

News from the ASM Program Committee

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The CRA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) Program Committee looks forward to seeing you all at the 2023 CRA & AHPA Annual Scientific Meeting, this coming February 8-11, 2023. After 3 long years, we look forward to finally reconnecting with colleagues and friends in Québec City! Of course, for those who prefer, a virtual conference experience will also be made available.

As we celebrate the 77th anniversary of the CRA and move toward new beginnings, this year's meeting theme, Reconnect, Renew, Reimagine, will focus on our collective strength in leading change. We will once again provide unparalleled educational and networking opportunities, centered on a program that will deliver leading-edge science, interactive programming, and insights from Canadian and international experts.

In addition to the Distinguished Investigator lecture that will be announced in the coming months, the ASM will feature 3 keynote addresses: Dr. Fiona Rawle from the University of Toronto-Mississauga will present her lecture, titled "Communicating Science to Patients: Complexities & Caveats"; Professor John Isaacs from Newcastle, UK, will discuss precision medicine in rheumatoid arthritis; and the CRA's own Dr. Rae Yeung will present the 2023 Dunlop-Dottridge Lecture called, "The Evolution of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis".

This year's ASM format has changed, with core educational content featured from Wednesday afternoon to Friday evening (Wednesday prior to the start of the ASM and Saturday morning will be reserved for small group and committee meetings). The meeting will commence the afternoon of Wednesday, February 8th, 2023, with discussion on mysterious cases and clinical pearls and will end on

Friday, February 9th, 2023, with the gala dinner and awards ceremony. Each day will offer a full day of safely delivered formal, in-person events, with adequate time for networking. As an added bonus, all delegates will have the opportunity to watch on-demand sessions afterwards!

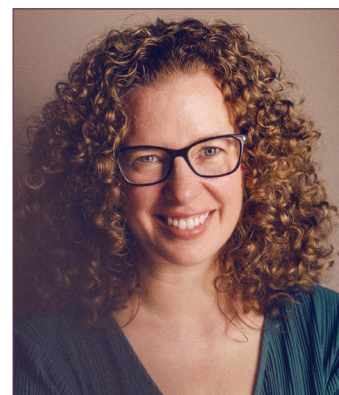
The meeting will of course feature all of the compelling content you have come to expect. We will bring back the live poster session and poster tours for trainees and investigators to showcase their research activities; state-of-the-art, paired specialty and crowd-sourced workshops; satellite symposia; as well as favourites including Clinical Pearls and Mysterious Cases, RheumJeopardy and The Great Debate! This year's debate topic is "Be It Resolved That Canadians with New Inflammatory Arthritis Should Have Access to all Therapeutic Options at Disease Onset to Induce Remission." Opportunities to celebrate our award-winning colleagues will be featured throughout the meeting. Satellite meetings include the Residents' Pre-Course, CRA Review Course, AHPA Pre-Course, and the Canadian Arthritis Research Conference.

We welcome all CRA and AHPA members, as well as interested stakeholders and colleagues from around the world to join us. We look forward to reconnecting with you all and celebrating our achievements together in February!

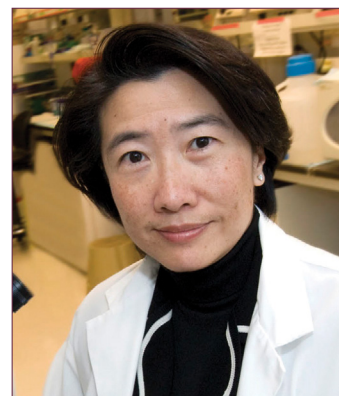
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