

Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Awards Presented at Canadian Digestive Diseases Week 2015

We are delighted to announce the recipients of the 2015 prestigious Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) Awards, presented during Canadian Digestive Diseases Week (CDDW) 2015 in Banff, Alberta:

McKenna Lecturer Award: Dr Don Powell,
University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas, USA

Ivan Beck Lecturer Award: Dr Stephen Collins,
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Distinguished Service Award: Dr William Paterson,
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

Visiting Research Professor Award: Dr Jan Huizinga,
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Visiting Clinical Professor Award: Dr Anne Griffiths,
The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario

Research Excellence Award: Dr Paul Beck,
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta

Education Excellence Award: Dr Sander van Zanten,
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Young Investigator Award: Dr Geoffrey Nguyen,
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

Young Educator Award: Dr Brian Bressler,
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: THE 2016 CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GASTROENTEROLOGY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AWARDS

Members of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) are invited to nominate individuals for the 2016 CAG Research and Education Awards. All nominees must be members of the CAG. Descriptions of the awards, eligibility criteria and the process for nominating candidates are described below:

CAG Visiting Research Professorship – offered annually to a member who is a proven teacher and an outstanding researcher. The Visiting Research Professor visits several centers across Canada to present at gastroenterology or grand rounds, and/or research seminars.

CAG Research Excellence Award – each year Research Affairs selects an outstanding Canadian researcher to present the annual research lecture at Canadian Digestive Diseases Week (CDDW).

CAG Young Investigator Award – recognizes outstanding contributions to gastroenterology through basic and/or clinical research by a young investigator, who is invited to give a lecture at CDDW. Candidates must:

- be younger than 45 years of age and/or within seven years of their first academic appointment;
- hold an appointment at a Canadian university, hospital or research institute; and
- be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant resident in Canada

CAG Visiting Clinical Professorship – offered annually to a member who is a proven educator and an outstanding clinician with interest

in clinical research. The Visiting Clinical Professor will focus his or her visits to that of regional meetings/events vs. academic sites.

CAG Education Excellence Award – offered annually for outstanding contributions to education on a national or international basis. The contribution may be in the areas of teaching, research in education or development of educational programs.

CAG Young Educator Award – recognizes outstanding contributions to gastroenterology through education by a young investigator who is invited to give a lecture at the Gastroenterology Residents-in-Training Course preceding CDDW. Candidates must:

- be younger than 45 years of age and/or within seven years of their first academic appointment;
- hold an appointment at a Canadian university, hospital or research institute; and
- be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant resident in Canada.

Nominations process

More information on these awards, including a list of previous awardees, can be found on the CAG website at <http://www.cag-acg.org/cag-research-awards> and <http://www.cag-acg.org/awards>.

Nominations for the above awards can be made by any member of the CAG by completing and submitting on-line the fillable PDF nomination form found on the CAG website at www.cag-acg.org (under 'Research', 'CAG Research Awards' or 'Education', 'Awards') or by sending the completed form by fax or e-mail to the CAG National Office:

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For all nominations, a copy of the candidate's curriculum vitae and a letter of support should be forwarded (electronically) along with the nomination.

CAG Research and Education Affairs will review the nominations and make recommendations to the Board, who will make the final decision regarding recipients. Selection will be based on the research and/or education record of candidates.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is **July 31, 2015**.

Don't Forget – CAG Fellow Nominations

To acknowledge continued service to the Association, as well as high standards of professionalism that it espouses, CAG offers a professional designation: the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Fellow (CAGF). This designation is awarded to physician or PhD members who have been Regular members for ten consecutive years and have served on a CAG committee or executive board for five years, which need not be consecutive. It is equally open to those in medical practice or research. The deadline for 2016 nominations is **October 2, 2015**. More information and the application form can be found at <http://www.cag-acg.org/cag-fellow-cagf-designation>.

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