The CCSA is making an impact in the lives of our cardiovascular trainees.
ABOUT THE CCSA

The Canadian Cardiovascular Society Academy is a charitable organization that was created in 2000 by the Canadian Cardiovascular Society.

The CCSA provides cardiovascular trainees with unique programs and services from the moment they begin specialized training through to the first years of employment. The Academy has chosen to focus on providing support for medical students, prospective cardiovascular specialists, scientists in training and current cardiovascular trainees as a means of encouraging the continuation of a strong cardiovascular sector in the future.

Donations from individuals and organizations provide the necessary funding to develop new and expand existing valued CCSA programs.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I can say with absolute confidence that the CCSA is making an impact in the lives of our cardiovascular trainees.

As I prepare to step down from my role as president of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Academy (CCSA), a position that I have held proudly for three years, I find myself reflecting on the goals of the Academy. I ask myself whether the CCSA is achieving the goals that we have set out to achieve, and whether we are making a difference for our members, the cardiovascular profession and Canadians.

I can say with absolute confidence that the CCSA is making an impact in the lives of our cardiovascular trainees. I’m proud of our unique programs which contribute to shaping our future cardiovascular workforce and health of Canadians. For example, many past Have a Heart Bursary recipients have pursued cardiovascular medicine or research and all participating trainees have found the Trainee Review Programs to be a valuable tool in helping them to prepare for the Royal College exam. The Trainee Day at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC) is a popular forum for networking and advanced workshops which address the specific needs of trainees.

Looking forward, the CCSA is eagerly discussing ways to make an even larger impact in coming years. At our board meeting in May 2013, we had a strategic planning session facilitated by past Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) president, Lyall Higginson. We re-affirmed our mission to advance cardiovascular health primarily through education. We will continue to offer our current programs and services that are so highly valued by trainees for the next two years until the CCS completes its strategic planning. Other potential areas of CCSA involvement identified through our member survey include public awareness programs, particularly among high risk populations, grants for fellowship training, cardiovascular innovation symposia and web-based self-assessment programs. A larger impact will only be possible with increased member support.

I encourage all CCS/CCSA members to donate just a few dollars to help the CCSA attain its goals and continue to make a meaningful difference to our great profession and to Canadians.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the CCSA Board, the CCSA volunteers who have graciously donated their time and leadership to run our programs, the wonderful CCSA staff, especially Linda Palmer and you, our donors for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Bibiana Cujec, MD
CCSA President

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The CCS/CCSA Trainee Review Programs (TRPs) were established in 2006 after CCS trainees identified the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) fellowship examination preparation as a critical milestone in the transition from school to work. The TRPs provide trainees with realistic exposure to the examination process and offer an opportunity for feedback from faculty. The programs test their knowledge and exam writing skills and provide an overview of all aspects of the exam. In addition, TRPs provide trainees the valuable opportunity to network with program faculty and fellow trainees from across Canada.

2013 Adult Cardiology Review Program

The eighth offering of the Adult Cardiology Trainee Review Program was held April 26–28, 2013 in Toronto. There were 60 out of 70 third-year trainees in attendance along with 12 Faculty. The program serves as a valuable opportunity for third-year Adult Cardiology residents to prepare for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada fellowship examination.

We would like to thank the Adult Cardiology TRP Planning Committee members who volunteered their time and provided leadership in developing and delivering this program:

2013 Adult Cardiology TRP Faculty

Dr. Michael Froeschl, Chair
Dr. Nisha D'Mello
Dr. Michael Freeman
Dr. Chris Glover
Dr. Chris Johnson
Dr. Evan Lockwood
Dr. Donald Palisaitis
Dr. Sarah Ramer
Dr. Dylan Taylor
Dr. Nicholas Valletas
Dr. Mathieu Walker
Dr. Mathieu Bernier (Absent from photo)

The date and location of the 2014 Adult Cardiology Trainee Review Program are to be confirmed.

2013 Pediatric Cardiology Review Program

The seventh Pediatric Cardiology Trainee Review Program was held May 3–5, 2013 at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. This year, there were 11 attendees representing programs from Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal.

The CCS and CCSA wish to thank the Pediatric Cardiology TRP Planning Committee for putting together this outstanding program and for contributing their time to its success:

2013 Pediatric Cardiology TRP Faculty

Dr. Kenny Wong, Chair
Dr. Jennifer Conway
Dr. Julie Déry
Dr. Andrea Dragulescu
Dr. Martin Hosking
Dr. Lillian Lai
Dr. Jennifer Russell

The date and location of the 2014 Pediatric Cardiology Trainee Review Program will be announced shortly.

