

President's Message

December 2018



It's an honor to be writing my first Presidents' Message to the members of CHFS and those who are considering joining. Thank you to Dr. Sean Virani who has led our Society for the past 2 years. Together with our new board, I look forward to continuing our momentum in providing heart failure advocacy, promoting quality clinical care and enhancing heart failure research in Canada. Our national membership continues to grow now at 230 members strong and our international reach and impact is increasing. Let's review some of our recent successes and future initiatives:

- Membership in the CHFS is FREE FOR TRAINEES. This provides an invaluable opportunity to develop your CV by participating on our committees, developing educational programs and workshops, influencing our website content and future programming, participating in our trainee research competitions and networking with key opinion leaders in heart failure in Canada throughout the year.
- Our first ever TRAINEE Member on the CHFS Board is Dr. Jennifer Amadio. We look forward to your input and that of all our trainee members Dr. Amadio!
- SAVE THE DATE: May 10th – 11th 2019 is **HF UPDATE** in Montreal! Registration for our annual conference is now open. Go to HFupdate.ca to learn more. There are reduced registration rates for members.
- We continue to offer a joint membership for our nursing colleagues with CCCN. Don't forget to check out the Nursing Workshops at HF UPDATE in Montreal May 10 – 11th 2019.
- **NEW THIS YEAR** - May 6th – 12th 2019 is the **1st NATIONAL HEART FAILURE AWARENESS WEEK** in Canada. This is an initiative brought to you by CHFS with the support of our partners CCS, CCCN, SQIC, HeartLife Foundation and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. More information to follow in the new year on our new website (heartfailure.ca and insuffisancecardiaque.ca) and on our Twitter account @CanHFSociety.
- Thank you to our Education Committee and our fellow CCS affiliates CHRS and CANCARE for co-producing with us 2 lively, learned and entertaining debates at CCC this year. The Limelight

Session in the CCC Forum featuring new technologies was a success as well. Our CHFS Spotlight Session featuring guest speakers, Dr. Jeff Reading (Indigenous Health), Dr. John Rumsfeld (ACC Innovation Officer), patient partner Jackie Ratz and CHFS member Dr. Kim Anderson, addressed the application of Big Data to marginalized heart failure populations.

- In conjunction with the CCTN, the second annual CHFS-CCTN Trainee Research Awards were presented at CCC. Congratulations to Dr. Keith Dadson who took the prize this year. We were very impressed with the number and quality of submissions. Thank you for your contributions TRAINEE members!

- The CHFS Annual Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Jean Rouleau at CCC this year. His many contributions to the heart failure community include describing neurohormonal activation in heart failure and his exceptional work as a clinical trialist. He has previously received the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Annual Achievement Award, and, in 2016, the Order of Canada.



- With support from our partner TRANSFORM-HF, CHFS handed out three Trainee Research Scholarships in 2018, which focused on heart failure advocacy and policy – congratulations to Dr. Nazari, Dr. Leclerc and Dr. Tremblay-Gravel! We'll see their work presented in 2019.
- CHFS has endorsed the development of a Position Statement on Cardiac Amyloidosis and a Canadian Amyloid Registry led by Dr. Nowell Fine and Dr. Margot Davis. In collaboration with the CCS HF Guidelines Panel a Consensus Document on the Optimal Model for Heart Failure Care in Canada is in the works for 2019.
- To better characterize the quality of in-patient heart failure care in Canada, the CHFS is sponsor of the CAN-HF Study, which will provide a contemporary snapshot of care processes for hospitalized patients with heart failure from across the country.
- A CHFS symposia will once again kick off the UBC Heart Failure Symposia in June 2019. Details to follow.
- The CHFS will represent the CCS at an International Perspectives Session during next year's ACC in New Orleans – the title of the presentation is "Heart Failure Advocacy: An International Perspective". Next on the International stage is a presentation at ESC 2019 in Paris as part of the ESC-CCS Symposium.
- We have begun foundational discussions with the Heart Failure Society of America (HFSA) to create a formal partnership between the two organizations which we anticipate will enhance membership and membership benefits for both organizations and include an exchange of joint symposia – more to come in the next year.
- On Nov 23rd members received an open call to volunteer for our committees. With transition of the CHFS Executive and Board, allow me to introduce our new Chairs:
 - Education Committee: Dr. Anique Ducharme
 - Governance and Nominations: Dr. Sean Virani
 - Membership Engagement: Dr. Sean Virani

- Research Committee: Dr. Justin Ezekowitz
- Website Committee: Dr. Anique Ducharme
- HF Update Co-Chairs: Dr. Jonathan Howlett, Dr. Serge Lepage, Dr. Shelley Zieroth

As you can see, CHFS continues to expand its portfolio of activities. Next on the agenda is expanding membership to patient partners. We encourage the active participation of our members and look to provide with you value in your membership with CHFS. We continue to improve with your thoughtful and encouraging feedback. Join us. Tweet us. Support us. We hope to see you at HF UPDATE in May.

Sincerely,



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