



Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE!

We are delighted to announce that the **CCNP 47th Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 17 - 19, 2025**. Presentations are scheduled to be held at Thomson House with a reception and banquet to be held at The Faculty Club at McGill University. More details to follow.



Keynote Speakers:

We are pleased to announce our two keynote speakers for this year's Annual Meeting.



Dr. Rosemary Bagot

Associate Professor, Behavioural Neuroscience, McGill University
Tier II Canada Research Chair in Behavioural Neurogenomics

Title: Neural circuit mechanisms of affective processing



Dr. Diego Pizzagalli

Founding Director of the Noel Drury M.D. Institute for Translational Depression Discoveries,
University of California at Irvine

Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior and the
Department of Neurobiology and Behavior

Title: Translational and Cross-Species Approaches to Anhedonia: Implications for Treatment Development and Stratification

We look forward to seeing you in Montreal this September!

Upcoming changes for CCNP Members to be aware of:

- **Increase in Membership Dues and Registration Fees/New Membership Category**

- Due to rising costs since the last fee increase in 2011, the Executive and Councilors of the CCNP have voted to implement an increase in membership dues and registration fees effective for 2025. The CCNP website will be updated shortly to reflect the new fees, and you will be notified once the site is ready to accept payments. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.
- At the Council Meeting held in 2023, there was discussion regarding the status of senior PDF/research associates with many years of research experience. They are not considered trainees - so are not eligible for Junior Membership - but they are also not independent researchers - so it was unclear if they should be considered a Fellow member. It was decided by the Executive and Council to create a new membership category – Research Associate - for such applicants. Once the membership fees are uploaded to the site, you will see this new category listed.

- **Call for Symposia Submission Process Update**

The CCNP has introduced a more efficient process for submitting symposia proposals. Submitters will now be required to log onto the CCNP website at ccnp.ca and upload their proposals directly to the site. Upon submission, notifications will be sent to Trudy Valliere, CCNP Secretariat, who will confirm receipt of your proposal. We appreciate your patience as we transition to this new system, and the call for symposia will be issued soon.

If you have any questions, or encounter any issues with uploading your proposal, please reach out to Trudy at trudyvalliere4@gmail.com. Thank you for your cooperation!

- **Further Process Changes**

As one of the primary goals of the CCNP is to make our website a central hub for all activities, we will continue to enhance the site to accommodate all facets of our work. We plan to enable poster presentations, major award nominations and travel award applications to be completed directly through the website. You will be notified as these updates are implemented. Again, we thank you for your patience during these transitions.

- **CCNP Committees – Restructuring and Recruitment: New volunteers invited to join!**

The CCNP Executive is currently undergoing a restructuring process and recruiting members for the committees listed below. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please reach out to Dr. Mueller and Trudy Valliere, who will provide you with more details and coordinate with the Executive Board.

- **Nomination & Awards Committee**
- **Finance & Sponsorship Committee**
- **Communications Committee**
- **Early Career Committee**
- **Membership Committee.**

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all committee members who have served in the past for their valuable contributions.

CCNP MEMBERSHIP

The following is a listing of new members who have joined since September, 2024:

JUNIOR MEMBERS:

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Sponsor: Dr. Paul Smith

Labonté, Laura, MDCM, PhD, FRCP

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Sponsor: Dr. William Honer

We thank our membership for promoting the CCNP and encouraging their colleagues and trainees to join. We ask for your continued support – and if you are aware of any potential members, please advise them to apply for CCNP membership online at the CCNP website (<http://www.ccnpc.ca>).

Access to the ***Journal of Psychiatry and Neuroscience***, the CCNP's official journal, is offered to the CCNP membership free of charge.