

2014 Annual Report



Canadian Society of Transplantation
Leadership In Transplantation

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Message from the President

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure and privilege to submit this report to you, in concluding my duties to the society as President. The end of the year brings much personal satisfaction, but also some regret, as I have truly enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Canadian transplant community in this manner. I look forward to continuing to connect with the society in other roles, and to helping the CST retain its leadership in the field, not only in the Canadian context, but globally. In highlighting our accomplishments and progress in the past year, I'd like to start by focusing on the Annual Scientific Meeting. The ASM is our primary deliverable to the membership and its scientific excellence, its networking value and its financial viability are key attributes which need regular assessment. This year marks a departure for us in several ways. Following widespread consultation and a vote of

the membership in 2014, the ASM has moved to the fall. Although competing in a very busy season, this allows us greater flexibility in choosing new venues and more opportunities in partnering with other societies, all of which translate into better value. Our first joint meeting effort has been with the Banff Foundation for Allograft Pathology. The meeting attracted an international delegation of close to 500 and featured a special session co-sponsored with the American Society of Transplantation. With nearly 100 invited speakers, all leaders in the field, this was a meeting like no other we have ever hosted. The quality of the sessions was outstanding, and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of **Prosanto Chaudhury** and **Jag Gill**, Chair and Co-chair, respectively, of the ASM Committee. I would also like to thank **John Gill**, Chair of the Joint Organizing Committee, and CST member **Michael Mengel**, who along with Banff President Kim Solez, worked tirelessly to ensure the meeting's seamless integration and financial success. This meeting has been a successful blueprint for the future, and I'm happy to report that the 2016 and 2017 meetings will also feature novel partnerships. Next year, we will meet in Quebec City with the Société québécoise de transplantation and in 2017, we will be joined by the Cell Transplant and Regenerative Medicine Society, for a one of a kind scientific experience in Halifax.

Our numbers increased substantially this year, as we welcomed 18 Full Members, 30 Associate Members and 45 Trainee/Fellow members. The trainee numbers are particularly encouraging, given their importance for our future. This year also marks the designation of Multi-Organ Transplantation as an Area of Focused Competence by the Royal College, with the first ever recipients of formal certification in our field to be awarded their diplomas in the spring. This follows a multi-year effort to bring this important goal to fruition, and credit is due to **Justin Weinkauff** for his representation of the society to the College and **Jolanta Karpinski**, who led this effort in the beginning.

The CST's various committees continued their exceptional efforts this year, and we recognize the time devoted by all members in advancing the work of the society. Communications Committee Chair **Jag Gill** is completing his term, and **Jeffrey Schiff** will be taking over this group, which will re-examine its functions and the format and content of information sent to the membership. Jeffrey continues as Chair of the Education Committee, and with Co-Chair **Lee Anne Tibbles** this committee was responsible for the organization of an outstanding Research FITS symposium. **Marie-Chantal Fortin** and **Rebecca Greenberg** continue as Chair and Co-Chair of the Ethics Committee and represent the CST on the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Solicitation and Directed Donation. This CST initiative includes representation from CBS and the CNTRP and continues toward the production of a set of guidelines on this important issue. Other members of the group are **David Grant**, **Todd Fairhead**, **Jennifer Chandler**, **Lori West**, **Linda Wright**, **Lee Anne Tibbles**, **Kimberly Young** and **David Landsberg**. **Ramesh Prasad** and **Michel Paquet** continue as Chair and Co-Chair of the Grants and Awards Committee and

working with **Joe Kim** and **Sacha DeSerres** of the Research Committee, will be administering a new grant this year. The Astellas-CST Clinical Research Grant competition was announced during the ASM and will provide \$100,000 toward novel clinical and translational protocols. The Governance and Nominations Committee was busy this year recruiting a new slate of members standing for election as Directors, among their other vital work on the CST's numerous by-laws and policies. We thank **Tom Blydt-Hansen**, who is completing his term as Chair of this committee. **Dr. Ebi Renner** stepped down as Chair of the Leading Clinical Practices Committee and is replaced in this capacity by Co-Chair **Yaron Avitzur**. **Carey Beninger** completes two very successful terms as Chair of the Standards Committee.

