



Canadian Cardiovascular Society

Leadership. Knowledge. Community.



ANNUAL REPORT 2007

CCS MISSION

The Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) is the national voice for cardiovascular physicians and scientists.

The CCS mission is to promote cardiovascular health and care through:

- knowledge translation, including dissemination of research and encouragement of best practices
- professional development, and leadership in health policy.



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Sixty Years Old and Still Growing! Sixty years ago, it began with 3 doctors who pondered the idea of creating a group of specialized individuals who could collaborate, learn from each other and talk to each other.

Today, the Canadian Cardiovascular Society is over 1500 members strong. We are known nationally and internationally by cardiovascular healthcare professionals for the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC), the CCS Angina classification system, the pan-Canadian Access to Care Benchmarks for the entire continuum of cardiovascular care, and the development of Canadian recommendations for the diagnosis and treatment of heart failure – just to name a few.

In 2006-07 over 300 members contributed to the development of our 2007-2010 strategic plan with the key strategic priorities of cardiovascular knowledge translation, health policy/advocacy and membership. And it takes at least an equal number of members each year, working through committees and working groups, to offer CCS programs and services that help us achieve our strategic goals. In this limited space, we can

only highlight a few of our successes but we are extremely proud of all that we have accomplished over this past year. 2007 has been a record breaking year for CCC submissions of abstracts, workshops and late breaking clinical trials.

A great scientific program and fun-filled Québec City activities have been planned by Dr. D George Wyse, CCS Annual Meeting Chair, Dr. Todd Anderson, Scientific Program Committee Chair and Local Arrangement Co-Chairs, Dr. Bernard Cantin and Dr. Franck Molin. We anticipate another successful CCC with over 3500 delegates in Québec City attending Canada's premier cardiovascular educational forum.

Several initiatives began this year in great part due to the leadership of CCS Members. A new Pediatric Cardiology Trainee Review Program was piloted under the direction of Dr. Andrew Warren.

The Canadian Perspective Program pilot is underway and the Canadian Cardiologist Initiative is in its first needs assessment phase, each program headed by Dr. Milan Gupta.

There are also established programs that have built on the success and momentum of previous years meeting our members' needs and making a mark for the CCS.

Dr. Blair O'Neill and Dr. Christopher Simpson of the CCS Access to Care Working Group continue to raise the visibility and adoption of the CCS Benchmarks.

Highly publicized events and issuing press releases have put CCS in the media on several occasions related to the access to care issue.

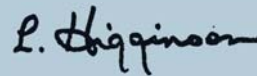
The Heart Failure Consensus Conference Program under the direction of Drs. Heather Ross, Malcolm Arnold and Jonathan Howlett published the 2007 Consensus Conference recommendations update: Prevention, management during intercurrent illness or acute decompensation, and use of biomarkers in the *Canadian Journal of Cardiology*. This new knowledge has been disseminated through a series of innovative national workshops that have been attended by over 1000 members

of the cardiovascular healthcare professional team. A tremendous achievement and a concrete example of the CCS working to move knowledge into practice. Who would have guessed after 60 years initiated by a conversation between 3 individuals, where we would be – how far we've come!

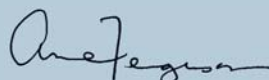
Happy 60th CCS!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

Lyllal Higginson,
President



Anne Ferguson,
Chief Executive Officer



MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - CCS PUTTING MEMBERS FIRST

In 1946, the formation of the Canadian Heart Association and its members is where it all began. Today, the Canadian Cardiovascular Society represents a community of more than 1,500 cardiovascular

professionals. A growing membership and programs and services focused on member's needs continue to be our number one priority.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Regular Members	753	776	771	812	841
Honorary Members	4	4	4	4	3
Life Members	158	175	162	198	199
Members-in-Training	185	354	329	449	460
Associate Members	2	8	8	14	14
	1,102	1,317	1,274	1,477	1,517

TRAINEE REVIEW PROGRAMS (TRP)

Trainee Review Programs are funded by the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Academy (CCSA) through the generous donations of members and organizations that recognize the importance of investing in our future Canadian Cardiovascular Professionals.

The Trainee Review Programs provide a combination of theory and practice to assist those residents preparing to write their Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Cardiology or Pediatric Cardiology examinations.

These programs also create opportunities for trainees to interact and network with peers and mentors.

This year's Adult Cardiology Trainee Review Program chaired by Dr. Randy Watson and the first ever Pediatric Cardiology Trainee Review Program initiated and chaired by Dr. Andrew Warren were held in May 2007 and were both well attended.

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COMMUNITY CARDIOLOGIST INITIATIVE

A study of Canadian Community Cardiologists, their needs, and how the CCS can better serve them.



