipients!**

**Bayer Resident Research Award** Dr. Mark Rockley Ottawa ON

**CSVs Young Investigator Award** Dr. Mohammad Qadura Toronto ON

**Gore Research Award** Dr. Graham Roche-Nagle Toronto ON

**John L Provan Award** Dr. Lauren Gordon Toronto ON  
**Josephus Luke Award** Dr. Derek Roberts, Ottawa ON  
**Sigvaris President's Award** Dr. Gary Yang Vancouver BC

#### **National Student Research Awards**

Ben Li, University of Toronto  
Emily Nham, University of Ottawa  
Krista Dunn, Dalhousie University  
Therese Massri, McGill University

## **CSVS Membership Directory**

The CSVS website continues to undergo improvements and we encourage all members to add themselves to the membership directories (public and private). The directory can identify expertise, location, languages, etc. and will become a useful tool for the public and the membership . Click the link for instructions <https://vascular.ca/Member-Instructions-for-Directories/>

## **Welcome to our new members/Bienvenue aux nouveaux membres**

#### **Candidate members**

Matthew Carnevale, NY  
Jillian Walsch, London ON

#### **Full active members**

Sarah Morrisey, Edmonton AB

## **CSVS SKILL SAP**

The present effort is to establish an online technical skills coaching program that satisfies members' needs for strategies to improve their technical performance and also provides an opportunity to accumulate category 3 credits. The program relies heavily on self-reflection prompted by readings structured around the book SKILL, by Dr. Christopher Ahmad (Lead Player Publishing, 2015).

#### **GET STARTED!**

1. Log in to the [CSVS SKILL SAP Chapter Summaries and Questions](#) page with the email associated with your membership and your password.
2. Open the Chapter section. Read the summary and self-reflection questions.
3. Download the self-reflection template for that chapter and fill in your answers. Save the file.
4. Using the link on the page, submit your chapter answers online. (You will be asked to upload your answers in this step).
5. If you forgot your password, you can [reset your password using this link](#).

**CSVS SKILL SAP** is available at no cost to CSVS members.

**Evaluation of the program:** In order to receive category 3 credits, members are required to complete an evaluation of the program prior to being emailed a letter confirming the number of category 3 credits earned. One evaluation form from each member will be required annually (Survey Monkey format)

**Feedback to participating members:** Members will be sent a certificate annually summarizing the total number of earned category 3 credits (1 credit per 3 chapters) as assigned by the CSVS SKILL SAP program administrator

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## **CSVS 2020 Membership Dues/Cotisations SCCV 2020**

2020 membership dues invoices will be distributed in mid-January. A reminder that membership dues payments can be made quickly and securely with the online option that appears on your invoice. Dues may also be paid by mail with a cheque or by calling the CSVS office with a credit card. Thank you to everyone that has renewed for 2019!

## **Royal College CBD updates**

Click on the links below for information on Competence by Design (CBD)

[CBD Implementation](#)    [CBD Milestones](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

Click [here](#) to view upcoming educational events.

## **Job Opportunities**

Click [here](#) to view career opportunities.