

# Canadian Digestive Diseases Week (CDDW) 2004



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Planning is well underway for CDDW 2004, which will be held in Banff, Alberta, February 27 to March 1, 2004. A major difference this year is that instead of running from Saturday to Wednesday, the meeting will begin on Friday evening and conclude mid-day on Monday. This change is in response to feedback from community-based members who indicated that a meeting scheduled over the weekend would prove less disruptive to their office practice. If the new format is successful, consideration may have to be given to renaming the conference Canadian Digestive Diseases Weekend!

This year the goal is simple: to run the best, intimate program possible for the membership, whether their background is in clinical practice, science or liver diseases. We will continue to build on the advantage of the relatively small size of CDDW to run highly interactive, small group sessions.

## CLINICAL PROGRAM

CDDW begins late Friday afternoon (Figure 1) with a poster session followed by the RD McKenna Memorial Lectureship evening, the traditional kick-off to our annual conference. The heart of the program runs all day on Saturday and Sunday, with the CAG/CASL Postgraduate Course winding up the conference on Monday morning. Here is a quick look at just a few of the sessions being offered:

### Symposia

- **Breakfast with the Experts:** This is a small-group interactive learning opportunity. The 2004 program has been expanded to address two topics – inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and liver disease. These two sessions will run concurrently on Saturday and Sunday morning. Please note that on-site preregistration is required due to space limitations.
- **Advances in Delivery of Care:** The health care system is changing; nurse practitioners and endoscopists, new methods of payment, and other forces will change the practice of gastroenterology. What does this mean for the practicing gastroenterologist?

- **Colonoscopy – Who Needs It?:** A critical look at the most common procedure in gastroenterology. This program builds on the success of last year's look at upper gastrointestinal endoscopy.
- **Advances in Therapeutics (luminal):** This session will explore the areas of upper gastrointestinal bleeding, NSAIDs, and COX-2 inhibitors.
- **In My Practice:** This case-based, interactive session was ranked the highest of all at the 2003 meeting. Therefore, in 2004 we have expanded it to two sessions – one on liver and one on IBD. Based on real cases and presented by experienced clinicians who are national and international experts, the emphasis is on interaction with the audience. Don't miss this chance to watch the evidence meet the street!
- **The Postgraduate Course:** The course focuses on what is cutting edge in a format of short presentations. In 2004, the focus will be on pancreatic diseases, nutrition and liver disease.
- **The CAG/CDHF guidelines on colon cancer screening:** Finally, a Canadian position on an issue which is of importance to all. These will be rolled out and discussed as part of the Postgraduate Course.
- **The Best in Clinical Research:** This year, the research committee has created a new paper session with a focus on clinical research. Take this opportunity to see where the country's best clinical researchers are heading.
- **Paediatrics:** Integrated into all of the symposia and sessions, there is much here for the pediatric gastroenterologist.

### Research program

- **Colorectal Cancer – New Molecular, Cellular and Environmental Paradigms:** This symposium brings you state-of-the-art basic science related to colon cancer. A

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Start	Friday, February 27	Saturday, February 28	Sunday, February 29	Monday, March 1	Start
07h30▼					07h30▼
08h00▼		Breakfast with Experts: IBD	Breakfast with Experts: Liver	Education Excellence	08h00▼
08h30▼					08h30▼
09h00▼		CAG Symposium Colon cancer	CAG Symposium Research aiding advancements in IBD	CAG/CASL Postgraduate Course	09h00▼
09h30▼					09h30▼
10h00▼					10h00▼
10h30▼		Nutrition Break		Nutrition Break	10h30▼
11h00▼		Research Excellence Award Lecture	State of the Art Lecture		11h00▼
11h30▼				CAG/CASL Postgraduate Course	11h30▼
12h00▼	-	Young Investigator Award Lecture	CASL AGM		12h00▼
12h30▼		Lunch		Lunch	12h30▼
13h00▼					13h00▼
13h30▼		CAG Paper Session I	CAG Symposium Advances in Therapeutics luminal	CAG Paper Session II	13h30▼
14h00▼				CAG Symposium: Colonoscopy - Who Needs It?	14h00▼
14h30▼					14h30▼
15h00▼		Nutrition Break		Nutrition Break	15h00▼
15h30▼					15h30▼
16h00▼		Workshop	CAG/CASL Symposium In My Practice - Liver	CAG Paper Session III	16h00▼
16h30▼				Sass-Korstak Lecture	16h30▼
17h00▼	Poster Session I			CASL Gold Medal Lecture	17h00▼
17h30▼		Poster Session II			17h30▼
18h00▼	McKenna Reception				18h00▼
18h30▼	McKenna Lecture			CAG Annual General Meeting	18h30▼
19h00▼				CAG/CASL Awards Reception & Ceremony	19h00▼
19h30▼					19h30▼
20h00▼	McKenna Dinner & Entertainment				20h00▼
21h00▼				CAG/CASL Carnival Night	21h00▼

Figure 1) Canadian Digestive Diseases Week 2004 schedule

panel of international experts will present recent advances and future directions.

- Research Aiding Advancements in IBD: In recent years there has been great progress in the understanding of IBD. How will advances in the science of IBD change our management of this common disease?
- CAG Paper and Poster Sessions – Research presentations of the best basic and clinical science. In 2004, the poster sessions have been designed to permit as much interaction as possible. A new clinical science paper session will appeal to both clinicians and scientists.

#### CASL

- Breakfast with the Experts: Focusing on decompensated liver disease, this session promises to be an interactive, practical opportunity to learn from the best.
- CASL Papers and Posters: The premier venue for the presentation of Canadian clinical and basic science of liver disease.
- In My Practice – Liver: Building on the success of the 2003 event, which focused on luminal topics, this session will bring together clinicians and clinical scientists with the focus on management of common liver conditions.
- Sass-Korstak and CASL Gold Medal: Two prestigious lectureships which will appeal to all – scientists and clinicians.

- Postgraduate Course: CASL and CAG work together to bring the latest advances in liver and luminal disease.

#### Social

Where else do you get a chance to with meet all of your colleagues? One of the attractions of CDDW is the opportunity to meet old friends, make some new colleagues, and do some business. This year we are also rearranging the timing of the CAG Board Meeting to permit CAG committees to meet and set their agenda for 2004/2005.

#### MOCERT

Appropriate sessions of the CDDW program will be accredited (section 1) by the CAG as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. A chance to rack up some serious MOCERT credits!

#### REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Registration and hotel accommodation for the meeting is available on the CAG website at <http://www.cag-acg.org>. CDDW registration is free for Regular, Trainee, Senior, and Supporting Members of the CAG. A reduced registration fee applies for Affiliate/International Members CAG Members and for CASL members. Non-members are required to pay a registration fee of \$500.