The work of all committees and groups was enhanced this year by the deployment of a new content management system and web site. The new site allows all groups and committees to manage their memberships, communicate and store files and information. It has enabled us to conduct our elections electronically and handles membership renewal and abstract submission. The site represents an enormous effort by **Holly Fan** and we gratefully acknowledge her contribution, which has truly revolutionized the way CST functions.

I am pleased to report that the financial outlook of the society has improved greatly this year. We have had to make the difficult decision of offering our fellowship only on alternate years, but the combined revenues from our various sponsors as well as the anticipated revenues from the joint scientific meeting with the Banff Foundation have contributed to an elimination of our budget deficit this year. To give some perspective, in our final year with the Royal College, we recorded a deficit of over \$100,000. Recognizing that we cannot afford to be complacent in this favourable position, we produced our first ever Investment Policy Statement, and recruited investment managers at BMO Nesbitt Burns to act as our financial advisors. We are truly grateful for the diligent efforts of **David Grant**, our two-term Treasurer, who led the development of the investment strategy and the careful examination of the options available to us.

The end of this year truly marks the end of an historic restructuring of the CST, which really began in 2009 with the governance initiative. The CST has matured a great deal. We have been guided through all these changes by a consistent focus on the delivery of value to our membership. The membership has in return, responded with enthusiasm in making a contribution. With 21 members standing for election to the Board this year, the vitality of the organization is self-evident. I am grateful for the contribution of the 2013-2015 Board of Directors, who helped guide the society through what was at times a difficult transition. **Atul Humar, Ian Alwayn, David Grant, Michael Mengel, Kathryn Tinckam, Tammy Keough-Ryan, Jean Tchervenkov, Joe Kim**, Past President **Tom Blydt-Hansen** and Officers **Adrian Robertson** and **Jenny Wichart** are all to be congratulated. **David Grant** and **Jean Tchervenkov** will be stepping down from the Board, while **Jenny Wichart** will be leaving the Associate Member Liaison Officer position and standing for election. We cannot conclude without an acknowledgment of Executive Director **Rob Gallaher**, and **Holly Fan**, who have brought much in the way of new perspectives, new energy and new approaches to our work. It is my pleasure, in completing my term as President of the CST, to report that the state of the society is excellent and we look forward to new opportunities for the professional development, training, and academic advancement of our membership.

Sincerely,



Steven Paraskevas, MD, PhD
President, 2013-15

About CST

MISSION

The mission of the Canadian Society of Transplantation is to advance the practice and science of transplantation for the benefit of Canadians and society.

PURPOSE

The Canadian Society of Transplantation is the organization of professionals dedicated to leading, advancing and advocating for patient care, research, and education in donation and transplantation in Canada.

CST BOARD

Executive

Dr. Steven Paraskevas, President
 Dr. Tom Blydt-Hansen, Past President
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 Dr. David Grant, Treasurer

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 Associate Member
 Dr. Adrian Robertson, Critical Care Donation
 Specialist
 Dr. Michael Mengel
 Dr. Jean Tchervenkov
 Dr. Kathryn Tinckam

Liaison Officers

Ms. Jenny Wichart, Associate Member
 Dr. Adrian Robertson, Critical Care Donation
 Specialist

CST COUNCIL

Allied Health, Chair – Ms. Jenny Wichart

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Donation, Chair – Dr. Adrian Robertson

HLA, Chair – Dr. Patricia Campbell

Kidney, Chair – Dr. Jeffrey Zaltzman

Liver, Chair – Dr. Ian Alwayn

Lung, Chair – Dr. Lianne Singer

Pancreas, Chair – Dr. Jeffrey Schiff

Pediatric, Chair – Dr. Susan Samuel

Pharmacist Chair – Dr. Christopher Daley

Financial Report

Audited Financials For Year Ended December 31, 2014

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

Summary of Operations

Revenue	\$ 468,143
Expenses	\$ 623,294
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$ (155,151)

