

# Glaucoma Research Society of Canada

## *Highlights from the 2018 Supporters' Meeting*

### *The Year in Review*

The Glaucoma Research Society of Canada (GRSC) held its Annual Supporters' Meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 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 2018 to award 20 research grants totalling \$374,931.

James highlighted the Society's participation in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon which in 2017 raised \$68,000 for research, reminded supporters about the 2018 Marathon and introduced Dr. Mark Shaffer who urged everyone to support the upcoming event.

James thanked all those who made the Annual Supporters' Meeting possible including the following volunteers:

Juliana Seymour, Alexander Odunlami and Jim Chuong, all from Shire Pharma Canada performing community service by volunteering;

Katherine Body from Deloitte, also performing community service by volunteering; and

our regular volunteers: Carolyn Cowan, her 9<sup>th</sup> year of volunteering for GRSC, Judy Chasson and Isabel Beaton;

as well as the CNIB and its staff for making the facilities available, and Druxy's, especially George Crocker, for providing the catering.

### *Recognition Awards*



*Dr. Graham Trope presented a certificate to Carmen Enciu, MD & Darryl C. Baptiste, PhD, MBA of Allergan Inc in recognition of its generous financial contributions to the Society*

### *More Award Recipients*

**Dr. Catherine Birt** for her commitment to redeveloping the Society's website

**Sandy Feldman** for her ongoing work maintaining the Society's website

**Nance Gelber & Dan Bjarnason** for their many years of being sustaining donors

**Donald K. Johnson** for his very generous financial contributions

**Linda Ott** for her ongoing work on the Society's newsletter & website

**Gabriel Shaffer** for his continued efforts in organizing the Society's participation in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon

**Dr. Jeremy Sivak** in honour of his presentation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Albert Waxer Lecture at the 2018 Supporters' Meeting

## *At the Meeting October 16, 2018*



### *Dr. Jeremy Sivak Presented the 8th Albert Waxer Lecture*

#### **Glaucoma Research: Towards a Neuroprotective Treatment**

In his lecture, Dr. Sivak reviewed current research concepts for how glaucoma develops, and why it is ultimately a neurodegenerative process in the eye.

Drawing on examples from his own research and others, he highlighted some exciting new ideas to combat this damage, and explained some of the challenges involved in translating this research into the clinic.

Jeremy Sivak, PhD is a Senior Scientist and holds the Glaucoma Research Chair at the Krembil Research Institute, University Health Network. He is also an Associate Professor in the University of Toronto School of Medicine, and holds an adjunct appointment at the University of Waterloo School of Pharmacy.

In 2018, Dr. Sivak received two Glaucoma Research Society of Canada grants in support of retinal ganglion cell neuroprotection.

## *Thank You Volunteers*



*Jim Chuong, Katherine Body, Carolyn Cowan, Juliana Seymour & Alexander Odunlami.  
Not in photo Judy Chasson & Isabel Beaton*