

President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

I am humbled and honored in the trust and confidence that the CSVS membership and Executive have placed in me to sit as your CSVS President. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the contributions of our Past President Dr. Baxter who guided the Society through these COVID times and oversaw our first and very successful Virtual Conference. His vision has proven that our Society can easily adapt and that future conferences can be accessible to all.

Dr. Rapanos and Dr. Elias put on an excellent academic program which was well attended from coast to coast. I want to thank everyone who attended as well as those who presented their research which clearly showed that the future of vascular surgery in Canada is indeed very bright. Congratulations to all of this year's award winners listed in the newsletter. I strongly encourage members to submit applications for these awards and thank the sponsors who support these awards. I would also like to thank Dr. Oreopoulos for all the time and effort he put into creating what would have been our first half day preconference clinical academic session that was cancelled due to COVID-19. Hopefully we can have this session next year.

This year, the Executive committee will continue to advance topics of importance to the membership including ongoing recruitment for the Juxtarenal Aneurysm study (Dr. Gill), Quality and Outcomes as well as insights (Dr. Abdulrehman) and advise the membership of the VQI Subsidy arranged for new Canadian sites by Dr. Roche-Nagle. Dr. Kapila and his group are busy working on guidelines on behalf of the Society and have just received word that their recent updated guidelines on AAA Screening have just been accepted for publication. Congratulations! Any CSVS members who are interested in getting involved in the Society through any of these committees are encouraged to contact Alexi Campbell at csvs@vascular.ca, or reach out to the respective chairs.

Next year's meeting is in Hamilton, ON and even though we all hope for an in-person meeting the Executive is planning for an enhanced virtual conference as discussed at the AGM. For those who had hoped to be in St. John's NL for this year's meeting, rest assured we will be back there in 2024. As Newfoundlanders would say:

How's she getting on by's? Listen here don't worry about the conference being cancelled back on the rock, the next one will be a bigger goin's on and we will rant and roar like true Newfoundlanders and we will take'r close to the floor! Catch y'all on the flip side by's!

Thank you again for the confidence you have placed in me. I hope to continue to strive to meet and advance on the goals of our strategic plan and other work started by my predecessors and at the same time continue to allow the Society to adapt and capitalize on any changes that come our way. I look forward to your comments and suggestions on how to improve our future meetings, or any other matter you feel is of importance to the Society and its members.

Sincerely,

Karim Alibhai, MD, FRCSC, RPVI
President, CSVS

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Message du président

Chers collègues,

Je suis très honoré et touché par la confiance que m'ont témoigné les membres et le Comité directeur de la SCCV en m'en confiant la présidence.

Je m'en voudrais de ne pas reconnaître les contributions du Dr Baxter, notre président sortant, qui a dirigé la Société durant cette pandémie et coordonné notre premier Congrès virtuel très réussi. Sa vision a démontré la capacité d'adaptation dont notre Société fait preuve et la possibilité de rendre les congrès futurs accessibles à tous.

Les Drs Rapanos et Elias ont organisé un excellent programme scientifique auquel beaucoup de membres d'un océan à l'autre ont participé. Je tiens à remercier toutes les personnes qui y ont assisté et celles qui ont présenté leurs travaux de recherche, qui démontrent clairement que l'avenir de la chirurgie vasculaire au Canada est très prometteur. Félicitations à tous les gagnants de prix de cette année mentionnés dans ce bulletin. J'encourage fortement les membres à soumettre une candidature pour ces prix et j'en remercie les commanditaires pour leur soutien. Je tiens aussi à remercier le Dr Oreopoulos pour le temps et les efforts qu'il a consacrés à l'organisation de ce qui aurait été notre première demi-journée clinique scientifique précongrès, annulée en raison de la COVID-19. J'espère que nous pourrons l'offrir l'an prochain.

Cette année, le Comité directeur continuera de faire progresser les sujets d'importance pour les membres, notamment le recrutement continu à l'étude sur l'anévrisme juxtarénal (Dr Gill), les travaux portant sur la qualité, les résultats et les connaissances (Dr Abdulrehman) et la subvention liée à la VQI pour les nouveaux sites canadiens, facilitée par le Dr Roche-Nagle. Le Dr Kapila et son groupe, qui travaillent sur des lignes directrices au nom de la Société, viennent d'apprendre que leurs lignes directrices sur le dépistage de l'AAA, récemment mises à jour, ont été acceptées pour la publication. Félicitations! Tout membre de la SCCV qui aimerait s'investir dans la Société en participant à l'un ou l'autre de ces comités sont priés de communiquer avec Alexi Campbell à csvs@vascular.ca ou aux présidences de comité respectives.