Summary of Financial Position

Assets	\$ 2,545,921
Liabilities	\$ 240,242
Net Assets	\$ 2,305,679

Working Together

Education Committee

Jeffrey Schiff (Chair)
Lee Anne Tibbles (Co-Chair)

Lorraine Bell
Mona Beaunoyer
Karen Doucette
Azim Gangji
Michael McDonald

Andrea Norgate
Alp Sener
Jenny Wichart
Kimberly Young

The Education Committee has been working to revise the Research Fellows in Transplantation Session (Research FITS) of the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), with a focus on preparing trainees on the beginning stages of their career. The revised session at the 2015 ASM will focus on starting a lab and research program, creating an education portfolio and interactive sessions with transplant program directors.

The committee also prepared and distributed a needs assessment to the CST membership, to determine where it should focus its efforts going forward. After review, the first project will be to develop informational materials that can be used by transplant programs to communicate with and educate family physicians post-transplant.

Future efforts of the committee will include developing a collaboration with Astellas on their Transplant Fellows Symposium and making it a “pre-course” before the CST ASM; and working with transplant training program directors as the new Royal College AFC in Transplantation comes into effect.

Ethics Committee

Marie-Chantal Fortin (Chair)
Rebecca Greenberg (Co-Chair)

Daniel Buchman
Marie Josée Clermont
Annie Fecteau
Aviva Goldberg

Ramesh Prasad
Jean-Luc Wolff
Linda Wright
Jason Yan

The Ethics Committee over the past year has been developing the content for the annual Ethics Session to be held at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The session is to comprise of a panel format and three (3) speakers specifically addressing issues related to death determination, ethical issues regarding DCD generally and specifically to pediatrics.

The Chairs are working on studying ethical issues related to transplantation for foreign nationals and professional’s attitudes regarding the issue.

Planning forward, the committee is developing a mini ELPAT pre-meeting in Montreal in 2016 that would include both workshops and traditional presentations delivered as a pre-conference event.

Grants & Awards Committee

Ramesh Prasad (Chair)
Michel Pâquet (Co-Chair)

Sita Gourishankar
Haissam Haddad
Roberto Hernandez-Alejandro
Olwyn Johnston

Ali Kapasi
Charles Poirier
Eberhard Renner
Dalyce Zuk

During 2014, the Grants and Awards Committee created and finalized the Terms of Reference for the Fellowship Award. The Terms of Reference for the other three awards: the Lifetime Achievement, Clinician Recognition, and Research Excellence Award were all reviewed and updated. The committee recognizes the financial constraints that have resulted in the Fellowship Award being withheld for 2015 and would like to thank the Board for its effort to sustain the Fellowship Award moving forward.

Three awardees were identified for the year and their awards were presented at the ASM in Montreal. Congratulations to the 2014 Recipients: Dr. David Landsberg, CST Clinician Recognition Award; Dr. Deepali Kumar, CST Research Excellence Award and Dr. Ananda Venkatachalam, CST 2014-2016 Fellowship.

Previous fellowship awardees were contacted for their updates on progress in their research. Over the past year, additional effort to disseminate information about the awards through newsletters and emails were carried out with the goal of increasing the total number of submissions.

Given the departure of several committee members, additional members were added in order to maintain a balance in terms of committee composition by specialty and centre.

We look forward to recognizing the 2015 CST Award Recipients in Vancouver, BC!

Governance and Nomination Committee

Tom Blydt-Hansen (Chair)
Kathryn Tinckam (Co-Chair)

Sacha DeSerres
Anand Ghanekar
Jennifer Harrison

Dale Lien
Shelley Zieroth

As a standing committee of the CST, it is mandated to support the Board by recommending a policy framework that supports the activities of the Society and provides for good governance. It is committed to the principles of open consultation, unbiased vetting and transparency in its work.

