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Introducing your new CSPS President

The CSPS is pleased to welcome incoming President, **Dr. Neal Davies**

Message from the President

Welcome to the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences (CSPS)

Dear Colleagues,

As I commence my Presidency, I want to acknowledge the luminaries of our past including all the Presidents and board members who have contributed their time and efforts over the years. The mission, vision, and central tenets of CSPS were left to us by those with aspirational dreams for this society. They recognized not only what pharmaceutical science was required for the day, but also how to prepare for the decades ahead. They also understood that progress can only happen because of change. We have each of their

shoulders to stand on; rising higher, using their collective foresight and leadership to go forth and do great things!

In 2022, we welcome a number of new directors to the board including Dr. Abbie Collier, Dr. Aryn Sayani, Dr. Risini Weeratna and Jack Bufton (our new Trainee Representative). We look forward to working together with them on the board and with all of our members to promote excellence in research, innovation and training in pharmaceutical sciences.

2022 is indeed a special year for us as it marks the silver jubilee of The Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences. We will celebrate this historic achievement at the 25th annual symposium together virtually. The annual symposium conference is where cutting edge pharmaceutical science in Canada and beyond is presented, exchanged and discussed and brings us together to celebrate our achievements. In the past 25 years we have had exceptional symposium across Canada from Vancouver, Banff, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal. This past year we adapted and had a very successful virtual symposium based out of CSPS Western Headquarters in Edmonton. Over the years we have welcomed the world and effectively collaborated and partnered with several other societies and organizations in Canada and in Japan co-sponsoring a variety of symposia and events.

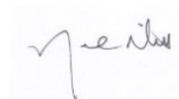
I am extremely proud of the evolution of the CSPS organization over the years. Together we have developed a prominent journal the **[Journal of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences \(ualberta.ca\)](http://www.ualberta.ca/journal-of-pharmacy-and-pharmaceutical-sciences)** which is the original open-access journal in the field. We have also developed excellent workshops often in a true partnership with Health Canada, and our CSPS Young Scientist Network events and virtual community coffee meetings are also thriving. CSPS has also developed a first-class awards program that recognizes the achievements and accomplishments of our members and trainees. Furthermore, we have recently developed the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences Foundation where each of you and our industry sponsors can donate online to further our collective efforts and initiatives uplifting us to reach our full potential. **[Canadian Pharmaceutical Sciences Foundation | Charity Profile | Donate Online | Canadahelps](#)**

The past-two years of the COVID-19 pandemic may have kept us physically distanced but in fact it has also brought us closer together. The importance and significance of having supportive and thriving Pharmaceutical Sciences within Canada has never been clearer. Pharmaceutical and biotech companies have all stepped-up and emerged to face our public health challenges head on. Manufacturing of pharmaceuticals within Canada is now beginning to receive significant investment from governments, and the private sector. At CSPS our prevailing ideas, our ongoing drive and contemporary commitment and plans have begun in earnest towards a goal of thriving pharmaceutical science research and training within Canada. Pharmaceutical sciences remain the life-blood of our Faculties and the hands of many are driving its innovation. In our educational curriculums, the importance of the pharmaceutical underpinnings and knowledge of pharmacist trainees and our graduate student trainees remains critical. The imperative of pharmaceutical science to our health is apparent in the daily mainstream media and the demand for vaccines and critical drug supply chain issues will require further made in Canada solutions and investments.

Over the years we have nurtured and developed CSPS, at times we have resuscitated it and we are now currently entering a renaissance period of Pharmaceutical Sciences within Canada. From discovery to recovery, we and our network of allies have developed treatments and vaccines for SARS-COVID-2. Foundational pharmaceutical research and development and collaboration defines CSPS and continues to show demonstrable outcomes. CSPS is ready and poised to lead as we enter into a new era of health-care with novel drug delivery systems, biologics, devices, pharmacogenomics, vaccines and diagnostics at the forefront to improve the health of humanity here in Canada.

In 2022, our silver-lining within this pandemic is that we will be able to virtually meet again and I am excited to join in hosting our 25th CSPS Symposium Events. Once again, the symposium will include an outstanding pharmaceutical sciences scientific program with world class scientists and pharmaceutical and biotech and regulatory leaders as well as trainee poster presentations. This is a very exciting time for CSPS and I look forward to your collective and continued participation.

Sincerely,



CSPS Board of Directors 2022

Meet the New Board!

2022 CSPS Board of Directors

This past year continued to be a tumultuous year with many of us feeling the effects of the pandemic. Through it all, the CSPS Board of Directors continued to meet virtually and guided the Society in these uncertain times. We would like to thank all the board members for the time and dedication they have given to CSPS.

For 2022, we bid a fond farewell to several board members - Noriko Daneshtalab, Arshia Ghani, Emmanuel Ho, and Raimar Loebenberg and thank each of them for their many years of dedication and commitment to CSPS. Raimar and Noriko will continue to be active in CSPS as part of the CSPS 2022 Annual Symposium Organizing Committee and we value all their hard work and support. For 2022, we are pleased to have Aryn Sayani, Risini Weeratna and Jack Bufton join the Board and welcome their invaluable insight and knowledge in moving CSPS forward.

