



CTS President's Message – June 2017

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Much is happening at the CTS and it's my pleasure to provide an update. First of all, allow me to introduce your [2017-18 Board of Directors](#), elected at the Annual General Meeting in Montreal on April 27th. We've welcomed two new members: [Dina Brooks](#), who is making history as the first representative of the Canadian Respiratory Health Professionals (CRHP) on the Executive, and [Véronique Pepin](#) who is representing the CRHP Clinical Assembly on our Board of Directors. The [2016 Annual Report](#) was presented at the Annual General Meeting on April 27th and reports on the progress we are making in meeting the goals of our strategic plan.

The new ["red and white" journal](#) is up and running and looking for submissions! Expert editorial hands, led by Peter Paré, are in charge with a focus on showcasing Canadian talent. Per capita, Canadians can be justly proud of academic excellence in respirology, from bench to bedside. What better forum than our society's journal to further enhance this? Stay tuned - we'll be seeing important position statements and guidelines roll out over the coming months, for example the full Pediatric Home Mechanical Ventilation guideline (following the [Executive Summary](#) in the journal's first issue) and a statement on severe asthma in the fall. The next issue of the journal will be available in July, but some of the new submissions are already posted [online](#), including the [CTS' Choosing Wisely List](#) of six things physicians and patients should avoid.

In many respects our Clinical Assembly structure is at the heart of the CTS. We are moving to better support assemblies with the goal of delivering outputs that will benefit all our members. For example, the COPD Clinical Assembly will publish an update on pharmacotherapy this fall and the ILD Clinical Assembly will produce 3 position statements. The assemblies are a great way for members from "early" to "late" career, community- or university-based to address a Canadian specific agenda. If you have a passion for a subspecialty area, please let us or the [Assembly chair](#) directly know. In the year ahead, we will be supporting an expanded role for assemblies – including CRHP and the Pediatric Assembly - to engage more of our members in the work of the CTS.

You may be aware that our guidelines website is currently down, a victim of global hacking! We're developing a new website which we expect will be launched by the fall. In the meantime if you need to access CTS guidelines or KT resources, please contact Anne Van Dam, Director of Evidence-based Clinical Practice at avandam@lung.ca .

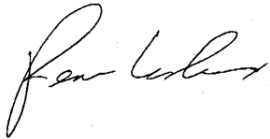
Fresh from the success of the recent Canadian Respiratory Conference in Montréal, plans are already underway to develop the scientific program for CRC 2018 in Vancouver (April 12-14, 2018). Aply led by Pat Camp and Mohit Bhutani as the Scientific Committee co-chairs, along with their committee members, we're looking to incorporate changes, such as programs to meet the Royal College's new Maintenance of Certification requirements and workshops to address the needs of healthcare professionals. We have the evaluation feedback from CRC 2017 participants, but if you have thoughts on how we might make the conference even better, this is the time to give your input through the [CRC 2018 Call for Topics and Speakers](#). **Submission Deadline: Friday, June 30, 2017.**

Thinking of upcoming educational opportunities, don't forget that our joint membership scheme with ERS provides CTS members with the member rate for the [ERS Congress](#): don't forget to [join ERS when you renew](#) your CTS membership and you will receive a significant discount on your registration!

Looking ahead, I'd like to draw your attention to the upcoming [CTS Scientific Program](#) on Monday October 30th at the [CHEST Annual Meeting](#) (Toronto). The program features Dr. Don Sin as our 2017 Honorary Lecturer, as well as a debate on the treatment of PAH and updates on the treatment of ILD and COPD. The program will be followed by the annual CTS member reception where we can enjoy catching up with friends and colleagues from across the country. Your membership needs to be current to receive an invitation – make sure you don't miss out on this great networking opportunity!

Please don't hesitate to contact CTS with your ideas and suggestions to help us to continue to grow and develop as your professional society. Have a great summer!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pearce Wilcox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

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