



## ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

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### President's Message



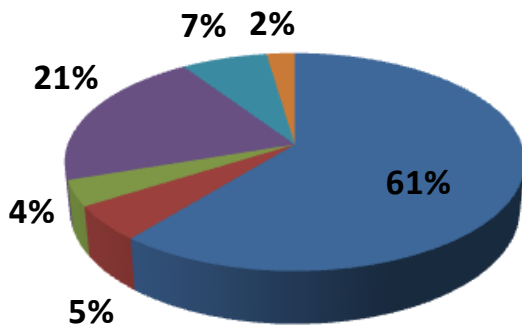
Continuity and change, challenge and opportunity have been the hallmarks of the past year at the CTS. The maturation of the Society as a professional association, coupled with the expansion of the nature and scope of our work and the outcomes of our strategic plan for 2015-20 led to our incorporation as a not-for-profit corporation on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Since then the leadership of CTS has been working through the legal, financial and governance processes to firmly establish the CTS in its new organizational form, align our resources with our strategic priorities, and enhance our valued partnership with the Lung Association and with the Canadian Respiratory Health Professionals. In the face of this foundational work, we have not lost sight of the importance of service to our members and wider respiratory community through education, knowledge translation and research. In parallel with our organizational development process, staff and leading volunteer members have been diligently moving forward with a number of key initiatives that further the key strategic directions:

- 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.

A new corporate sponsorship model has been implemented to secure financial support and two new fee-for-service programs are ready to launch to help diversify our funding base. I would like to thank my colleagues on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for their leadership and 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.

M. Diane Lougheed, MD, MSc, FRCPC  
President, Canadian Thoracic Society

## Membership 2015-16



MD or PhD	448
Senior (65+)	38
Respirologist in 1st Yr	28
Resident or Fellow	153
MD or PhD Student	52
Honorary	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>736</b>

3% growth over 2014-15

## Promoting Evidence-based Clinical Practice

### Developing and disseminating evidence-based clinical practices guidelines and annual updates:

- Publication of a joint position paper with the Canadian Pediatric Society on the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma in Preschoolers (May 2015)
- Publication of a research report on the state of pulmonary rehabilitation in Canada (May 2015)
- Completion of the Pediatric Home Mechanical Ventilation Guideline (in review)
- Three position papers to support the diagnosis and treatment of interstitial lung disease (in progress):
  - *Diagnostic evaluation of fibrotic ILD*
  - *Non-pharmacological management of fibrotic ILD*
  - *Long-term monitoring of fibrotic ILD*
- CTEPH guideline update in progress (anticipated completion summer 2016)
- A paper on exercise prescription and pulmonary rehabilitation (submitted for publication)
- An update on pharmacology for treating COPD/AECOPD is in progress

### Developing a portfolio of knowledge transfer and guidelines implementation strategies and tools to educate specialists, GPs and professionals on the application of guidelines and performance metrics:

- Electronic messaging 'guidelines channel' for asthma and COPD using the Information Assessment Method (IAM) in collaboration with McGill University and Canadian College of Family Physicians
- Interactive slide deck for CME on prevention of AECOPD
- Collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada on an accredited online self-assessment program on the Canadian TB Standards for specialists and other healthcare professionals
- Slim jim on Diagnosis and Management of Asthma in Preschoolers (in press)

# Education and Continuous Professional Development

Improving access to education programs and content for members and non-members targeting specific audiences:

- Co-leadership of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Respiratory Conference (CRC) in April 2015 in Ottawa, ON
- CTS Scientific Program in conjunction with the CHEST Annual Meeting in Montreal, in October 2015
- Accredited webinars for members on adult and pediatric asthma, pulmonary rehabilitation and sleep medicine
- An accredited CME program co-developed with Boehringer-Ingelheim on Treatment Options for ILD
- Accredited simulation course on ultrasound in respirology at CRC in April 2015 and planned for CRC 2016 and a special session for residents attending the NSRFS
- Webinar training rounds in interventional respirology by the Clinical Assembly on Chest Procedures
- CHEST PREP - Canada – an exciting new partnership program in collaboration with the American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST) to provide clinical education certification for industry representatives
- CTS Speakers Bureau – development of curriculum on AECOPD and faculty training completed – ready for pilot testing in spring 2016

