

Canadian Association  
for the Study of the Liver



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## CASL Newsletter: July 2016



### World Hepatitis Day July 28, 2016 Theme: **ELIMINATION**

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CASL has joined with the The Canadian Network on Hepatitis C (CanHepC) and other organizations to call on the Canadian Federal Government, Provinces and Territories to develop a National Action Plan for the elimination of Hepatitis C in Canada. We

### CASL Award Announcements

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CASL is pleased to announce this year's Gold Medal and Sass-Kortsak award recipients!

**CLF/CASL Gold Medal Award** - Anna Lok, MD

**CASL/CLF Sass-Kortsak Award** - Eve Roberts, MD

Award recipients will be recognized

firmly believe elimination of Hepatitis C in Canada is achievable through effective partnership and the help of an evidence-based public health approach working towards enhancing screening, access to treatment and targeted prevention strategies for populations at risk. Please look at the [English](#) or [French](#) infographic document for more information.

**Canadian Journal of  
Gastroenterology and  
Hepatology Update: 2015 Impact  
Factor  
from the Co-Editor-in-Chief Dr. Eric  
Yoshida**

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I am delighted to announce that CJGH, the official journal of both CASL & CAG has achieved a higher impact factor of 2.307 (up from 1.982). Credit goes to the strong submissions to the journal and to the editorial board members, associate editors and of course our reviewers who ensured quality in the publication.

It should be noted, our publisher changed at the end of 2015 from the Pulsus Publishing Group to the Hindawi Publishing Corp. We would like to thank Pulsus for their wonderful efforts since 1987 and are looking forward to continuing with the dedicated Hindawi Publishing Corp. With its open door policy, Hindawi has opened our journal to potentially new audiences and is committing to publishing strong papers.

We are looking forward to continuing the mission of the CJGH and

at CDDW, in addition to giving lectures as part of the liver program. Stay tuned for further program details!

### **From the President's Corner**

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The summer is finally heating up on the West Coast and right across Canada! The CASL Exec and Secretariat continue to be very busy:

- The CAG-CASL CDDW 2017 program is now finalized CASL was successful in securing Affiliate status for CANHEPC with permission to run the CANHEPC program concurrently with the core CDDW meeting. With the help of CASL, a more integrative program has been developed, especially for sharing internationally acclaimed speakers and costs.
- We are negotiating plans with CAG to collaborate a program for CAHN at CDDW, mostly to enable hepatology nurses to attend many of the CASL CDDW educational sessions, including the Gold Medal Lecture and featured symposia. We hope this will be approved within the coming weeks.
- CASL will hold a single topic conference on NAFLD in Winnipeg next September. Ebi Renner is chairing the meeting with more details to soon follow.
- The HCV Committee has been hard at work to finalize an updated HCV guideline which will soon be ready and completed for distribution to CASL members.

give Canadian clinical researchers an outlet for their hard work. I encourage all CASL members to [browse our collections of papers](#), we look forward to the continued support.

### **CASL Hepatology Fellowship Program - Now Accepting 2017 Applications**

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CASL is now accepting applications for 2017 Hepatology Fellowships.

The deadline to submit your application is September 19, 2016.

[Click here](#) for more information and to access the fellowship application form.

### **CAG-CASL CDDW 2017 Update from the Co-Chair Dr. Marc Bilodeau**

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The program for next year's CASL meeting at CDDW is now ready.

Dr. Hemant Shah, chair of the Education Committee has put together a very ambitious and stellar program that includes a post-graduate course on decompensated liver disease, sessions on hepatitis B and hepatitis C infections as well as on auto-immune/PSC/PBC and nutritional aspects in patients with liver cirrhosis.

Also don't miss the Liver Pediatric Symposium on Metabolic Liver Diseases.

- We plan for a PBC position paper written by an expert CASL committee, chaired by Andy Mason.
- We have moved forward with CASL's application for Royal College Accreditation status. The document is currently under first review at the College, following which we will have opportunity to respond or amend prior to the final submission.
- World Hepatitis day is upon us. CASL members should join in the global effort to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030.

<http://worldhepatitisday.org/>

I welcome any comments or suggestions you may have about our monthly newsletter or our CASL activities. At this time, I wish you all a happy and restful summer holiday.

### **Job Opportunity: Academic Hepatologist-Clinical Investigator. University Health Network and University of Toronto**

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The Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Division of Gastroenterology of the University Health Network and Sinai Health System is seeking to recruit an Academic Clinical Investigator for The Toronto Center for Liver Disease, University of Health Network.

The successful candidate must be eligible for full-time clinical academic appointment at rank of Assistant or

Associate Professor at the University of Toronto.

**Start Date:** August 1st, 2017 or until filled

**Application Deadline:** July 31st

[Click here](#) for more information.

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