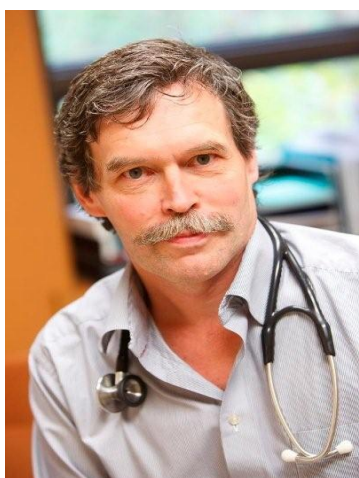




ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

President's Message



This has been an exciting and challenging year to be President! In addition to performing our work in guidelines, research, education and knowledge translation, we have been engaged in a strategic planning process. We have taken a close look at who are and where we want to go as a society, and in doing so, have embarked on a promising journey to work towards a more sustainable future. We carried out a number of activities to inform this process: we surveyed our members and our sponsors; we conducted individual interviews with key stakeholders; we benchmarked practices of 11 other organizations, including 10 specialty societies; and we held a national forum that brought together 35 of our key leaders and partners from across the country. All of this input was distilled by an external consultant into the new Canadian Thoracic Society Strategic

and Action Plan for 2015 to 2018, organized around four leadership pillars that build on our strengths:

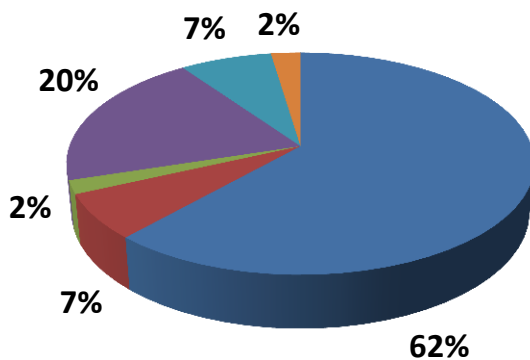
- Fostering innovation to promote evidence-based clinical practice;
- Providing state-of-the art professional education to transform lung healthcare;
- Fostering cutting-edge lung health research; and
- Developing the next generation of respiratory health professionals and researchers

I think members will recognize our strengths in these key strategic directions, and will join the CTS Executive and Board in supporting our new plan and contributing to its implementation.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for their support throughout the year. Many thanks as well to the numerous dedicated CTS members who work as volunteers on our many clinical assemblies and committees, or act as CTS representatives and spokespersons. I am also grateful to the hard-working staff team at CTS, who facilitated all of our achievements.

Jean Bourbeau, MD, FRCPC
President, Canadian Thoracic Society

Membership 2014-15



MD or PhD	440
Senior (65+)	47
Respirologist in 1st Yr	14
Resident or Fellow	144
MD or PhD Student	53
Honorary	17
TOTAL	717

Guidelines and Knowledge Translation

- We collaborated with the American College of Chest Physicians on a joint guideline on prevention of acute exacerbations in COPD;
- We prepared a report on the results of a national survey on pulmonary rehabilitation services in Canada
- We collaborated with the Canadian Sleep Society on a joint position paper on obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) and driving;
- We collaborated with the Canadian Pediatric Society on a joint position paper on the diagnosis and management of asthma in preschoolers (in press);
- We continue to implement the new framework to guide our work in knowledge translation, guidelines implementation and evaluation and to maximize the impact of guidelines in clinical practice.

Education and Continuous Professional Development

- We co-led the successful development and delivery of the 7th Annual Canadian Respiratory Conference (CRC) in April 2014 in Calgary, Alberta;
- We delivered the 11th annual National Senior Respiratory Fellows Symposium in collaboration with respirology program directors in conjunction with CRC for 43 residents and fellows;
- We organized the 2014 Canadian Pediatric Respirology Fellows Day in Calgary in collaboration with the CTS Pediatric Assembly and pediatric respirology program directors;
- We delivered the annual CTS Scientific Program in conjunction with CHEST in Austin Texas, in October 2014, awarding Richard Long the 2014 CTS Honorary Lectureship;
- We produced accredited webinars on OSA and Driving and on the joint guideline for the prevention of AECOPD;

- We facilitated a series of online rounds on interventional respirology prepared by the Clinical Assembly on Chest Procedures and organized an accredited simulation course on ultrasound in respirology, for delivery at CRC in April 2015.

