

Pediatric Presse

2016 CST Peds AGM Highlights

The pediatric group meeting at the CST annual conference in Quebec City was, once again, a wonderful way to highlight new pediatric investigators, learn more about emerging research to help our patients and network with child health colleagues. We were thrilled to welcome Dr. Kathryn Tinckam, a Transplant Nephrologist and Medical Director of the HLA Laboratory at the University Health Network, as our guest speaker. Dr. Tinckam shared her insights on HLA matching, eplet matching and adherence, and their effects on the emergence of DSA and graft loss in pediatric organ recipients. Her work and those of other Canadian researchers, including CST pediatric group members, will help guide our organ acceptance and allocation policies to ensure the best possible outcomes for pediatric recipients.

We were happy to award two trainees awards this year and hear from them about their work. Eberhard Lurz, from the Hospital for Sick Children, received the Clinical Science award for his project "A Multi-Centre Prospective Study of Frailty in Children with Liver Disease." Ibrahim Adam, from the University of Alberta, received the Basic Science award for his project "Anti-A immune response in mice to ABO-blood carbohydrates antigen is T cell dependent." We will be offering trainee awards again this year so please spread the word!

Our meeting also included revision of our terms of reference to allow more streamlined election procedures that can be facilitated over the summer months by electronic voting. We were also pleased to welcome three new executive group members, Jason Yap (Edmonton), Jenny Wichart (Calgary) and Yaron Avitzur (Toronto). We are thankful to outgoing executive members Seema Mital, Nadya Nalli and Veronique Phan for their commitment to this group.

Please save the date for our next pediatric group meeting, which will be on Monday, September 25, 2017 in Halifax!



Aviva Goldberg and Ibrahim Adam, winner of a trainee abstract award.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

15th Transplantation Science Symposium
Victoria, BC

May 24-26, 2017

View the website [here](#).

International Pediatric Transplant Association 2017 Congress
Barcelona, Spain

May 27-30, 2017

View the website [here](#).

AST Fellows Symposium
Grapevine, Tx

September 15-17, 2017

View the website [here](#).

18th Congress of the European Society for Organ Transplantation
Barcelona, Spain

September 24-27, 2017

View the website [here](#).

CST Annual Scientific Meeting
Halifax, NS

September 26-29, 2017

View the website [here](#).

International Congress of the Transplantation Society
Madrid, Spain

June 30–July 5, 2018

View the website [here](#).



9th Congress of the
International Pediatric Transplant Association
 BARCELONA, SPAIN | May 27–30, 2017

I am thrilled to invite you to beautiful Barcelona for the 9th Congress of the International Pediatric Transplant Association, which will be held May 27 to 30, 2017!

Perspectives in tolerance, ethical dilemmas, the importance of antibodies, challenges in emerging economies, cutting edge clinical trials, and more... IPTA 2017 will highlight the latest advances in clinical and basic sciences related to pediatric transplantation. The Scientific Advisory Committee is hard at work developing a program that will address the special needs of pediatric transplant recipients and promote the advancement of the science and practice of transplantation in children worldwide.

The Congress is a must for everyone involved in the care of children needing or following organ transplantation including physicians, surgeons, advanced care practitioners, nurses, interprofessional team members, scientists, organ donor coordinators, industry-partners and any and all types of trainees.

Centrally located and just a few steps from the Mediterranean Sea, the IPTA congress will be a perfect venue to renew and recharge your clinical and scientific endeavours, network with old and new colleagues, and

return home with transformational ideas that will impact the lives of children with end stage organ failure and organ transplants regardless of where you live in the world!

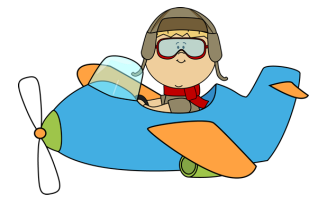
Be part of something Great! Connect with leaders from around the globe! Influence the next generation of transplant professionals! Looking forward to welcoming you to Barcelona for IPTA 2017!



Anne Dipchand
 IPTA 2017 Congress Chair

Highlighted here are all of the Canadian speakers who will be presenting at IPTA 2017.

