

# Glaucoma Research Society of Canada

## Highlights from the 2017 Supporters' Meeting

### *The Year in Review*

The Glaucoma Research Society of Canada (GRSC) held its Annual Supporters' Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the CNIB Conference Centre in Toronto.

President James Parks welcomed supporters and thanked the directors and staff for their efforts during the past year. He thanked supporters and donors for their generosity which allowed the GRSC in spring 2017 to award 15 research grants totaling \$293,355.

James highlighted the Society's participation in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon which in 2016 raised \$79,000 for research, reminded supporters about the 2017 Marathon and introduced Dr. Catherine Birt who urged everyone to support the upcoming event.

James also thanked all those who made the Annual Supporters' Meeting possible including volunteers, Katherine Body, Carolyn Cowan and Isabel Beaton and the CNIB and its staff for making the facilities available, and Druxy's, especially George Crocker, for providing the catering.

### *Recognition Awards*



*Isabel Beaton accepting award on behalf of her sister, Mabel Barnard for her many years of being a sustaining donor to the GRSC in the name of the Beaton family*



*Dr. Cindy Hutnik with her award for presenting the 7th annual Albert Waxer Lecture. With her in photo are Dr. Rajiv Bindlish & Dr. Catherine Birt*



*Dr. Catherine Birt accepting award on behalf of Joe Digeso for his generous financial contributions to the Society*

# At the Meeting October 17, 2017



## Dr. Cindy Hutnik Presented the 7th Albert Waxer Lecture

### Predicting Important Patient-Reported Outcomes for Glaucoma Management

Dr. Hutnik is a professor in the Departments of Ophthalmology and Pathology at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry in London, Ontario and Medical Director of the Ophthalmology Basic Science Laboratory at the Lawson Health Research Institute in the Centre for Clinical Investigation and Therapeutics. In 2017, Dr. Hutnik received GRSC grants in support of two research projects.

In her lecture, Dr. Hutnik presented original research that provides support and guidance for integrating a patient-centered approach with a traditional clinical approach to help improve the management of glaucoma.

She also introduced one of the participants in her research, Ary Tsotras, a legally blind 47-year-old from London, Ontario, who successfully ran the Boston Marathon. Dr. Hutnik incorporated some of what she learned from him into her presentation.



*Dr. Graham Trope introduced Dr. Cindy Hutnik*



*The audience found Ary Tsotras' remarks compelling & inspirational*



*After the lecture, Dr. Hutnik joined GRSC board directors, Dr. Rajiv Bindlish & Dr. Catherine Birt to answers questions from supporters*