L'Assemblée de l'an prochain se tiendra à Hamilton, en Ontario, et même si nous espérons tous qu'elle puisse se faire en personne, le Comité directeur se prépare pour un congrès virtuel amélioré tel que discuté à l'AGA. Pour ceux et celles qui aurait aimé se retrouver à St. John's, Terre-Neuve pour l'Assemblée de cette année, sachez que nous y serons en 2024. Comme le diraient les Terre-neuviens :

Comment y va? Écoute, inquiète-toi pas de l'annulation du congrès sur le rocher, le prochain sera encore meilleur et on va crier et se déchaîner comme de vrais Terre-neuviens pour un congrès du tonnerre! À la r'voyure!

Merci encore pour la confiance que vous m'avez témoignée. Je prévois poursuivre les efforts visant à atteindre et à faire progresser les objectifs de notre plan stratégique et les autres travaux entamés par mes prédécesseurs, tout en continuant à permettre à la Société de s'adapter et de tirer parti des changements qui surviennent. N'hésitez pas à me faire part de vos commentaires et suggestions en vue d'améliorer nos assemblées futures, ou toute autre question importante à vos yeux pour la Société et ses membres.

Sincèrement,

Karim Alibhai, MD, FRCSC, RPVI
Président, SCCV

HIGHLIGHTS

CSVS 42nd Annual Meeting on Vascular Surgery – Virtual Edition September 12 2020

Over 140 delegates attended the 42nd Annual Meeting on Vascular Surgery – Virtual Edition on September 12, 2020. We received a large number of quality papers this year which allowed the Program Chair, Dr. Ted Rapanos to put together an impressive academic day. Four sessions were held virtually: Aortic, Peripheral Vascular Disease, Technology & Innovation and Medical Vascular Surgery. Half way through the day, CSVS members participated in the Annual General Meeting, followed by the presidential address given by Dr. Keith Baxter. Dr. Heather Gill & Dr. Jon Misskey moderated the Research Session & Bayer Rapid Fire Presentations.

“42nd Annual Meeting on Vascular Surgery – Virtual Edition”



AWARDS

Due to COVID-19 and the cancellation of the in-person meeting most of the awards were postponed to 2021. Two awards were given, the Bayer Resident Research Award and the National Student Research Awards.

Congratulations to the 2020 Award Recipients

Bayer Resident Research Award

Dr. Sneha Raju, University of Toronto

“Utilizing carotid plaque and plasma-derived extracellular vesicle microRNA (EV-miRNA) content as a novel biomarker to identify at-risk asymptomatic carotid stenosis”



The CSVS gratefully acknowledges the support of our 2020 CSVS Bayer Resident Research Award



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National Student Research Awards

Sylvie Bowden, University of Toronto

Chanhee Seo, University of Ottawa

Jamie Stark, University of Toronto

Garrett McDougall, Dalhousie University

Sreedharan Kannathasan, Dalhousie University

Xheni Konci, McGill University



From top to bottom, left to right

Sylvie Bowden, Chanhee Seo, Jamie Stark

Garrett McDougall, Sreedharan Kannathasan, Xheni Konci

Welcome to our new members

Bienvenue aux nouveaux membres

Candidate Members

R.J. Doonan
Jean Jacob-Brassard
Samuel Jessula
Melissa Jones
Brandon McGuinness
Alexa Mordhorst
Rikesh Parekh
Sneha Raju

Mark Rockley
Shira Strauss
Tyrell Wees
Miranda Whiteford

Full Member

Elie Girsowicz
Gary Yang

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 here](#) for more information and instructions.

CSVS 2021 Membership Dues/Cotisations SCCV 2021

2021 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 2020!

Upcoming Events

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

Job Opportunities

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



SAVE THE DATE

CSVS 43RD ANNUAL MEETING ON VASCULAR SURGERY
SEPTEMBER 24-25 2021 | HAMILTON, ON