In 2007 as part of the strategic plan mandate to strengthen and develop our membership, the CCS began the process of assessing and engaging community cardiologists through this pan-Canadian study. Preliminary results indicate a large number of community cardiologists have an increasing demand for

relevant education and professional support. Through this initiative, the CCS will be better positioned to build programs and services for these cardiovascular specialists encouraging their active participation in the Society.

CANADIAN PERSPECTIVES PROGRAM

This new pilot program provides timely and succinct information about how new scientific research will affect current clinical practice in Canada.

Canadian Perspectives is a forum at which expert faculty, both international and Canadian, will review the most relevant clinical trials presented at global cardiovascular conferences.

Through interactive exchange with participants, the impact of these clinical trials upon Canadian practice will be explored and discussed, resulting in a rich offering of information sharing.

The first CCS Canadian Perspectives will be held November 2007, in Toronto.

HEALTH POLICY / ADVOCACY

CCS advocates for quality cardiovascular care by working to shape health care policy in Canada to improve standards of care and

patient outcomes. Sixty years have passed and we continue to impact government health policies and the cardiovascular care of Canadians.

CCS BENCHMARKS FOR ACCESS TO CARDIOVASCULAR CARE

The CCS Benchmarks continue to be the forefront activity for the Health Policy/Advocacy area. Active participation in two high profile, national wait times conferences in February and April 2007, and

several CCS media releases, resulted in extensive media coverage by CTV National News, the Toronto Star, National Post, Ottawa Citizen and others.

Chris Simpson, a representative for the Canadian Cardiovascular Society, called the agreement a "significant step forward," but warned much work must be done before patients can be certain of how long they will wait for treatment.

We are nowhere near the point where we can say 'mission accomplished.'

(Source: The National Post, CanWest News Service, Published: Thursday, April 05, 2007 Christopher Simpson, Co-Chair of the CCS Access to Care Working Group comments from "Taming of the Queue" conference in April in response to the Prime Minister's announcement of a new \$1B patient wait time guarantee.)

As a first step in helping to further promote the adoption of the CCS Benchmarks, a targeted national survey of tertiary cardiac care centres was undertaken to find out the level of awareness of the CCS benchmarks, how many cardiac care centres have access targets

and monitor wait times, and average wait times for a broad range of cardiovascular services and procedures. The survey findings will be presented and discussed at the CCS Health Policy workshop at this year's Congress.

The CCS, in partnership with the HSFC and CIHR-IRCH, work to advance cardiovascular health and care in Canada. The Canadian Heart Health Strategy and Action Plan is an opportunity to build a road map for Canada across the health and care continuum.

CANADIAN HEART HEALTH STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (CHHS-AP)

The Canadian Heart Health Strategy and Action Plan (CHHS-AP) is chaired by Dr. Eldon Smith and involves the expertise of many CCS Members and other Canadian Health care Professionals, on the Steering Committee and Working Groups.

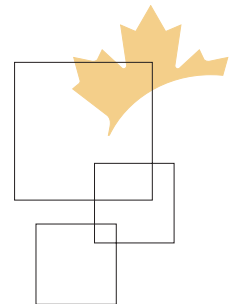
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

In 1948, the CCS Annual Scientific Meeting comprised 6 scientific sessions and was attended by 50 delegates. Today, the core of the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress program involves over 700 abstracts and is attended by more than 3500 delegates.

The CCS is proud to co-host the premier Canadian cardiovascular event that has become our trademark. Congress will continue to provide high-quality scientific findings, education and networking opportunities for cardiovascular health professionals.



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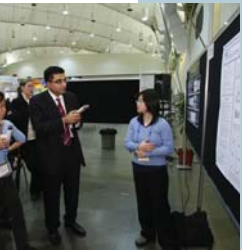


2007 CONGRESS FACTS

- 967 Abstracts submitted (at close of submissions)
- 16 Late-Breaking and Featured Clinical Trials submitted
- 72 Exhibitors registered
- 27 Practical Workshops (3 French Workshops)
- 19 Accredited Satellite Symposia

2007 CONGRESS ENHANCEMENTS

- > An increase to two Moderated Poster Theatres and the introduction of a multi-purpose theatre in the Community Forum
- > Audience Response touch pad systems for interactive Meet-the-Experts and Workshop sessions
- > Daily video streaming of CCC highlights and live broadcasts of plenary sessions in the Community Forum
- > 2 editions of the ECG: Registration edition and On-Site Edition bringing up-to-date content for what to see and do while in Québec City and in the Community Forum
- > Improving the “Extending the Congress Experience” program by providing online educational programs post-Congress



The CCS is an accredited program provider for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's Maintenance of Certification Program. In 2006-2007, 39 CCS

(Section I) accredited programs were offered. CCS Position Statements and Commentaries are short, focused statements on relevant cardiovascular clinical issues.