Research

- We collaborated with the Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH) at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the CLA, and the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute in implementing the first year of the Canadian Respiratory Research Network (CRRN). The CRRN is the culmination of four years of work by CTS leaders, research colleagues and partners from across the country.
- We worked with the CLA in the further development of the National Respiratory Research Strategy (NRRS) with special attention on training and mentoring program for young respiratory researchers. This new program is expected to launch in 2015.
- We participated in the implementation of the CLA's national fundraising campaign, *Breathing as One: The Campaign for Lung Research*, to support the NRRS.
- We led the 4th Annual CTS Trainee Research Poster Competition in conjunction with the 2014 American Thoracic Society International Conference in San Diego CA, where we presented the James C. Hogg Basic Research Poster Award, and the Frederick (Freddy) Hargreave Clinical Research Poster Award; and
- CTS provided peer review expertise for the annual CTS Fellowship and Studentship Competitions and the National Grant Review process on behalf of the CLA.

2014 VIC CHERNICK AWARD

*Honouring excellence in
pediatric respirology*



*Dr. Michael Seear was recognized by the CTS
Pediatric Assembly in April 2014*

ICRH-CTS Distinguished Lecture in Respiratory Sciences



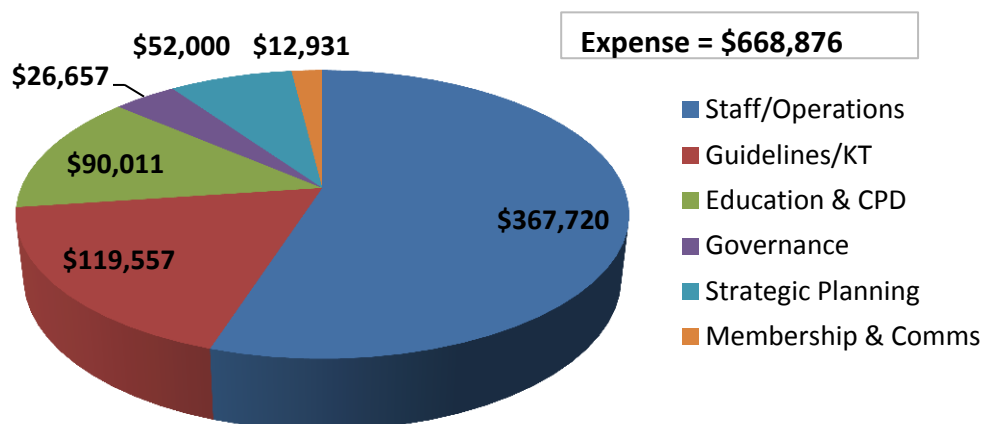
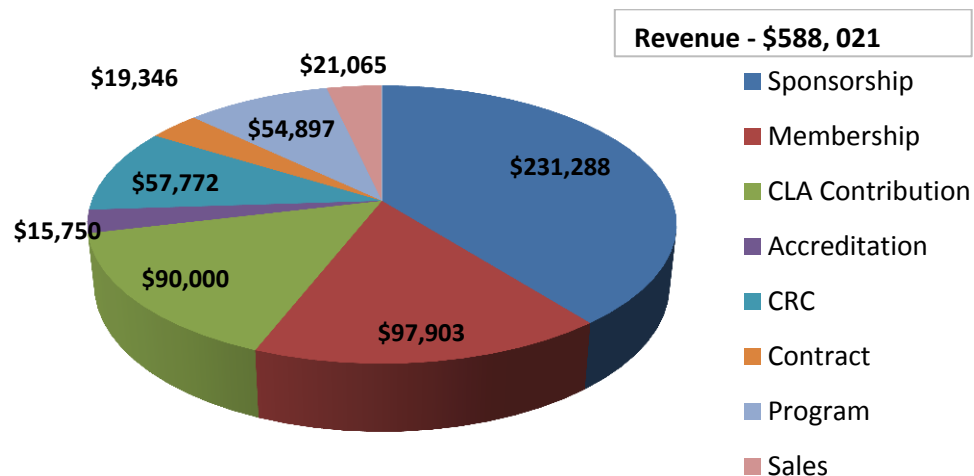
Dr. Louis-Philip Boulet delivered the 2014 special lecture at the Canadian Respiratory Conference.

CTS Honorary Lecture

Jean Bourbeau (left) presents the 2014 award to Richard Long at CHEST 2014.



2014-15 Preliminary Financial Report



- Increased revenue from membership, CRC, accredited CME and contracts
 - Lower revenues from sponsorship
 - Unbudgeted expense of \$52K for strategic planning
 - Retained core staff while exploring new revenue generating opportunities
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- Year End Contribution from CLA = \$90,000
 - **Year End Deficit = \$80,854** to be covered by CTS Reserve Fund
 - Reserve Fund Balance = \$66,933

Thank you

- CTS Committee and Clinical Assembly members, for your dedication
- CTS members, for your ongoing support and participation
- CTS and CLA staff, for your commitment and hard work
- Industry partners, for your generosity

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