## 2015 Recognitions and Awards

Lifetime Achievement in Pediatric  
Respiratory Medicine  
*Dr. Ian MacLusky*

ICRH-CTS Distinguished Lecture in  
Respiratory Sciences  
*Dr. Magdy Younes*

2015 CTS Honorary Lecture at CHEST  
*Dr. Paul O'Bryne*

**CTS Distinguished Achievement Award**  
*Dr. Denis O'Donnell*

**CTS Dedicated Service Award**  
*Dr. Nigel Duguid*



## Fostering cutting edge research

- Collaborating with the Canadian Lung Association (CLA) on the development of the National Respiratory Research Strategy (NRRS) with special attention on training and mentoring program for young respiratory researchers;
- Providing expertise to identify research priorities within the NRRS, and provision of peer review expertise for the annual CTS Fellowship and Studentship Competitions and the CLA National Grant Review process;
- Promoting and participating in the CLA's national fundraising campaign, *Breathing as One: The Campaign for Lung Research*, to support the NRRS.

## Developing the next generation

- 12<sup>th</sup> annual National Senior Respiratory Fellows Symposium (NSRFS) in collaboration with respirology program directors for 43 residents and fellows;
- 5<sup>th</sup> annual Pediatric Respirology Fellows Day in Ottawa in collaboration with pediatric respirology program directors for 14 fellows;
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CTS Trainee Research Poster Competition for young investigators in conjunction with the 2015 American Thoracic Society International Conference in Denver, CO.

## Heartfelt thanks and appreciation

- **CTS Board, Committee and Clinical Assembly volunteers, for your dedication**
- **CTS members, for your ongoing support and participation**
- **CLA Board members and staff, for your commitment to our shared goals**
- **Industry partners, for your generosity and collaboration**

## And our Industry Sponsors \*

**Actelion, Abbvie, AstraZeneca, Bayer Healthcare, Boehringer Ingelheim, GlaxoSmithKline, Hoffman LaRoche, Merck, Novartis, Vertex** (\* denotes member of the CTS Industry Advisory Council)