Published in *The Canadian Journal of Cardiology* during 2006-2007:

- > Contrast Echocardiography in Canada: Canadian Cardiovascular Society/Canadian Society of Echocardiography Position Paper
- > The Canadian Association of Interventional Cardiology and the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Joint Statement on Drug-Eluting Stents
- > Joint Position Statement on Advanced Non-invasive Cardiac Imaging using Positron Emission Tomography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Multi-Detector Computed Tomographic Angiography in the Diagnosis and Evaluation of Ischemic Heart Disease
- > Recommendations for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Dyslipidemia and Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease

The Heart Failure Consensus Conference (HFCC) Program continues to educate and provide valuable tools to cardiovascular professionals across Canada.

Well attended regional workshops have attracted all members of the Canadian cardiovascular care team involved in heart failure management, including nurses and community cardiologists. Another update to the Guidelines is planned for 2008.

HFCC STATS

- > Over 1000 healthcare professionals have attended regional workshops held to date.
- > Over 5000 clinical pocket guides have been distributed.
- > High traffic hits on the www.hfcc.ca website.

2007 CCS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each year at the joint Canadian Cardiovascular Society and Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Awards ceremony, it is our honour to celebrate the accomplishments of our colleagues in the cardiovascular field.

Congratulations to the following 2007 CCS Award Recipients!

Dr. William Kostuk	Annual Achievement Award Recipient
Dr. Gary Burggraf	Distinguished Teacher Award Recipient
Dr. Vivian Rambihar	Dr. Harold N. Segall Award of Merit Recipient
Dr. Gary Lopaschuk	Research Achievement Award Recipient
Dr. Carolyn Taylor	Trainee Excellence in Education Award Recipient
Dr. Hung Ly	Young Investigator Award Recipient
Dr. Erik Suuronen	Young Investigator Award, 1st Runner Up Recipient
Dr. Simon Bacon	Young Investigator Award, 2nd Runner Up Recipient

To be announced at the 2007 CCS-HSFC Joint Awards Ceremony –
Dr. Robert Beamish Award Recipient

Nominate a colleague for next year's
awards at www.ccs.ca

CANADIAN CARDIOVASCULAR SOCIETY ACADEMY

The CCSA is a charitable organization created in 2000 by the Canadian Cardiovascular Society to support programs in education, research, scholarships and bursaries to meet the needs of medical students and prospective cardiovascular specialists. One of these programs is the Have a Heart Bursary Program designed to introduce promising young

Canadian medical students, post-graduate trainees and basic scientists-in-training to the cardiovascular clinical and basic sciences.



*Canadian
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Society Academy*

***Believing in our Future - Congratulations to this year's
Have a Heart Bursary Program Recipients!***

Craig Ainsworth	Mount Hope, Ontario
Anita Chan	Edmonton, Alberta
Myra Cocker	Calgary, Alberta
Rani Cruz	Vancouver, British Columbia
Geoffrey de Couto	Toronto, Ontario
Vanessa DeClercq	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Genevieve Digby	Kingston, Ontario
Meghan Elliott	Kingston, Ontario
Gary Galante	Edmonton, Alberta
Shereen Hamza	Edmonton, Alberta
Victoria Lam	Edmonton, Alberta
Patricia Longmuir	Toronto, Ontario
Daniel Niven	Calgary, Alberta
Roxanne Pelletier	Montréal, Québec
Stacey Pollock-BarZiv	Toronto, Ontario

GOVERNANCE

Executive Committee and Council

Lyll Higginson, President

Charles Kerr, Vice-President

Denis Roy, Past-President

Milan Gupta, Treasurer

Roy Masters, Secretary

Heather Ross, Member-at-Large

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Simon Jackson, Council Member

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Thomas Parker, Council Member

James Stone, Council Member

Mario Talajic, Council Member

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Anne Ferguson, Chief Executive Officer

