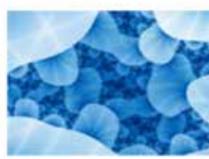




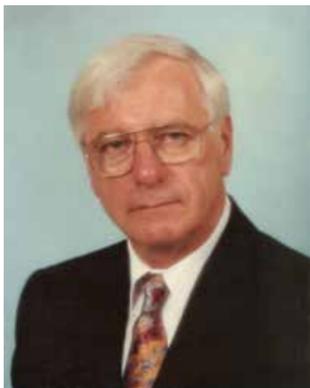
Connecticut Infectious Disease Society (CIDS)



A Tribute to our Founder, Dr. Vincent T. Andriole

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "Life is action and passions; therefore it is required of a man that he should share the action and passion of his time at the peril of being judged not to have lived."

When I arrived at Yale as a first year Infectious Disease fellow in 1976, I certainly did not know it then, but my professional and personal life was to be indelibly altered by Dr. Vincent T. Andriole – mentor, colleague and friend to so many members of this Society. We affectionately referred to him as "The Godfather" as we came to a full appreciation of his complete passion for his own calling in life. That he shared that passion, in word and action, so freely with so many of us made him truly alive and an exemplary Godfather to us all, in the very best sense of the word.



Members of the Connecticut Infectious Disease Society will remember him as the founder of our Society, and there are those of us who were fortunate enough to have trained in Infectious Disease under his careful guidance and mentoring. It was during those clinical rounds and case presentations that we were privileged to see him in action. His passion for what he did was evident to all who came to experience his excitement, be they colleagues, new fellows, medical students or sick patients. During his late afternoon and evening rounds one simply could not participate if one could not at least match his passion for what he did. Vince could readily accept and correct a wrong answer to a complex problem, but if you were wrong, it were better that you were, at the very least, passionate about it.

A few weeks ago, accompanied by Melissa Graff, PhD, chief librarian for medical history at the Yale Medical Historical Library, I visited his wife, Daria Andriole, in their home in Stratford, CT. The purpose of the visit was to begin the process of transferring his papers into the care of the Yale Library where they will remain living documents and working testimony to his passion for what he was all about. Daria had carefully arranged the hundred or more boxes containing his notes on research projects, lectures, and medical Grand Rounds going back to the 1960s.

What immediately jumps out of those records is the meticulous manner in which he constructed and reconstructed his work to fit the time and circumstances under which it would be presented. Vince always made it look so easy when he brought his audience through the dissection of an infectious disease problem, either on clinical rounds or in the Yale Fitkin amphitheater during one of his many medical grand rounds. But it really wasn't that easy. His prodigious efforts are all evident, there in his collected papers. Once sorted and catalogued at Yale it will be possible for future generations to catch more than a glimpse into the workings of his incredible mind.

The Medical Library is very good at this type of work, and to Vince's credit, as a physician, educator and researcher, his papers will remain living documents, along with those of his many Yale predecessors, such as Dr. Harvey Cushing.

While sorting through his own collected books that day my mind drifted back to 1976 when I arrived as a fellow, and was often astounded at the depth of teaching and knowledge imparted by Vince. However, I was looking for something specific among those historical volumes and Daria found it. As our clinical year drew to a close in June of 1977 we had wanted to make it as clear as possible that it had been a very special experience under his mentorship. The fellows procured an early edition of Ralph H. Major's *Classic Descriptions of Disease* and inscribed it for him as we ended our year of living on a very steep learning curve. What we wrote in that book was taken from the work of the German philosopher, Arthur Schopenhauer. It reads as follows:

"What a man is contributes much more to his happiness than what he has...
What a man is in himself, what accompanies him when he is alone, what no one can give him or take away, is obviously more essential to him than everything he has in the way of possessions or even what he may be in the eyes of the world."



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Note from the President



The 33rd Annual Conference of the Connecticut Infectious Disease Society took place on April 30, 2015. It was a well-attended conference highlighted by discussions of Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever, from both the West African and local perspective, as well as an update on Enterovirus D68 infection. As usual, local investigators inspired us with their research results at the poster competition, and noteworthy state-wide epidemiologic and clinical issues of importance were provided by Dr. Matthew L. Cartter, the State's Epidemiologist. Participants had the opportunity to learn about new products from our sponsors, and to catch up and network with other ID colleagues from across the state. Overall, it was a great day! We appreciate the feedback provided by participants and will use it to plan an even better annual meeting for 2016.

The 2015 meeting marked the end of Dr. Kevin Dieckhaus' two-year tenure as CIDS President. I want to personally thank him for his dedication, hard work and great leadership. In my new role as President, I plan to continue to improve the Society and to respond to members' needs. My personal goals include advancing Connecticut's universal HIV screening process and developing a statewide Infectious Disease research consortium. I will be communicating directly with members about these topics in the near future. I also plan to continue providing opportunities for members to earn ABIM Maintenance of Certification (MOC) points. On September 29, the Society sponsored its first MOC Learning Session at UCONN Health Center. Dr. Dieckhaus and I moderated a well-attended session that was well-received. Be on the look-out for details of future learning sessions. I plan to work with my Board to build the Society's membership and to recruit new enthusiastic board members in order to move the Society forward.

Finally, the 2015 meeting was a time to reflect on the recent passing of the Society's founder Dr. Vincent Andriole, who died on April 26. Dr. Frank Bia gave a beautiful speech in his honor, and the day was filled with members sharing their favorite "Dr. Andriole story." In this issue of the CIDS newsletter, please read Dr. Bia's fascinating story about Dr. Andriole and how his legacy will be forever memorialized by the Yale Historical Medical Library.

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Highlights from the 33rd Annual CIDS Meeting

Young Investigator Award Winner: **Russell E. Bratman**, BS – UCONN

Thornton Award Winner for Clinical Research: **Richard Melchreit**, MD – CT DPH

Andriole Award Winner for Basic Research: **Allison Langs-Barlow**, MD – Yale University

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**34th Annual
CIDS Meeting**
Thursday, May 12, 2016

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We encourage you to become a member of CIDS. Being a member will provide you several advantages, including, but not limited to: voting privileges; free access to our website, www.CTIDSociety.org and related posted CME; and a discount on the annual CIDS meeting. We look forward to seeing you at our **annual meeting, Thursday, May 12, 2016**. Stay tuned for "call for abstract submission" notification and CIDS meeting agenda in March 2016!

CIDS Membership Fee: \$60
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Registration Fees:
• Members: \$20
• Non-members: \$120
• Students and Residents: Free

We invite you to send us "field notes" or photos highlighting any exceptional work locally or globally. Please do not hesitate to contact us for feedback, questions, or comment at cids@csms.org, we like to hear from you.

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