







# CTCR Management Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 11:00 am to 12:00pm LRCP A1-155

Attendance: Drs. G. Bauman, G. DiMattia, A. Allan, D. Rodenhiser and P. Taylor, J. Simpson, R.

McClelland, K. Scott, J. Ronald, K. Norton

Regrets: Drs. E. Wong, R. Dinniwell

#### 1. Welcome & Additions to Minutes

Dr. Bauman welcomed the return of the committee members after a brief absence. Glenn introduced Kimberly Scott as the new CTCR Coordinator and mentioned that the CTCR will once again be promoting its organization now that administrative support is in place.

## 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 27, 2018

Minutes were accepted.

### 3. Current Business

#### 3.1 CTCR Governance and Membership

Dr. Bauman mentioned that due to the members' busy schedules and the committee's brief absence, committee members should be asked to reaffirm their commitment to remain as members of the CTCR Management Committee. Rotation and balance is an important criterion for the management committee as the CTCR is a city-wide initiative. Dr. D. Rodenhiser announced his retirement date of January 1, 2020.

Glenn asked for suggestions for new potential committee members and Drs. J. Mymryk, S. Mattonen and S. Penuela's name were put forward. **ACTION ITEM: To review TOR and update** if necessary. To send TOR to existing Management Committee members and ask to reaffirm commitment and/or suggest names for potential recruitment.

Concerning the general membership, updating the website is a priority and an announcement seeking new members should be added to the newest edition of the Onc Insider. Once further along with the website, a communication recruiting new members should be sent out to Department of Oncology, Lawson and Schulich. The CTCR should remain active on Twitter and advertise itself when possible. **ACTION ITEM: Seek new members via department communication, Twitter, Onc Insider, Website, etc.** 









## 3.2 CTCR Immuno-Oncology Symposium (Feb. 6, 2020)

The CTCR will be hosting a one day symposium on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Sumner Auditorium and Dr. Saman Maleki-Vareki is leading the organizing committee. Three high profile speakers have been recruited and the committee hopes to advertise to the department of Oncology, Schulich, Lawson, southwest Ontario university-hospitals-research centres-cancer centres and R & E attendees December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Goal is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was suggested that parking passes be given to non-local attendees, that the event be recorded and that we look at asking a member of the OICR to present. Schulich Communications department may be able to help advertise. Suggested also that the event be CME accredited and added to the CME calendar. ACTION ITEMS: KS to contact Schulich Western and Communications departments, look at event being recorded and discuss parking passes and CME Accreditation with K.Norton

#### 3.3 CTCR Trainee Travel Awards for 2020

The 2019 Travel Awards and any other annual CTCR event are being replaced this year by the symposium. Funds are being redirected to the event. Travel awards will once again be awarded in 2020.

## 3.4 City Wide Director Search

The search for a city wide director continues and the position has not yet been posted. The candidate can be a clinician or a scientist. Recruitment priorities lay with other searches but remains on Schulich purview. Title will be City-Wide Director of Cancer Research and will report directly to the Dean. The position will be similar to a 'Chairs' position. Salary will be paid by Schulich and LHSC's Foundation is helping to raise funds.

## 3.5 Gairdner Lecture

The Gairdner Lecture (October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019) was co-sponsored by the CTCR and the Department of Oncology. Dr. Susan Band Horwitz' lecture was excellent and well attended but the reception was not. Likely due to a break in the schedule and geographical challenges (hosted at Western). High School portion was well attended. If possible, consider hosting future events at LRCP.

#### 3.6 New Hire – Dr. Armen Parsyan (TBCRU)

Dr. Allan reported that Dr. Armen Parsyan will start in the Department of Surgery on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Parsyan arrives with a Masters in Public Health (Boston U.) and PhD in Immunology, Virology, Molecular Biology and Hematology (University of Cambridge). Dr. Parsyan went on to complete his MD and his surgical residency at McGill University.









Dr. Parsyan is a surgeon who specializes in Breast (30% clinical) and as a scientist (70% research). He will collaborate with Dr. Allan's lab for 3 years. Drs. Parsyan's interests lie in a field where only one other lab in Canada is doing the same work. Recruiting a researcher of his caliber is a major addition to the program.

#### 4. Other Business

The CTCR will be sponsoring the Maud Mend Lecture being held on April 17, 2020. The speaker will be Dr. Francesca Ciccarelli. **ACTION ITEM: KS to contact Dr. Gregory Gloor to organize LRCP event.** 

## 5. Next Meeting:

Doodle Poll to be circulated to book meeting for early January, Spring and Fall. **ACTION ITEM: KS to schedule** 

Respectively submitted,

Dr. Glenn Bauman, MD, FRCPC

Chair

**Kimberly Scott** 

CTCR Coordinator

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