Dear Colleagues,

Please find enclosed the preliminary program for Canadian Digestive Diseases Week™ (CDDW™) 2018, a meeting of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG). CDDW™ takes place Friday February 9 until Monday February 12 in Toronto. All of the following program components will be held at the Fairmont Royal York:

- **Gastroenterology Residents-in-Training (GRIT) Course (open to invited residents only):** Tuesday February 6 to Thursday February 8
- **Scholars' Program (open to invited students only):** Wednesday February 7 and Thursday February 8
- **Research Topics in Gastrointestinal (GI) Disease (open to invited students only):** Wednesday February 7 and Thursday February 8
- **Practitioners and Scientific Programs:** Friday February 9 through Monday February 12

The program is based on results of the 2017 members’ needs assessment. Sessions 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. American Medical Association and European Union credits will apply.

**NEW! NETWORK HALL**

Join colleagues and partners in our new network hall where you can find refreshments, recharge your electronics, relax in our lounges, and access the newest e-learning videos. Take advantage of this opportunity to visit with our sponsors and learn about the newest equipment, research, therapeutic options, and much more.

**The CAG is going green this year!**

This year we are pleased to offer a sustainable filtered water station in Network Hall. Complimentary water bottles can be found throughout the hall, make sure to pick yours up early as supplies are limited!

**TRAINEE MIXER**

We are pleased to again offer a Trainee Mixer reception on Friday night to provide a forum for trainees from across the country to mix, mingle and learn what other trainees are doing.

**EARLY REGISTRATION RATE**

Registration opens September 5th. We urge members to visit the website (http://www.cag-acg.org) and register by December 31 to receive the early registration rate of $150 ($250 after Dec. 31). Registration is $375 for Affiliate Members ($450 after Dec. 31), $75 for Trainee Members ($100 after Dec. 31) and is free to Retired Members. Non-member registration is $600 (early) and $800 (after Dec. 31). Please note that GST/HST applies to all registrations.

Your registration includes, at a value of over $800:
- nutritional breaks and lunch for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday;
- complimentary beverage tickets for key events; and over 80 hours of accredited educational time featuring national and international experts from GI and beyond!

Don’t forget to reserve your seat for Hand’s-on Skills and Techniques, Breakfast with the Experts, and Small Group Sessions where attendance is limited and pre-registration is required. Finally, we invite you to join us at the Gala for an evening of fun.

**ACCOMMODATION BOOKING**

Delegates will arrange their accommodation directly with the Fairmont Royal York, which will provide confirmation to the individual. Room reservations are your responsibility; CAG will not be involved in this process. Reservations can be made in one of two ways:

- **Phone:** 1 (866) 540-4489. Please quote the group name 2018CDDWCAG when making your reservation by phone.
- **Online:** [https://aws.passkey.com/go/canadiandigestivedisease2018](https://aws.passkey.com/go/canadiandigestivedisease2018)

Please book your room early and before December 31, 2017; after this time the hotel will not be holding rooms for delegates and your request may or may not be granted based on availability.

See you in Toronto!

Nicola Jones
President-Elect, CAG

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**CDDW™ Implementation Committee**

Chair: Nicola Jones (CAG President-Elect)
CAG Core Program: David Armstrong (President), Kevin Waschke (Education), Bruce Vallance (Research), Elena Verdu (Treasurer), Paul Sinclair (Executive Director)
GRIT Course: Robert Berger, Geoffrey Williams
Scholars' Program: Herbert Brill, Steven Gruchy
Research Topics: Premysl Bercik, Carla Coffin
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AGM annual general meeting; CCC Crohn’s and Colitis Canada; IBD inflammatory bowel disease; NAFLD non-alcoholic fatty liver disease; GI gastrointestinal; NOACS New Oral Anticoagulants; IMAGINE Inflammation, Microbiome & Alimentation Gastro-Intestinal & Neuropsychiatric Effects; CNN Canadian Neurogastroenterology Network; CGNN Canadian Gastroenterology Nutrition Network

Sponsored by the Fairmont Royal York: Gastroenterology Residents-in-Training (GRIT) Course, February 6–8  
Scholars’ Program & Research Topics Meeting, February 7-8
FRIDAY, MARCH 9

08h00–09h30 POSTGRADUATE COURSE: Acute Care/Emergencies

09h30–15h00 NETWORK HALL and e-LEARNING LOUNGE

09h30–10h00 Nutrition Break (Network Hall)

10h00–11h30 POSTGRADUATE COURSE: Advancing Care

10h00–11h30 CAG/CCC STUDENT PRIZE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

10h00–11h30 Hands-on Skills and Techniques

Choose two stations from six available: VCE, Stent Insertion, Skills Enhancement for Endoscopy™, Polypectomy, Hemostasis (upper GI), ERCP Cannulation

*Pre-registration required*

11h30–12h30 Lunch (Network Hall)

12h30–14h30 POSTGRADUATE COURSE: Case-based Problems (Complex IBD, Liver, CRC Screening)

12h30–14h30 Novel Immunotherapies for IBD

14h30–15h00 Nutrition Break (Network Hall)

15h00–16h30 POSTGRADUATE COURSE: Functional Disorders

15h30–16h30 Gut Microbes, Nutrition and Cancer

16h30–17h30 CAG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17h30–18h30 Exhibitor Reception

