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## CASL Newsletter: November 2016



Dr. Jordan Feld and Dr. Chris Rose were featured at AASLD in the daily newspaper. Click the images for copies of the full articles.

### 2017 CASL Hepatology Fellowship Announcements and Other Fellowship Opportunities

We received a high volume of applications this year and would like to thank everyone who applied.

It is with great pleasure to congratulate our 2017 fellows:

- Dr. Morven Cunningham
- Dr. Beverley Kok
- Dr. Benson Thomas
- Dr. Jessica Woolfson

Their awards will be presented formally at the Canadian Digestive Diseases Week at 17:00 on March 5th, 2017

We would like to wish our 2017 fellows the best of luck during their fellowship and thank everyone who submitted their application and invite them to apply again for 2018!

### Update from the President's Corner Dr. Rick Schreiber

So here, at last, is the November issue of the CASL newsletter. Although today is December 2nd, please appreciate that it is still the last week of November and also that this month has been an extremely hectic one given the altered daylight savings to eastern standard time (do we really need to change the clock?), the distraction of the US elections (no comment), and the AASLD meeting (I thought it was a particularly good meeting).

This brings me to this month's banner depicting the articles on Chris Rose and Jordan Feld that appeared in the TODAY newspaper, distributed daily during THE LIVER MEETING TODAY. It was heartening to see CASL members highlighted at the AASLD meeting in recognition of their leadership roles. Kudos to you both!

We had an excellent turnout at our annual Canada night reception at AASLD, giving opportunity for everyone to socialize and network. Thank you all for being there.

The AASLD leadership including Keith Lindor (President), Anna Lok (President-Elect), Ray Kim (Treasurer) and Steve Echard (CEO) invited CASL leadership Marc Bilodeau, Rebecca Swanson and me to a face-to-face meeting in Boston to discuss and identify areas of mutual interest in terms of education and advocacy for

## Other Fellowship Opportunities:

Consider applying for the Toronto Transplant Hepatology Fellowship at the University of Toronto! Please [Click Here](#) for more information.

## CJGH Update & Membership Survey

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The CASL Journal Task Force, headed by Dr. Eric Yoshida, is in the process of evaluating the needs for a CASL journal and how best to proceed given that our contract with Hindawi and CJGH is terminated.

CASL will soon be conducting a membership survey. We are seeking your input on the future direction of our Journal. Your opinion on these matters is very important so please be sure to complete the survey. The more responses we receive, the better we can assess our next steps. We look forward to having your full participation in this effort.

## CASL/CLF Focus Meeting on NAFLD from the Past President Eberhard Renner

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**SAVE THE DATE:** September 9 to 11, 2017 at the Fort Gerry Hotel in Winnipeg, MB

Our goal is to foster research collaborations from clinicians and scientists on NAFLD within and beyond Canada.

Our scientific co-chairs of the meeting Eberhard Renner, Winnipeg, MB and Brent Neuschwander-Tetri, St. Louis, MO are putting together an exciting program!

More details to come!

hepatology in North America. This proved to be a very informative meeting that I believe set the stage for developing several novel joint CME programs that could be introduced into Canada in the near future.

Speaking of CME, I am delighted to announce that the Royal College approved CASL's application for accreditor status. This is a major step for our association and it will certainly lend great support to our mandate for liver related CME programming throughout the country. We owe a huge thanks to Hemant Shah and his team for this accomplishment.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the landmark CLF \$1.2 million three-year research grant that was recently awarded to Dr. Ian McGilvray, and his multidisciplinary team of experts at the University Health Network (UHN) who are developing a new way to treat liver cancer using nanotechnology. Congratulations!! This was a competitive grant application that was adjudicated by our CASL research committee. The grant itself was made possible thanks to the generosity of a CLF donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) and matching funds from the Toronto General and Western Hospital Foundation (TG&WHF). This is the largest single research grant in the Canadian Liver Foundation's history and I think we should all be very proud of this significant achievement for liver research.

## CASL Membership Renewals

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It is the time of year to renew your CASL membership for 2017!

CASL is very proud of our accomplishments and continues to move from strength to strength simply because of you, our valued members. Given the many new and exciting plans and programs "coming to prime time" next year, CASL especially looks forward to 2017.

Your continued support for CASL is important and much appreciated. Please [click here](#) to renew your membership.

## **CAG-CASL CDDW 2017 Update President Elect Marc Bilodeau**

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Mark your calendars for the CASL-CAHN Mixer at CDDW on Friday March 3 at 18:30 – 19:30. This is to recognize the new collaborative program that CAHN and CASL have developed at CDDW 2017. Please make every effort to attend.

**Reservations at The Fairmont Banff Springs are rapidly filling up.** Make sure to register, [click here](#) to book your accommodation today!

Please email [casl@hepatology.ca](mailto:casl@hepatology.ca) for your CDDW registration code.

**Please [click here](#) to see the preliminary program and to Register!**

### **HCV Guidelines Update**

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The writing committee has done a fantastic job putting together the HCV guidelines. Thank you to all CASL members who took the time to provide us with their feedback and recommendations.

The Guideline Committee is in the process of reviewing the suggestions submitted by the CASL members. More information is to be released shortly, please expect an update before Christmas!

## **Upcoming Events**

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Please visit our Events Page for frequent updates on [Affiliate Events](#).

**CLF LIVERight Gala:** Calgary, Friday - December 9th, 2016. [Click here](#) for more information or to purchase tickets.

**26th Conference of the Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL):** Shanghai, China - February 15 to 19 2017. Visit [www.apasl2017.org](http://www.apasl2017.org) for more information.

**Emerging Trends in Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (AASLD):** Washington, DC -March 18 to 19, 2017. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

**French Congress on Hepato-Gastroenterology and Digestive Oncology (JFHOD):** Takes place in Paris, France - March 23rd to March 26th, 2017. Please visit [www.jfhod.com](http://www.jfhod.com) for more information.

**HCV 2017 - 24th International Symposium on Hepatitis C Virus and Related Viruses:** Cape Cod, MA - September 25 to 28, 2017. Please visit <http://www.hcv2017.org/> for more information.