



CANVECTOR
2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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ELEVATE, EDUCATE, & COLLABORATE

REGISTRATION FOR CANVECTOR'S 2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS OPEN! SEE YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION FOR DETAILS OR LOG INTO THE MEMBER PORTAL FOR MORE INFORMATION. DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 13, 2017.

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CanVECTOR is a pan-Canadian, patient-oriented, Community Development Program centered on venous thromboembolism-related research, training, and knowledge translation.

Hello CanVECTOR Family,

We hope that everyone enjoyed some relaxing, quality vacation time during our all too brief Canadian summer. Meanwhile, here at CanVECTOR's offices, we've been keeping busy. The turnout and presence of CanVECTOR members at the ISTH Congress in early July was impressive, and the Tweeting was on fire. We definitely left our mark in Berlin!

Get your Tweeting fingers ready as the fun is set to continue this Fall, during the CanVECTOR 2nd Annual Conference taking place in Toronto from Nov 10-11, 2017. This year, our theme is "Elevate, Educate, & Collaborate". We chose this theme to emphasize that the opportunity to convene at an Annual Conference to learn from planned sessions and fellow colleagues would not be possible without the network and partnerships which CanVECTOR provides. By participating in the educational sessions, breakout sessions, and individual research teams, the synergy of the Canadian thrombosis research community has the chance to be elevated to another level of sophistication and success. We highly encourage all members, trainees, patient partners, and partner representatives to register and not miss out on this event! For more reasons on why you should attend, check out page 2 of this newsletter.

In addition to the exciting events ahead, CanVECTOR is close to reaching the halfway point of its funding from the CIHR-ICRH. To mark this milestone, we will be submitting a mid-grant progress report to them that will summarize our overall progress, document our accomplishments and challenges, and allow for the provision of feedback and recommendations by CIHR-ICRH and other external advisors on our progress thus far. In case you haven't been a member since our beginnings in October 2015 or been able to keep abreast of all of our activities, we intend on circulating this report to the entire membership once it is complete.

The realization that we will soon be reaching the halfway point of the life of our grant also means that we must turn our attention towards planning for sustainability beyond the 5-year funding term. We are optimistic that important grant opportunities will soon become available so we can continue to grow and serve our thriving research community.

As always, don't hesitate to give us a call or drop us a line if you'd like to get more involved in any aspect of CanVECTOR.

Now, go on and register for the Annual Conference!

Susan R. Kahn 

Susan and Marc

5 Reasons Why You Should Attend the 2ND Annual Conference: Elevate, Educate, & Collaborate

1. PARTICIPATE IN UNIQUE CONFERENCE SESSIONS

We listened to your feedback after last year's conference and, with the help of our Planning Committee, we've planned the sessions that you asked us for!

Expect interactive sessions to help with every day research coordination and management tasks, such as the presentation by Tammy Beaudoin on how to be "audit-ready" or the roleplay session and Q&A with Blaine Gallant. Building on last year, there will also be a session dedicated to patient engagement research to help us become more familiar and comfortable with this new aspect of clinical research. Lastly, new on this year's program is a joint breakout session for investigators and research coordinators, meant to encourage discussion on a variety of issues and topics.



2. HEAR AND LEARN FROM RENOWNED SPEAKERS

We are pleased to welcome two exciting plenary speakers at this year's conference.

Hailing from Mainz, Germany, Dr. Stavros Konstantinides will deliver our first plenary talk. He is a Professor for Clinical Trials and Deputy Scientific Director of the Centre for Thrombosis and Haemostasis at the University of Mainz and will present on thrombolysis of PE and how this has guided the design of the PEITHO-III trial. The PEITHO-III trial is being conducted internationally and is endorsed by the International Network of Venous Thromboembolism Clinical Research Networks (INVENT), an initiative spearheaded by CanVECTOR.

Our second plenary speaker will be Dr. Brian Rowe, the current Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health. Dr. Rowe is also a professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine and the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta (Edmonton). He holds a Tier I Canada Research Chair in Evidence-based Emergency Medicine. Dr. Rowe will present data on the current research landscape as well as what we can expect from the ICRH in future years.



DR. STAVROS KONSTANTINIDES



DR. BRIAN ROWE

3. GET UPDATES ON ALL OF CANVECTOR'S CURRENT PROJECTS AND FUTURE INITIATIVES

With 3 research platforms and 3 foundational platforms, it may seem daunting to stay on top of all of CanVECTOR's activities. Attending this year's conference will provide the updates you need to be completely in-the-know: all 6 platforms will provide progress updates and previews of what's in store. Plus, hear from many CanVECTOR trainees on their completed research projects! You will also have the chance to learn how to use the new Adjudication platform – this is sure to be a game changer!

4. SHARE DELICIOUS MEALS AND LET LOOSE WITH THE CANVECTOR FAMILY

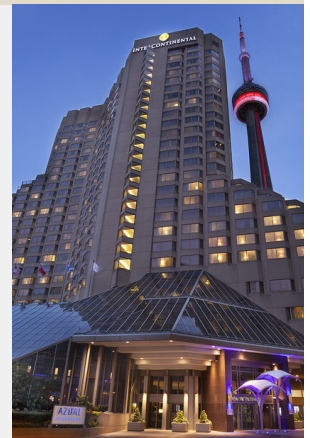
Two words: Great food. Need we say more?