18h30–20h00 Trainee Mixer (Registered Trainees only)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

08h00–09h00 BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS: Approach to Chronic Diarrhea (non IBD)

*Pre-registration required*

08h00–09h00 BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS: Food Allergy/Intolerance: A practical approach to diagnosis

*Pre-registration required*

08h00–09h00 BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS: IBD (Crohn’s Disease Guidelines, Treatment Advances, Targets of Care)

*Pre-registration required*

08h00–09h00 BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS: Anticoagulation/NOACS and Reversal

*Pre-registration required*

08h30–10h00 Immunometabolism and GI Disease

09h00–10h30 SYMPOSIUM: Gastroenterology Care Across Canada

09h00–10h30 SYMPOSIUM: Autoimmune Hepatobiliary Disease

10h30–15h30 NETWORK HALL and e-LEARNING LOUNGE

10h30–11h00 Nutrition Break (Network Hall)

11h00–11h40 SMALL GROUP SESSIONS (see page 5)

11h50–12h30 SMALL GROUP SESSIONS (see page 5)

12h30–13h30 Lunch (Network Hall)

†Session includes oral presentations of accepted abstracts
SUNDAY, MARCH 11

08h00–09h00 BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS: Pain Management in Gastroenterology. Opioids: More? Less? *Pre-registration required*

08h00–09h00 BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS: Cystic Fibrosis for the Gastroenterologist *Pre-registration required.*

08h00–09h00 BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS: IBD Management: Switching biologics *Pre-registration required.*

08h00–09h00 BREAKFAST WITH THE EXPERTS: NAFLD in the Community: What can you do? *Pre-registration required.*

08h30–10h30 †Celiac Disease: Removing the fog

09h00–10h30 SYMPOSIUM: Constipation: Update on pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management

09h00–10h30 SYMPOSIUM: NAFLD

10h30–15h30 NETWORK HALL and e-LEARNING LOUNGE

10h30–11h00 Nutrition Break (Network Hall)

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11h50–12h30 SMALL GROUP SESSIONS (see page 5)

12h30–13h30 Lunch (Network Hall)

13h30–15h00 SYMPOSIUM: Management of IBD in 2018

MONDAY, MARCH 12

08h30–17h00 CAG SIG: Endoscopy Quality Workshop 2018 continues Tuesday March 13, 8h00-12h00 By invitation only, for information please contact Paul Sinclair (cagoffice@cag-acg.org)

09h00-10h00 CAG SIG: Canadian Neurogastroenterology Network (CNN) Annual Meeting By invitation only, for information please contact Dr. William Paterson (patersow@hdh.kari.net)

13h30–15h00 SYMPOSIUM: Managing Complications of End-stage Liver Disease

13h30–15h00 CAG YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AND RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD LECTURES

15h00–15h30 Nutrition Break (Network Hall)

15h30–17h00 SYMPOSIUM: Smoke and Mirrors: Cannabis in gastroenterology

15h30–16h30 KOPPELMAN LECTURE - Michael Wilschanski, Hadassah University, Jerusalem, Israel

15h30–17h00 †Microbiota: Impact on autoimmune diseases

17h00–18h00 AWARDS CEREMONY

18h00–19h30 POSTER SESSION 2

20h00–23h30 GALA EVENING *Tickets required.*
Small Group Sessions

Small group sessions (limit of 35 attendees) are 40-minute interactive, case-based discussions that run from 11h00-11h40 and 11h50-12h30. Pre-registration required.

**Saturday 10th**
11h00 11h50

**Saturday**

SEE® (Skills Enhancement for Endoscopy): Practical tips
Colonic Endoscopic Mucosal Resection
High Resolution Esophageal Manometry
Mentorship
Gastric Cases: Polyps and surveillance for gastric intestinal metaplasia
Millennial Learners
Pediatric Liver Disease Cases
Intestinal Fibrosis
IBD and Liver Disease
Management of Portal Hypertension
Eosinophilic Esophagitis
Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy
CMPA: Legal aspects of working in suboptimal conditions
Using IBD Scoring Systems
Implementing Quality Improvement in your Practice
CDHF Session: Health Advocacy and You
Malnutrition in Pediatric In-Patients
Transjugular Intrahepatic Portosystemic Shunt (TIPS)
When to Refer for Transplant

**Sunday 11th**
11h00 11h50

**Sunday**

SEE® (Skills Enhancement for Endoscopy): Practical tips
Microbiota and What the Clinical Gastroenterologist Needs to Know
Improving your Adenoma Detection Rate
Fad Diets: Counselling your patient
Small Bowel Crohn’s Disease
Discussing PPI Risks with your Patients
Social Media Tools for Gastroenterology Care, Education, and Science
Neuromuscular Interactions
Cystic Fibrosis and Liver Disease
Integrative Fibroscan into your Practice
Barrett’s Esophagus in 2018
Personalized Medicine (Interpreting Genetic Results in Disease States)
Nutritional Assessment in Chronic Diseases
Refractory Esophageal Strictures
H. pylori Updates
Anorectal Dystotility (Dyssynergia and Pelvic Floor Disorders)
Pediatric Functional and Motility Disorders
Autoimmune Hepatitis
Drug-induced Liver Disease