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CCNP NEWSLETTER

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48TH ANNUAL MEETING



A successful meeting in Toronto!

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology was held in Toronto, Ontario, at the University of Toronto's Faculty Club from September 23rd to 25th, 2026. The meeting was well attended and successful.

We also thank all of our CCNP Awards speakers, as well as our Next Generation speakers, for presenting (see below for a listing of the awardees).

We also extend our gratitude to Drs. Martin Paulus, Scientific Director and President, Laureate Institute for Brain Research, University of Tulsa, and Ana Andreazza, Professor, Departments of Pharmacology & Toxicology and Psychiatry, University of Toronto, Tier II Canada Research Chair in Molecular Pharmacology of Mood Disorders and the Thomas C. Zachos Chair in Mitochondrial Research who were our Keynote Speakers.

We also thank the Local Organizing Committee and the CCNP Executive & Councilors for their hard work in organizing this meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The CCNP created a Sponsorship Prospectus to be sent to potential sponsors, and we are delighted to announce that the campaign was successful. We had two Platinum sponsors:

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We are, again, grateful to Otsuka Lundbeck for their ongoing contribution to the Major Awards that are presented at our Annual Meeting.

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CCNP 2026 MAJOR AWARDEES

We extend our congratulations to the following individuals who were the recipients of the major awards for 2026!

Dr. Benjamin Goldstein, University of Toronto

Dr. Lena Palaniyappan, McGill University, Innovations in Neuropsychopharmacology Research Award

Dr. Jerry Warsh, University of Toronto, Heinz Lehmann Award

Dr. Leah Mayo, University of Calgary, Young Investigator Award

Dr. Corina Nagy, McGill University, Young Investigator Award

CCNP 2026 NEXT GENERATION SPEAKERS

We extend our congratulations to the following individuals who were chosen from the many abstracts submitted to give an oral presentation at the CCNP 2026 Annual Meeting!

Jerome Foo, University of Alberta
A novel pharmacogenomics (PGx) panel for accurate and efficient detection of multiple types in a single workflow

Erica Kaczmarek, University of Toronto
The Neurobiological Effects of Psilocybin in Treatment Resistant Bipolar Depression

Kesavi Kanagasabai, Western University
Glutamate, glutathione, and GABA in chronic schizophrenia: a 7T DANTE-PRESS study of neurochemical correlates of symptom severity

Adiia Stone, University of Guelph
Have we asked the rats? Investigating individuality in polydrug self-administration patterns in rats

CCNP 2026 W. G. DEWHURST TRAVEL AWARDEES

Congratulations to the following individuals who received a W. G. Dewhurst Travel Award to attend the 2026 CCNP Annual Meeting in Calgary, Alberta!

Sara Ashgharazadeh, University of Ottawa
Role of Protocadherin-alpha in Fluoxetine-induced Recovery of Serotonergic Circuitry and Hippocampal Neurogenic Maturation Following Stroke

Christian Ramos Jiménez, McGill University
In Vivo Imaging Brain Monoamine Oxidase B – an astrocytic marker - in Cannabis Use Disorder

Haley Vecchiarelli, University of Guelph
Sex Differences in Pain's Alteration of Endocannabinoid System Gene Expression

CCNP 2024 JOCK CLEGHORN AWARDEE

Congratulations to:

Nafia Mirza, University of Toronto
Distinct Brain-Behaviour Relationships are Associated with Cognitive Dysfunction in Substance Use Disorders: A Multivariate Approach

CCNP 2026 BEST POSTER AWARD sponsored by JPN

Congratulations to:

Evan Spangenberg, University of Guelph
A Neuronal waveform classification assay to characterize inhibitory and excitatory bursting in MEA data: Erinacine A as a model drug

Yuhan Liu, CAMH
Loss of Vesicular Monoamine Transporter 2 in Striatum of Long COVID and Relationship to Neuropsychiatric Symptoms

Mikaela Dimick, CAMH
Polygenic Risk for Suicide Attempts and Brain Structure in Youth with and at Risk for Bipolar Disorder

CCNP ELECTION RESULTS

An election was help in 2026 and we are delighted to introduce you to your CCNP Executive and Councillors for 2026 - 2028:

Michael Mak (CAMH) – President
Daniel Mueller (CAMH) – Past President
Chad Bousman (University of Calgary) – President Elect
Venkat Bhat (University of Toronto) – Treasurer
Darrell Mousseau (University of Saskatchewan) – Secretary

Councillors (Basic Science):
- **Clare Beasley** (University of British Columbia)
- **Calab Browne** (CAMH)

Councillors (Clinical):
- **Rachel Rabin** (McGill University)

Junior Councillors:
- Sara Afjeh (CAMH)
- Christian Ramos Jiménez

Congratulations to our new Executive & Councillors!

CCNP MEMBERSHIP

The following is a listing of new members who have joined during 2026:

➢ See complete list of Fellows and Junior Members on page 2.

CCNP – ANNUAL MEETING – 2027

Please stay tuned for details regarding the 2027 Annual Meeting.

See you in 2027!

CCNP MEMBERSHIP

Welcoming our new members • 2026

We are pleased to welcome the following individuals who joined the Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology during 2026.

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