The 2022 CSPS Board of Directors includes:

Neal Davies – President
Christine Allen – Past President
Fakhreddin (Mo) Jamali – Executive Appointee
Michael Doschak – Treasurer
Risini Weeratna – Secretary
Lesia Babiak
Ildiko Badea
Ron Boch
Jack Bufton – Trainee Representative
Abby Collier
Kayla Kitselman
Catherine Lau
Co Pham
Aryn Sayani

25th Anniversary of CSPS

Mark Your Calendar

2022 will mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences. We will be celebrating this milestone throughout the year and are seeking your input and ask that you share your early memories and stories to help us commemorate the early beginnings for the CSPS.

Please send your comments/memories to the CSPS Secretariat at: csp@intertaskconferences.com.



2022 CSPS/CC-CRS Conference

This year, the CSPS/CC-CRS Conference will be held virtually from June 1-2, 2022. On June 1st, we will focus on trainees as part of the Pharmaceutical Sciences Trainee Day which will include workshops, panel discussions as well as poster presentations. For trainee poster competition details and information on poster awards being presented, please visit the CSPS website. The Call for Abstracts will open soon - be sure to

check the [CSPS website](#) for submission details. Deadline for abstract submissions is **April 1, 2022**.

On June 2nd, the key theme will focus on “Driving Beyond the Pandemic : Innovation and Paradigm Shift in Regulatory Sciences”. The agenda will be packed with speakers from Health Canada as well as health and pharmaceutical industry leaders. Key discussions include how regulation modernization was accelerated to meet Pandemic needs which evolve into adaptation of agile regulations, and its impact on future preparedness to bring preventative and curative treatments to Canadians. The goal is to create a dynamic environment for regulatory agency, industry and academia to effectively interact to ensure the future well-being of Canadians.

Registration will open in early March. For additional details, please visit the [CSPS website](#).

2022 CSPS Award Nominations

Call for Award Nominations

The Call for Nominations are now being invited for the following 2022 CSPS Awards:

- CSPS Fellow Award
- CSPS Award of Leadership in Canadian Pharmaceutical Sciences
- CSPS Early Career Award



Applications/submissions are being accepted for the following award:

- Gattefossé Award in Lipid-Based Drug Delivery

Details regarding nomination and submission information for each award is available on the [CSPS Awards](#) section on the CSPS website.

Deadline for all nominations and submissions is **April 30, 2022**.

Completed nomination packages can be emailed in confidence to Liz MacMaster at csps@intertaskconferences.com.

Monthly Virtual Coffee Break

Join us in conversation...

Our CSPS Virtual Coffee & Conversation events have become extremely popular with members of the CSPS community during the pandemic as it enables colleagues to catch up with old friends and and meet new ones.



At our recent virtual chat on November 24th, Christine Allen was joined by Nancy (Yannan) Dou, Brittany Epp-Ducharme, Catherine Lau and Rebecca Yu in a discussion on exploring careers in pharmaceutical science. A fantastic event that was appreciated by all!

Join colleagues (and meet new friends) as we discuss and exchange ideas related to the pharmaceutical field. Interested in leading a discussion? Have a topic you want to explore at an upcoming virtual coffee & conversation event? Please send us your ideas at csps@intertaskconferences.com

Young Scientist Network

The CSPS Young Scientist Network (YSN) is an active community of pharmaceutical scientists sharing ideas and research. Currently, the YSN has representatives at the following universities:

University of British Columbia – Nirma Vadlamudi

University of Alberta – Malaz Yousef, Nasim Sarrami
University of Waterloo – Yannick Leandre Traoré
University of Toronto – Tiffany Ho
Memorial University of Newfoundland – Kayla Kitselman, Sunisha Aryal, Eric Mensah
Université de Montréal -
Université Laval – Amrita Dikpati
University of Saskatchewan – Amir Khajavinia
Dalhousie University –
University of Manitoba – Wenxia Luo, Olufola Ige

YSN would welcome any new members - especially from Dalhousie University or Université de Montréal so we have representatives from all the pharmacy schools. If you are interested in joining YSN or have any questions, please contact Jack Bufton at jack.bufton@mail.utoronto.ca.

Anyone who would like to join the group can find YSN on Facebook as the CSPS Young Scientist Network (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/549526325750810>) or on Twitter @CSPS_YSN.

YSN TRAINEES! Be sure to attend the **YSN Espresso Networking Event** on **Wed., Feb. 23rd at 12:00 pm EST** - details on [CSPS website](#).

Career Postings

We are pleased to share the following job opportunities with the CSPS community:

<https://www.cspscanada.org/career-postings/>

Do you have a job opportunity you would like to promote? Please contact the CSPS Secretariat csp@intertaskconferences.com for more information.



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