From a governance perspective, this includes support of committees and the Board. The GNC reviewed and updated terms of reference for committees appointed by the Board at the beginning of each committee term. The GNC periodically reviewed existing internal policy and procedures, and provided new ones on request to meet the evolving needs of the Society. It provided a mechanism to update by-laws as needed. Terms of reference that apply to Officers and other Board appointees were reviewed and updated.

As for nominations, the GNC was tasked periodically with identifying candidates to Chair CST committees or to serve as representatives on external agencies on behalf of the Society. These were provided to the Board of Directors as recommendations. The GNC was also responsible for providing an initial slate of candidates to run for election as Directors, in addition to candidates for each of the elected Offices of the CST. The Chair and Co-Chair would like to express their gratitude for the collegiality, wisdom and commitment of the committee members for their work on the committee over this past year.

Research Committee

Joseph Kim (Chair)
Sacha De Serres (Co-Chair)

Todd Fairhead
Beth Foster
Jagbir Gill
Julie Ho
Rahul Mainra

Lisa Robinson
Marcus Selzner
Lianne Singer
Michael White

The CST Research Committee has partnered with CNTRP investigator Dr. Marie-Chantal Fortin to jointly develop and disseminate a research priorities questionnaire directed to patients and transplant professionals. This is part of an initiative to ascertain transplant-related research priorities similar to the effort that was undertaken by the Canadian Kidney Knowledge Translation and Generation Network (CANN-NET) for dialysis research. Member of the CST Research Committee will also be involved in the national face-to-face meeting that is planned for late 2015 or early 2016 to gather, synthesize, and document the final list of research priorities based on the feedback of patients, providers, and researchers.

The members of the CST Research Committee have provided scientific input for abstracts submitted to the 2014 CST ASM. This was a great success since the expertise of the committee could be used to efficiently review the abstracts and allow the ASM organizing committee to come to decisions about the status of the abstracts in a relatively short period of time.

Finally, work on the research component of the website is ongoing and will be revisited in the upcoming summer to ensure the content reflects the needs of the CST membership.

Scientific Meeting Committee

Prosanto Chaudhury (Chair)
Jagbir Gill (Co-Chair)

Michel Carrier
Christopher Daley
Marie-Chantal Fortin
Beth Foster
John Gill
Marie Josee Hebert
Deepali Kumar
Megan Levings

Janet Madill
Mike McDonald
Ramesh Prasad
Adrian Robertson
Jeffrey Schiff
Markus Selzner
Lianne Singer

The Scientific Meetings Committee is comprised of members representing all organ systems, surgical, medical and allied health specialties. Members participated fully in the programming and other operational decisions regarding meeting content.

This year, we are for the first time working on an annual meeting to be held jointly with the Banff Foundation of Allograft Pathology. Assisted by a joint ASM Committee, co-chaired by Dr. John Gill, a great deal of work has been put in by both societies to ensure a week-long program that will be topical for both groups. Abstract submission closed with a more than 60% increase in abstracts received compared to prior years. As in previous years, the Abstract Review Committee consisted of members of the CST Research Committee and the Scientific Meeting Committee and balanced on disciplines, organ groups and expertise. Competition for the plenary spots was fierce!

We look forward to seeing everyone in Vancouver, BC from October 5th to 10th 2015.



Standards Committee

Carey Beninger, Chair
Jackson Wong, Co-Chair

Ron Moore
David Landsberg
Anand Ghanekar

Communications Committee

Jagbir Gill (Chair)
Jeffrey Schiff (Co-Chair)

Jillian Barrott
Carole Chatalesingh

Jackson Wong
Rahul Mainra

Leading Clinical Practice Guidelines Committee

Eberhard Renner (Chair)
Yaron Avitzur (Co-Chair)

Prosanto Chaudhury
Norine Heywood

Jennifer Harrison
Michele Molinari

Public Policy Committee

Todd Fairhead (Chair)
Jeff Zaltzman (Co-Chair)





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