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| Acott, Philip | Division Head, Pediatric Nephrology
IWK Health Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia |
| Ahuja, Jessie | Transplant Nurse Coordinator
BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver, BC |
| Allen, Upton | Division Head, Infectious Diseases
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Aujnarain, Amiirah | Pediatric Resident
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Avitzur, Yaron | Pediatric Gastroenterologist
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Banh, Tonny | Clinical Research Project Assistant
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Blydt-Hansen, Tom | Pediatric Nephrologist
BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver, BC |
| Conway, Jennifer | Pediatric Cardiologist
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB |
| De Souza, Astrid | Exercise Physiologist
BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver, BC |
| Deliva, Robin | Physiotherapist
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Dipchand, Anne | Pediatric Cardiologist
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Farrell, Renee | Pediatric Resident
Alberta Children's Hospital, Calgary, AB |
| Filler, Guido | Chief of Pediatrics
University of Western Ontario, London, ON |
| Gold, Anna | Psychologist
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Goldberg, Aviva | Pediatric Nephrologist
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB |
| Graham, Ashley | Occupational Therapist
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Greenberg, Rebecca | Bioethicist
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Korus, Moira | Renal Transplant Nurse
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| L'Huillier, Arnaud | Clinical Fellow, Infectious Diseases
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Laks, Jessica | Fellow, Pediatric Cardiology
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Leblond, Marie | PhD Student, Clinical Psychology
Université de Montreal, Montreal, QC |
| Michaud, Vanessa | PhD Student, Clinical Psychology
Université de Montreal, Montreal, QC |
| Patterson, Catherine | Physiotherapist
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Szabo, Adrienn | Clinical Fellow, Pediatric Cardiology
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |
| Williams, Angela | Nurse Practitioner
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, ON |



Allied Health Travel Bursary

PURPOSE
Over the past several years, the most rapid growth in membership for the CST has been in the category of 'Associate Member', which includes allied health professionals. On-going initiatives have been made by the CST to encourage the involvement of Allied Health members. CST welcomes the active input of all members across the broad range of individuals with a professional interest in transplantation in clinical practice, research and education. The intent of the Pediatric Group Allied Health Travel Bursary is to help facilitate the attendance of allied health professionals at the Annual CST Pediatric Special Interest Group Annual Dinner and Business Meeting who might not otherwise have the opportunity or resources to attend.

PROCESS
Completion of an application form will be required to apply for the award. Up to three Allied Health Travel Bursaries (each \$1000 value) will be granted each year based on available funding to members of the CST Pediatric Group. Applications must be sent to the CST office. **The deadline for applying is June 30, 2017.** Preference will be given to those individuals who have not received travel awards within the last 3 years and who do not have other sources of funding. Award recipients are required to attend the CST Pediatric Group Annual Dinner and Business Meeting.

Please apply using this [form](#). You can view the [announcement](#) on the CST [website](#).

Trainee Research Award—Best Pediatric Transplant Abstracts

One of the missions of the CST Pediatric Group is to encourage trainee participation in clinical and basic science research in the field of pediatric transplantation.

Prizes Available

Up to 2 prizes will be awarded by the CST Pediatric Group for the best trainee **pediatric abstracts** submitted to the CST 2017 Annual Meeting.

Adjudication process

All abstracts will be reviewed and scored by the CST Pediatric Group Executive committee members and/or invited expert reviewers. Abstract reviewers will be blinded to the author's name. Abstract score from general CST meeting abstract review will be available to the pediatric award review committee. The committee will be asked to consider relevance to pediatrics and scientific merit and will score and rank each abstract according to a standard scoring strategy. A minimum acceptable score will be set in order for the abstract to be eligible for the prizes. The two top ranked abstracts (one in the basic science category and one in the clinical category) will be awarded \$1000 each. If there is no submitted abstract in the category that meets the minimum acceptable score, no prize will be awarded in that category.

Eligibility

- Eligible candidates are trainees in the field of pediatric transplantation, at the undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate levels. Medical students, medical and surgical residents and fellows, basic scientists in training, and allied health trainees are encouraged to apply.
- **Applicants must be members of the CST (Trainee membership fee is \$50)**
- **Applicants' research supervisor must be a current member of the CST (though does not need to be a pediatric member)**
- **Abstract must have pediatric relevance**

What will the Pediatric Trainee Research Awardee receive?

- Cheque for \$1000 CAD
- Complimentary registration for the Annual Meeting (Need to write to CST Administration to receive the registration, citing this award notice)
- Ticket for each of the evening Social Events (Need to write to CST Administration to receive the registration, citing this award notice)
- Acknowledgement at the Annual Meeting and Dinner of the CST Pediatric Group

What is expected of the Pediatric Trainee Research Awardee?

- Attendance at the following CST Pediatric Group Annual Dinner and Business Meeting of CST Pediatric group
- Presentation of your abstract at the CST Pediatric Group Annual Dinner and Business Meeting
- Attendance at the CST Research FITs (Fellows-in-Training) Day, and participation in the CST annual meeting and conference

The application deadline is June 30, 2017. **Please proceed to the [CST website](#) for [further information](#) or to [apply](#).**

Questions, comments, or to submit anything for future publications, please contact Lorraine at lorraine.hamiwka@ahs.ca

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