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Dr. Kimit Rai to receive CSPS Lifetime Achievement Award



*Kimit Rai,
MD, FRCSC*

Dr. **KIMIT RAI** has been a member of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons since 1977. From 1994 to 2000 he served the Society and its members as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President, President and Past President. Dr. Rai also acted as Local Arrangements Chair to

host the CSPS Annual Meeting in 1991 and 2003 in Whistler, BC, thereby joining the small club of members to have undertaken the task twice.

Dr. Rai completed his training at the University of British Columbia in 1975, when he was certified in Plastic Surgery, subsequently gaining American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS) certification in 1977. He represented the CSPS as an examiner for the ABPS from 1993 to 2004. He has served as Vice-President (1994) and President (1995) of the Northwest Society of Plastic surgeons in addition to serving on the Canadian Medical Association and American Society of Plastic Surgeons Ethics Committees as well as the CSPS Judicial Council.

In the midst of this busy career, a chance meeting with Dr. Bill Riley, founder of Operation Rainbow (USA) led Dr. Rai to join a surgical mission to the Philippines and to volunteer for several international medical missions. Inspired by the organization's work, in 1998 he co-founded Operation Rainbow Canada, a non-profit organization that provides free cleft lip and palate surgery to impoverished children and young adults in developing countries was formed. Today, the organization has successfully completed 23 missions in nine countries. It has no paid staff. Dr. Rai serves as both teacher and mentor on the missions, providing education and hands-on training to the Canadian

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CSPS 2015 President's Medal recipient is Dr. Don Lalonde



Dr. **DON LALONDE** is known to CSPS members as a tireless and devoted proponent of the art and science of plastic surgery.

His work on behalf of the specialty includes innumerable international society memberships and volunteer work.

He was the driving force behind the acquisition of the Canadian Journal of Plastic Surgery by the CSPS and its revitalization under the direction of Dr. **Ed**

Buchel.

He was instrumental in obtaining reciprocity for Royal College certification with ABPS certification, has served the CSPS as Organizing Committee Chair for the 2002 Annual Meeting in Saint John, NB, as Public Relations Chair, as Vice-President, President and Past President and in 2011 as Organizing Committee Chair for the highly successful XVIth Congress of the International Confederation for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery hosted by the CSPS.

Dr. Lalonde served for many years on the Board of the American

Board of Plastic Surgery, becoming its Chair in 2011. He travels extensively to speak at conferences throughout the world and to devote his energies to volunteer missions while still finding the time to maintain a busy practice in Saint John.

The CSPS 2015 President's Medal will be presented to Dr. Lalonde at the President's Banquet in Victoria, BC, Fairmont Empress Hotel on the evening of June 5, 2015.

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medical residents who volunteer their time, and the health care professionals in the host countries. Operation Rainbow has also trained Canadian plastic surgery residents, as well as anesthesia fellows and paediatric residents in BC Children's Hospital.

Dr. Rai was honored by the the University of British Columbia in 2014 with a Faculty Community Service Award. In 2013, he was the recipient of a Governor General's Caring Canadian Award.

Dr. Rai is an inspirational leader whose work has improved the lives of thousands of underprivileged children and provided invaluable training for Canadian health professionals and those in host countries who will carry on the work.

Dr. Rai will be presented with the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons Lifetime Achievement Award on Friday, June 5, 2015 at the President's Banquet to be held at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia.

For information on PLANNING YOUR BRA DAY EVENT

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BRA-Day 2014 - Thank you!

CSPS members were joined by non-member plastic surgeons*, general surgeons, nurses and patients to contribute to the success of BRA-Day 2014. Congratulations to all on this fourth annual event.

CSPS members in other centers are encouraged to contact these colleagues and Willow Breast & Hereditary Cancer Support about organizing BRA-Day 2015 events.

Burlington

Dr. Douglas Grace

Calgary

Dr. Mark Haugrud
Dr. Blair Mehling
Dr. Claire Temple-Oberle

Etobicoke

Dr. Nicolas Guay
Dr. Christine Tang

Halifax

Dr. Martin LeBlanc
Dr. Jason Williams

London

Dr. Aaron Grant
Dr. Doug Ross
Dr. Chris Scilley

Mississauga

Dr. Julie Khanna
Dr. Nancy de Kleer
Dr. Rodger Shortt
Dr. Christine Tang

Montreal

Dr. Christina Bernier
Dr. Joseph Bou-Merhi*
Dr. Alain Danino
Dr. Omar Fouda Neel
Dr. Alain Gagnon
Dr. Patrick Harris
Dr. Lucie Lessard

Ottawa

Dr. Kirsty Boyd
Dr. Sachin Chitte

Dr. Gloria Rockwell
Dr. Jing Zhang*

Saint John, NB

Dr. Don Lalonde
Dr. Margaret Wheelock*

St. John's, NL

Dr. Joy Cluett
Dr. Arthur Rideout
Dr. Shane Seal
Dr. Don Fitzpatrick

Sudbury

Dr. Amanda Fortin

Toronto

Dr. Brett Bieber
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Dr. Martin Jugenburg
Dr. Joan Lipa
Dr. Mary-Helen Mahoney
Dr. Melinda Musgrave
Dr. John Semple
Dr. Laura Snell

Vancouver

Dr. Nancy Van Laeken
Dr. Sheina Macadam
Dr. Peter Lennox

Waterloo

Dr. Amy Chesney*
Dr. Richard Grace*
Dr. Stephamie Ma*
Dr. Robert Shenker

BRA Day promotes education, awareness, and access for women who may wish to consider post-mastectomy breast reconstruction through informative, community-based events across Canada. In 2013, there were 15 BRA Day events across Canada and over 30 countries participated. Organized by Willow Breast & Hereditary Cancer Support in Canada, BRA Day is a collaborative effort that includes plastic surgeons, plastic surgery nurse specialists, the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons, corporate sponsors, breast cancer organizations and volunteers. www.bra-day.com.