**Andrew Halayko, PhD**

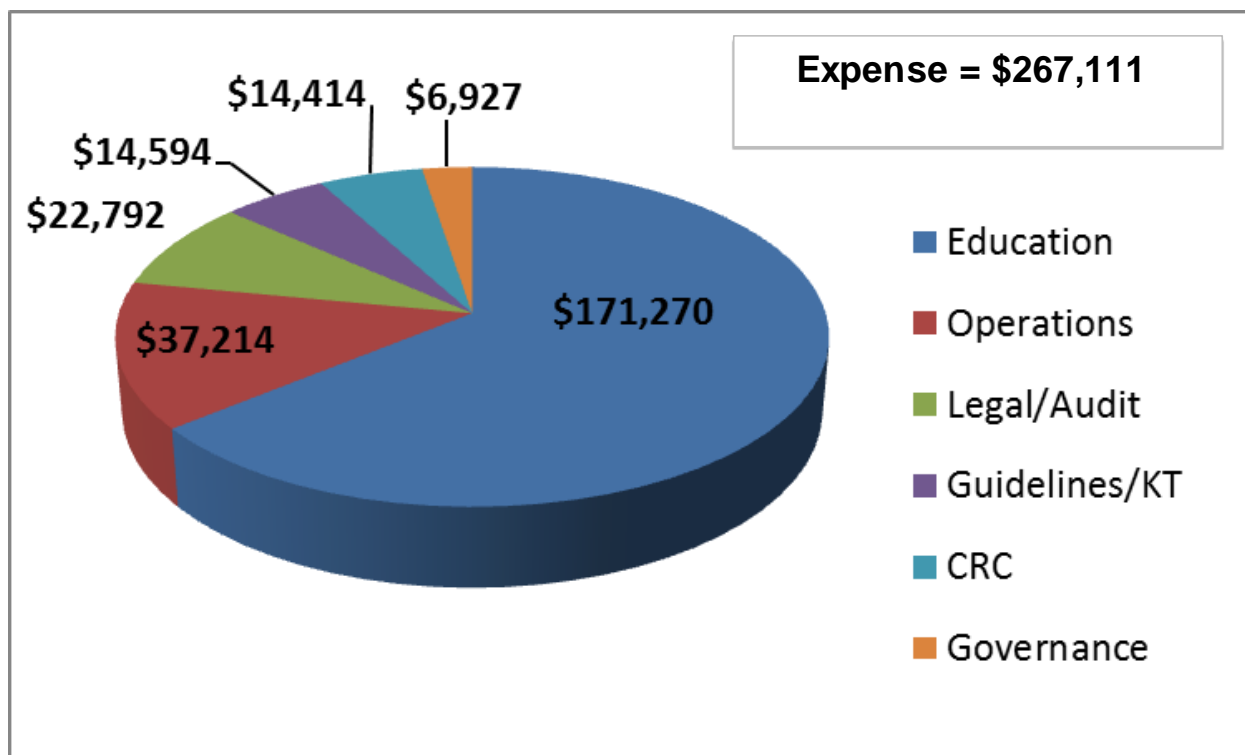
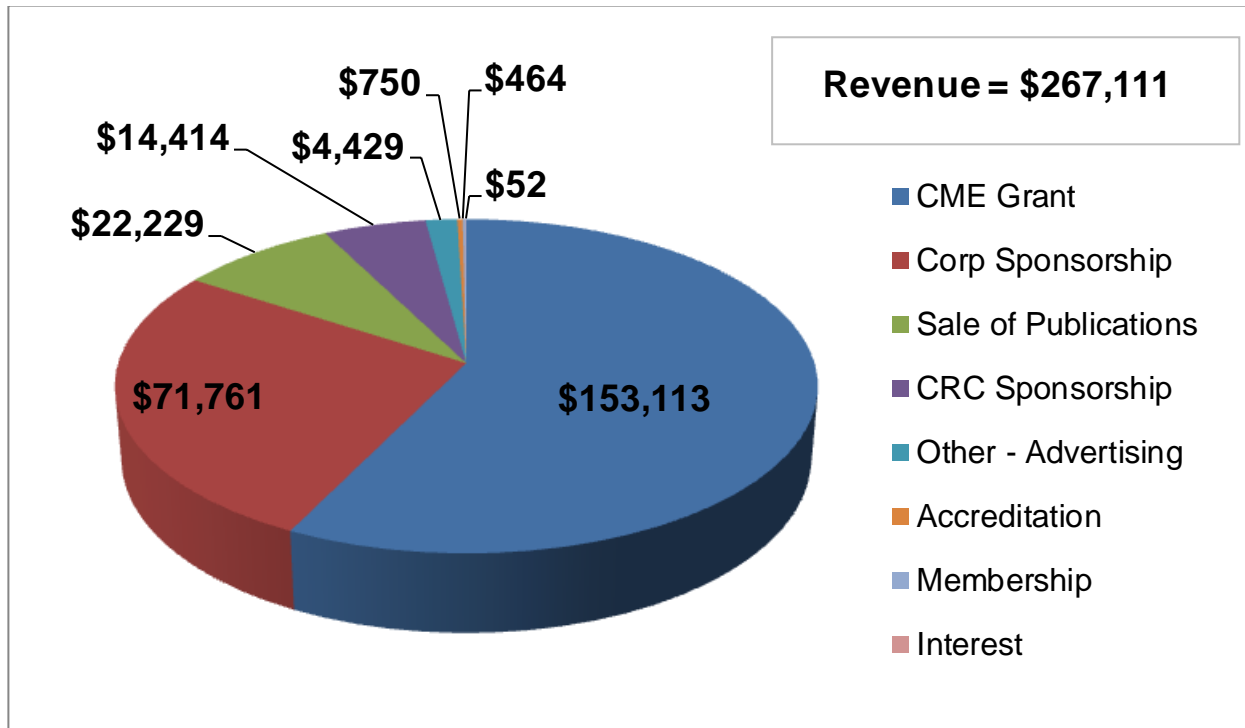
**President-elect/Président désigné**

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# 2015 CTS Audited Financial Statement

For the period October – December 2015 (149 days)

Collins Barrow, Public Accountant



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