There will be many occasions to break bread with fellow CanVECTORites – whether it be at the CanVECTOR Investigators' Group dinner, the Partner Recognition and Network Awards Cocktail Hour, or the Social Group Dinner. As important as providing an enriching academic experience, we want you to have fun! There are a few surprises in store throughout the conference – you'll have to attend to find out!



5. TAKE THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE TORONTO!

Toronto is a lively city. There are ample attractions and hundreds of events and festivals taking place throughout the year, so there is a lot of discover! The conference will be held at the beautiful InterContinental hotel on Front Street, located in the very heart of Toronto. If you'd like to stay a few days before and after the conference to explore, the hotel is pleased to extend the reduced rate 3 days pre and post conference (subject to availability; attendee is responsible to pay for any additional nights).



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

REGISTRATION:

Registration must be done via Google Form; please refer to your personal conference invitation sent to you by email for access. The deadline to register is **Friday, October 13th, 2017**. No exceptions will be made.

COSTS: None but registration is mandatory.

HOTEL:

(does not apply to industry partner representatives): We will cover the cost of up to 2 nights' accommodation (standard room) at the conference hotel only. You are responsible for paying any incidental costs incurred during your stay.

MEALS: We will cover all meals provided at our scheduled events.

ALCOHOL: As per CIHR and institutional regulations, you are responsible for the cost of any alcohol you order at the CIG and/or group dinner.

TRAVEL:

As reimbursement for travel is dependent on your individual role in the Network, please see your personal conference invitation for more information.

PROGRAM:

The full program can be accessed at this link or can be found on the Member Portal.

The Patient Perspective: Reflecting on Past Experiences

Introducing: The Patient Perspective!

Going forward, The Network News will feature an aspect of patient engagement, whether it is an interview with a patient partner or an article to reinforce teaching on a particular topic.

For the first edition of The Patient Perspective, we wanted to hear from our newest members of the External Advisory Board: two very experienced patient engagement advisors. We asked them some questions; to start off, here are their answers to one of those questions.

Question: What are the most rewarding aspects of patient engagement, from your experience?



Sandra Zelinsky PATIENT ENGAGEMENT RESEARCHER, MEMBER OF CANVECTOR EAB

ANSWER: I have been very fortunate to work and collaborate with some amazing people; from patients, academic researchers, clinicians, funders, and policy makers. I've been able to build long term working relationships with people who are committed to helping to improve healthcare. I have learned so much and gained an education from the many people who have invested and supported me in my work in patient engagement and patient-oriented research. One of the most exciting aspects of patient engagement is working with other patients to help to bring the collective voice to health research and healthcare improvements!



Anne Lyddiatt PATIENT REPRESENTATIVE, MEMBER OF CANVECTOR EAB

ANSWER: I have been involved in different aspects of patient engagement for over 20 years – taking part in the education of health care providers at all levels; with researchers; and with different aspects of health care from evidence-based practice, to guidelines, to issues around safety. There is always a learning curve – for everyone. Researchers spend years developing new treatments/cures/ways to control various diseases but if they never get to actually meet and spend time with someone with the disease it is difficult to know the actual 24/7 disease impact. They often don't realize the huge difference some of their advances have made to patients. Health care providers learn about different diseases – the signs and symptoms and how to treat people but again, unless you have the disease yourself, it's impossible to imagine what it is really like. On the other hand, patients have the lived experience but they often don't know about the challenges facing researchers in their quest for a cure or the structures of the health care system in which their providers have to function when providing their care. Seeing all involved start to understand where everyone else is coming from never gets old.

In the Loop – We're Growing!

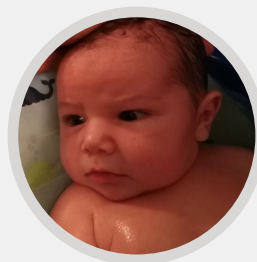
One of our Network objectives is to grow capacity of the next generation of leaders. Our leaders and members are so ambitious, they've boosted their productivity to achieve this goal this year!

Welcome CanVECTOR's newest additions!



BRIDGET LOUISE SABEAN

BORN APRIL 24TH
TO LISA DUFFETT
(PLATFORM CO-LEAD)



KATIE KLIL-DRORI

BORN APRIL 28TH
TO ADI KLIL-DRORI
(TRAINEE/FELLOW)



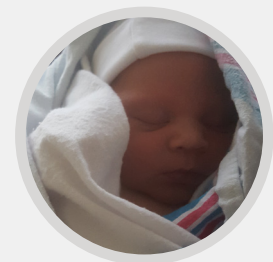
ROHIN SHIVAKUMAR

BORN MAY 27TH
TO SUDEEP SHIVAKUMAR
(PLATFORM CO-LEAD)



EVALENE KAREN DONNA REDPATH

BORN JUNE 15TH
TO JUSTINE DAVIS (NETWORK ADMIN)



NICHOLAS DANIEL PETER TURPIN

BORN AUGUST 19TH
TO MARGARET BEDDAOUI-TURPIN
(RESEARCH COORDINATOR
MEMBER)

For more features like these, check out In the Loop in the Member Portal.

We can think of one more reason to attend the CanVECTOR 2nd Annual Conference – conveniently attend the Thrombosis Canada 2017 Conference immediately after!

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