2013 Cardiac Surgery Review Program

The seventh Cardiac Surgery Trainee Review Program was held March 22 and 23, 2013 in Montreal. There were 13 cardiac surgery residents in attendance, of which eight were scheduled to write the exam this year. The program was also opened to fifth year trainees and provided them with much appreciated exposure to the oral examination process.

The CCS and CCSA wish to extend a genuine thank you to faculty members for their contribution and for providing an outstanding learning opportunity for Canada’s cardiac surgery trainees:

2013 Cardiac Surgery TRP Faculty

Dr. Frédéric Jacques, Chair
Dr. Vincent Chan
Dr. Anson Cheung
Dr. Ismail El-Hamamsy
Dr. Edward Hickey
Dr. Hugues Jeanmart
Dr. Roy Masters
Dr. Mackenzie Quantz

The date and location of the 2014 Cardiac Surgery Trainee Review Program will be announced shortly.
THE HAVE A HEART BURSARY PROGRAM

The Have a Heart Bursary Program, now in its twelfth year, is a travel bursary program designed to introduce promising young Canadian medical students, graduate students, post-graduate trainees and basic scientists-in-training to the cardiovascular field in Canada. This program supports approximately 20 students annually to participate in the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC).

“The Have a Heart Bursary breakfast was a fabulous opportunity to network with the role-models and mentors I hope to emulate in the future. Their inspiring advice helped open my eyes to the enormous growth and potential available in cardiovascular medicine in Canada. I truly am in debt to the CCSA for this remarkable experience and the stepping stones towards a bright future.”

Debraj Das, 2012 Have a Heart Bursary Recipient

2012 HAVE A HEART BURSARY RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2012 Have a Heart Bursary Program Recipients:

Martin Aguilar (Montréal, QC)
Daniel Anselm (Kingston, ON)
Kyle Arsenault (Dundas, ON)
Romain Capoulade (Québec, QC)
Debraj Das (Edmonton, AB)
Riya Ganguly (Winnipeg, MB)
Nitan Garg (Ottawa, ON)
Marlena Habal (Toronto, ON)
Kim Lachance (Montréal, QC)
Pencilla Lang (London, ON)
Xavier Lieben Louis (Winnipeg, MB)
Hanbin Lin (Saskatoon, SK)
Yingwei Liu (Ottawa, ON)
Anna Meredith (Vancouver, BC)
Prabhakara Nagareddy (New York, NY)
Kieran Quinn (Kingston, ON)
Francisco Ramirez (Ottawa, ON)
Trevor Simard (Ottawa, ON)
Erica Tsang (Vancouver, BC)
Vishal Varshney (Calgary, AB)
“Trainee day, year after year, is an excellent forum for learning – not just because programming is interesting and relevant but because it is the perfect time and place to network with both my colleagues, and the highly accomplished staff who present the sessions every year.”

Sanjog Kalra, 2013 Trainee Day Co-chair

The Annual Canadian Cardiovascular Trainee Day, now in its 12th year is a one-day educational program that takes place at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress. Trainee Day is an excellent means for trainees to enrich their Congress experience. Trainee Day sessions focus on providing information that helps trainees become young independent researchers and clinicians.

A special thanks to this year’s planning committee who put together a stellar program.

2013 Trainee Day Planning Committee Members

Sanjog Kalra
Sonya K. Hui
Preeti Anand
Debraj Das
Douglas Hayami
Leila Laroussi
Judy Luu
Kristin Lyons
Anton Mihic
Dimitrios Tsirigotis
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Donations received between April 1st, 2012 – March 31st, 2013

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Financial Statement
April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013

Summary of Operations

Revenue
- Donation from members $ 97,396
- Investment 56,322
- Bank interest 1,048
- Interest on promissory note 9,612
- Contribution 10,000
- Donation from others 5,654
- Registration 6,000

Total Revenue $ 186,032

Expenses
- Administration 91,728
- Trainee Initiatives 44,496
- Have a Heart Bursary Program 33,187
- Adult Trainee Review Program 22,366
- CJC Subscription fees 27,188
- Pediatric Trainee Review Program 1,693
- Cardiac Surgery Trainee Program 16,629

Total Expenses $ 237,287

Unrealized gains (losses) on held-for-trading financial investments 62,429
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses $ 11,174

Summary of Financial Position

Assets
- Current Assets $ 202,469
- Investments $ 1,566,125
- Promissory Note, receivable from CCS $ 221,829

Total Assets $ 1,990,423

Liabilities
- Current Liabilities $ 19,125
- Net Assets $ 1,971,298

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $ 1,990,423

Complete financial statements and the auditor’s report for the fiscal year of April 1st, 2012 to March 31st, 2013 are available to CCSA members upon request.