CANADIAN SOCIETY OF PLASTIC SURGEONS

69th ANNUAL MEETING

June 2-6, 2015

Victoria Conference Center, Victoria, BC

Scientific Program Highlights

Tuesday, June 2nd : AO Course: ***Hand and wrist workshop*** (advance registration required for this program)

Wednesday, June 3rd

> *GAM Canada Annual Meeting* with ***Invited Speaker Dr. Charles Butler***

> *Educational Foundation Symposium: Common Problems in Plastic Surgery: State of the Art*

Thursday, June 4th

> *Eye Opener: Pelvic, perineal and vaginal reconstruction* - Dr. Charles Butler

> *Canadian Expert: Surgical Advocacy: Developing an Initiative* – Dr. Mitchell Brown

> *Canadian Expert: How to write a journal article* - Dr. Edward Buchel

> *Canadian Expert: Nerve transfers* – Dr. Linda Dvali

> *Canadian Expert: Craniofacial surgery for the general plastic surgeon* – Dr. Lucie Lessard

> *Invited Speaker: Establishing a CTA program*, Dr. David Mathes

> *Young Plastic Surgeons Symposium*

> *4th Annual Plastic Surgery Nurses Symposium*

Friday, June 5th

> *Eye Opener: PIP Joint Trauma* – Dr. Paul Binhammer & Dr. Patrick Harris

> *Invited Speaker: Innovation in Plastic Surgery* – Dr. Geoffrey Gurtner

> *Residents Meet the Professor: Community based plastic surgery* – Dr. Jennifer Robinson & Dr. Ron Wallman

Saturday, June 6th

> *Panel: Keeping Plastic Surgery Competitive* - Dr. W. Bryan Callaghan, Chair

> *Panel: Complex Abdominal and Trunk Reconstruction* - Chair: Dr. Edward Buchel

> *Panel: Partial Mastectomy Defects: The Next Challenge* - Dr. Peter Lennox, Chair

> *Panel: Body Contouring* – Dr. Nicholas Carr, Chair

> *Canadian Expert: Nasal reconstruction: key points to maximizing outcomes* – Dr. Stefan Hofer

> *Canadian Expert: The future of cleft lip and palate surgery* – Dr. Douglas Courtemanche

> *Beyond the Knife*



**CSPS
69th ANNUAL MEETING
Victoria, BC
June 2-6, 2015**

69th Annual Meeting
Victoria Conference Center, Victoria, BC
Meeting at a Glance

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 2nd

0800 - 1700 ... AO Hand & Wrist Workshop (additional advance registration required)

1600 - 1800 ..CSPS/GAM Early Bird Registration

Wednesday, June 3rd

0700 - 1200 ..GAM Canada Registration

0700 - 1700 ..CSPS Registration & Information Centre

0700 - 0800 ..GAM Canada Continental Breakfast

0730 - 1230 ..GAM Canada - Annual Meeting

1300 - 1700 ..Educational Foundation Symposium

Thursday, June 4th

0630 - 1600 ..CSPS Registration & Information Centre

0630 - 0800 ..Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

0730 - 1400 ..Commercial Exhibits

0700 - 0800 .."Eye-Opener" Session

0800 - 0815 ..CSPS Opening Ceremonies

0815 - 1300 ..Scientific Sessions

1300 - 1400 ..Lunch with Exhibitors

1400 - 1700 ..Young Plastic Surgeons Meeting

1400 - 1700 ..Canadian Plastic Surgery Nurses Symposium

Friday, June 5th

0630 - 1600 ..CSPS Registration & Information Centre

0630 - 0800 ..Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

0730 - 1400 ..Commercial Exhibits

0700 - 0800 .."Eye-Opener" Session

0800 - 1300 ..Residents Corner

1300 - 1400 ..Lunch with Exhibitors

1400 - 1700 ..Residents Meet the Professor

1400 - 1700 ..Business Meeting - Members Only

Saturday, June 6th

0700 - 1300 ..CSPS Registration & Information Centre

0730 - 0830 ..Breakfast

0800 - 1230 ..Scientific Sessions

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 2nd

1600 - 1800 ..Early Bird Registration

Wednesday, June 3rd

0700 - 1700 ..CSPS Registration & Information Centre

1730 - 1930 ..CSPS Welcoming Reception
..... *Fairmont Empress Hotel*

2200Hospitality Suite

Thursday, June 4th

0630 - 1600 ..CSPS Registration & Information Centre

0700 - 1000 ..Spouse Breakfast
..... *Library - Empress Hotel*

0900 - 1300 ..Whale Watching (optional activity not included in registration fee)

1300 - 1800 ..Golf at Victoria Golf Club (optional activity not included in registration fee)

1830 - 2300 ..Royal BC Museum Fun Night

2200Hospitality Suite

Friday, June 5th

0630 - 1600 ..CSPS Registration & Information Centre

0700 - 1000 ..Spouse Breakfast
..... *Library - Empress Hotel*

0900 - 1400 ..Butchart Gardens Tour & Lunch (optional activity not included in registration fee)

1600 - 1700 ..Fun Run

1900 - 2400 ..Reception & President's Banquet

2200Hospitality Suite

Saturday, June 6th

0700 - 1300 ..CSPS Registration & Information Centre

0730 - 1000 ..Spouse Breakfast
..... *Library - Empress Hotel*

1300 - 1430 ..Farewell Luncheon