Todd Anderson, Chair, Scientific Program Committee

Bernard Cantin, Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

Franck Molin, Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

Eldon Smith, Editor-in-Chief, Canadian Journal of Cardiology

D George Wyse, CCS Annual Meeting Chair

2006-2007 COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

Access to Care Working Group, Blair O'Neill
Adult Cardiology Trainee Review Program, Randy Watson
Canadian Perspectives Working Group, Milan Gupta
CCS 60th Anniversary Working Group, Charles Kerr
Community Cardiologist Initiative Working Group, Milan Gupta
Congress Advisory Committee, CCS Co-Chair, D George Wyse
Consensus Conference Committee, Heather Ross
Ethics Committee, Bruce Reeder
Final Program Working Group, D George Wyse
Joint Oversight Committee, CCS Co-Chair, D George Wyse
Local Arrangements Committee, Co-Chairs, Bernard Cantin, Franck Molin
Medical Devices Working Group, Dean Traboulsi
Membership Committee, Roy Masters
Nominations and Awards Committee, Denis Roy
Pediatric Cardiology Trainee Review Program, Andrew Warren
Professional Development Committee, Simon Jackson
Research Achievement Award Selection Committee, John Cairns
Scientific Program Committee, Todd Anderson
Trainee Committee, Evan Lockwood

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Canadian Heart Rhythm Society, Martin Gardner
Canadian Nuclear Cardiology Society, Terrence Ruddy
Canadian Pediatric Cardiology Association, Marie Béland
Canadian Society of Cardiac Surgeons, Chris Feindel
Canadian Society of Echocardiography, Bibiana Cujec

CCS STAFF

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Andrea Lee	Finance and Administration Officer
Susan Oliver	IT and Communications
Linda Palmer	Manager of Membership Services and Trainee Programs

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: APRIL 1, 2006 – MARCH 31, 2007

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Revenue	\$ 4,238,445
Expenses	\$ 4,124,832
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 113,613

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	\$ 3,374,309
Liabilities	\$ 2,160,347
Surplus (Deficit) at Year-end	\$ 1,213,962
Total	\$ 3,374,309

Complete financial statements and the auditor's report for fiscal year April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007 are available to any CCS member upon request.



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Since 1947, the CCS has provided outstanding leadership to members of the cardiovascular medical community and helped them deliver quality healthcare to Canadians. This includes the development of the CCS Angina classification system now used worldwide, the creation of the pan-Canadian Access to Care Benchmarks for the entire continuum of cardiac care, and the development of Canadian recommendations for the diagnosis and treatment of heart failure. These examples demonstrate the remarkable work of Canada's cardiovascular physicians and scientists through CCS. We look forward to the next 60 years!

CCS PRESIDENTS

2006-present	Lyall A Higginson (Ottawa)	1990-92	Eldon R Smith (Calgary)
2004-06	Denis Roy (Montréal)	1988-90	Wilbert J Keon (Ottawa)
2002-04	David Johnstone (Halifax)	1986-88	John O Parker (Kingston)
1999-02	Ruth L Collins-Nakai (Edmonton)	1984-86	E Douglas Wigle (Toronto)
1998-99	Hugh E Scully (Toronto)	1982-84	Anthony R Dobell (Montréal)
1996-98	Peter M Olley (Edmonton)	1980-82	Richard E Rossall (Edmonton)
1994-96	Peter R McLaughlin (Toronto)	1978-80	Robert N Anderson (Halifax)
1992-94	Gilles R Dagenais (Montréal)	1976-78	Ronald J Baird (Toronto)

CCS IN 1947

members - **42**

Cost of membership dues: **\$10**

of attendees at first Annual Scientific Meeting – **50** (including 42 members)

Cecil C. Birchard - 1st CCS President

CCS IN 2006-07

members – **1517**

Cost of membership dues: **\$300**

of attendees at 2006 Annual Scientific Meeting – **3098** (including 594 members)

Lyall A. Higginson – Current CCS President

1947 — PRESENT

1974-76 T Edward Cuddy (Winnipeg)

1973-74 Lucien Campeau (Montréal)

1971-72 Wilfred G Bigelow (Toronto)

1968-70 Robert E Beamish (Winnipeg)

1966-68 David R Murphy (Montréal)

1964-66 Robert S Fraser (Edmonton)

1963-64 Irwin M Hilliard (Toronto)

1961-62 W Ford Connell (Kingston)

1958-60 Paul David (Montréal)

1957-58 Francis A Mathewson (Winnipeg)

1955-56 George F Strong (Vancouver)

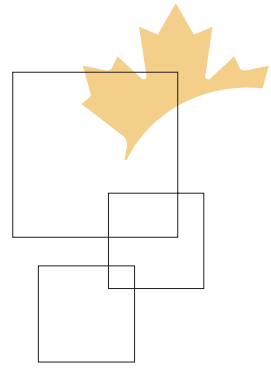
1953-54 Harold N Segall (Montréal)

1951-53 John Hepburn (Toronto)

1950-51 John McEachern (Winnipeg)

1949-50 John A Oille (Toronto)

1947-49 Cecil C Birchard (Montréal)



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