



# CSVS E-NEWSLETTER – Summer 2016

## CSVS President's Message

Dear CSVS members,

A fond hello from the Rock - I hope this message finds you and yours well. Before we all get down to the business of enjoying the summer months I'd like to update you on the hard work that your Executive Committee has been doing on your behalf.

The plans for our Annual Meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia are well underway. Our guest speaker, Professor Matt Thompson from Imperial College London, UK promises to give a couple of very exciting talks on the future of aortic surgery and the organization of vascular surgery services. As any of you who have heard him speak previously will know, Prof. Thompson is a world leader in aortic pathology, a dynamic speaker, and is at the forefront of the reorganization of vascular services within the NHS. His topics are timely and I'm sure the talks will stimulate much discussion amongst us all. The abstracts have been reviewed and letters are on the way to those whose papers have been selected for presentation. As a member of the selection committee I can tell you that the quality of the submissions this year was excellent and the reviewers had a very tough job selecting papers for presentation. The paper sessions will be excellent this year. I can tell you first hand that Halifax is a lively city and that Dr. Min Lee and the local arrangements committee have put together a great social programme. The annual dinner is at Citadel Hill – a spectacular location steeped in history. There are a few surprises in the works that will make this an unforgettable weekend for all who attend.

On other fronts, the CSVS Manpower Survey has been completed thanks to the hard work of Dr.'s Petrasek, Lindsay, Forbes and Tittley. This was presented in Winnipeg and will be reviewed at the annual meeting. It gives us very powerful information about the current and future manpower in our specialty and on the role that the CSVS should be playing in this key area. We have representatives who are members of several writing committees – ensuring that any published recommendations include the perspective of Canadian Vascular Surgery. These include CCS/CSCS/CSVS joint Statement on Thoracic Aortic Disease Interventions and the Canadian Heart and Stroke Association's Guidelines for Stroke/TIA Best Practice which are currently being updated. Both sets of guidelines will be published in the coming months and links will be provided on the CSVS website.

We also have an exciting research initiative concerning the explantation of endovascular aortic grafts headed by Dr. Graham Roche-Nagle - I would encourage anyone who wants to get involved to contact him. It would be fantastic to make this a truly coast to coast endeavor and the first of many such initiatives. Your Education Committee has been busy with several projects. Not only have we expanded the number of meetings that we have accredited, there are also some exciting changes in the pipeline which will streamline the task of completing CME for our members. Stay tuned to the CSVS website!

I would encourage anyone who has not yet renewed their membership to do so ASAP and to consider attending our Annual Meeting. I would also ask that you seek out your colleagues who may not be members and encourage them to become involved – there is no better time than now.

Have a great summer and hope to see you all in Halifax!

Cheers,



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## Save the Date! 2016 CSVS Annual Meeting on Vascular Surgery

The Program Committee is hard at work on the 2016 CSVS Annual Meeting "**Current Challenges in Vascular Surgery**" which will be held in Halifax NS on September 16-17 at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel. Check the CSVS website for updates. The Preliminary Program will be posted soon.

We are looking forward to welcoming invited guest speaker Professor Matt Thompson, Professor of Vascular Surgery at St. George's Vascular Institute, London, UK. Professor Thompson will present two talks and participate as a moderator for various sessions in Halifax.

Registration is now open! [Click here to register online.](#)

Reserve your hotel room today at the special conference rate of \$209 per night. ***This rate is extended 3 days prior and 3 days post meeting.***

## CCS/CSCS/CSVs Joint Position Paper on Open and Endovascular Surgery for Thoracic Aortic Disease

These guidelines have been published in the June 2016 Canadian Journal of Cardiology.

## Guidelines for Intervention for Stroke and TIA

CSVs will have direct input as Dr. Dion Davidson is part of this working group. Updated guidelines are expected by September.

## Congratulations to the CSVs 2016 National Student Research Award Winners!

Elizabeth Liao – University of Toronto  
Jimmy Tat – University of Toronto  
Matthew Ades – McGill University  
Jean-Jacob Brassard – McGill University

## CSVs 2016 Membership Dues/Cotisations SCCV 2016

Notices have been distributed electronically to CSVs members. Please take a moment to pay your 2016 membership dues online, by mail with a cheque or by calling the CSVs office with a credit card.

## CCS - Call for Proposals 2016 – Resident Vascular Award

The Canadian Cardiovascular Society and Bayer Inc. have collaboratively created an award, entitled "CCS – Bayer Resident Vascular Award". This Award is intended for residents in a Canadian clinical cardiology, cardiac surgery or vascular surgery training program (PGY 4-6) for

a research project on any topic related to thrombosis, anticoagulation, stroke, or heart failure.  
Click here for more information.

## Upcoming Events

### **SVS Annual Meeting - 2016 Vascular Annual Meeting**

**June 8-11 - Plenary and exhibits: June 9-11**

National Harbor, Maryland (just outside Washington, D.C.)

### **VEITH Symposium**

Tuesday, November 15 - Saturday, November 19, 2016

New York Hilton-Midtown New York City

## JOB POSTINGS

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