Dear Connecticut Infectious Disease Society (CIDS) members, it is our pleasure and privilege to present you with our first newsletter for the Year 2015. In this issue, we would like to provide you an overview on the CIDS history, mission, and board members.

Our Mission
CIDS is a local state organization that represents physicians, scientists, and other health care professionals in the discipline of infectious disease. The CIDS mission is to enhance the care of the CT community, promote knowledge and clinical expertise, advocate for scientific sound human public policy, and advance collaboration with other services and professional colleagues.

Note from the President
Welcome to the first newsletter of the Connecticut Infectious Diseases Society. As all of you have experienced, this past year has been a very busy one that has elevated the public perception of the Infectious Diseases provider and those who work in related professions in both hospital and community. With the emerging threat of Ebola and other emerging infections in our communities, the Enterovirus D68 epidemic, continually evolving antibiotic resistance patterns, rapidly changing treatment advances for Hepatitis C and other diseases, and increasing government reporting requirements for hospital infection rates, among others, the field of Infectious Diseases continues to evolve. We hope that the CIDS evolves as well to meet the membership’s needs in preparing for these challenges. To that end, our annual meeting, scheduled for April 30 2015, will address some of these issues as well as provide a venue for presenting research results from local investigators and discussion of state-wide epidemiology and clinical issues. Please mark your calendars and join us at the Yale West Haven campus for a day of education and fellowship.

CIDS has made several changes this year to improve and to respond to member’s needs. This year we will be offering an ABIM MOC (Maintenance of Certification) group module for members who are preparing for recertification. Payment of membership dues is now easier, with the addition of credit card payments on our new website, www.CTIDSociety.org. And we plan to continue presenting this newsletter regularly. We wish to encourage young colleagues to join our profession. Towards this end, we have restructured the board to include an ID fellow representative – currently Dr. Robin Deutsch MD from the UConn fellowship. The organization is looking for enthusiastic members to become more involved. If you are looking to become more involved in CIDS, feel free to contact me at cids@csms.org.

Please check out our first newsletter and website. I hope to see you at our yearly conference on April 30th.

Kevin Dieckhaus, MD
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Our History

*The CIDS was founded* by Dr. Vincent Andriole in 1984, who was also the president of the National IDSA.

The CIDS has invested in cultivating growing knowledge of infectious disease, endorsing scientific programs, retaining elite membership of significant contributors to the field, as well as expanding meeting and membership to other health care discipline.

A pictorial history of the organization can now be found on our website, *CTIDSo ciety.org*.

**Past Presidents:**


(From left to right): Dr Douglas Waite, Dr Merceditas Villanueva, Dr James Sabetta.

**Our Executive Board:**

*Our Executive Board embraces infectious disease specialists from around the state and represents a wide range of expertise.*

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Our Contribution

The CIDS currently comprises dozens of active members. Over the past decades, the CIDS has been proactive and responsive to infectious disease related concerns in the state of CT, participated in legislative informational session, as well as state wide dissemination of information in topics related to bioterrorism, immunization, resistant pathogens, and emerging infections. The CIDS annual meeting agenda and design encompass current interesting and critical infectious disease themes that are presented by the experts in the field, as well as an update from the CT DPH emerging infections delivered by Dr Matthew Carter.

An essential goal of the CIDS is to foster educational activities and provide a forum for young physicians as well as subject matter experts to showcase their scientific work during the CIDS annual meeting as an oral or poster presentation. This recognition is exhibited by presenting awards in the following categories: Young Investigator Award, Andriole (basic science) Award, Thornton (clinical research) Award, and the Friedland (global health) Award.

Stay tuned for “call for abstract submission” notification in March 2015!

This year the CIDS is launching an ABIM’s ID-related medical knowledge module (MOC) learning sessions in the early summer 2015. We will keep you informed as more details are available.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting April 30th, 2015. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and network with colleagues from other institutions and disciplines and embrace new information about the state of infection diseases at the State of Connecticut.

We also 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.

Sincerely,

Kevin Dieckhaus, MD
CIDS President

Lydia Barakat, MD
CIDS Newsletter Editor

Winners from the 2014 CIDS Poster Awards:

Young Investigator Award: A Dora, MSIV et al.: “Evaluating Treatment Eligibility in HIV and Hepatitis C Co-infected Patients”

Andriole Award: J Krasnitski et al.: “A Tale of Two Receptions: Two Norovirus Outbreaks at a Banquet Facility – Connecticut, 2013”- CT DPH

A Siniscalchi, MPH, MS et al.: “Catch a Wave! Multiple Surveillance Systems Document an Active Second Wave during the 2013-2014 Influenza Season”- CT DPH

Thornton Award: E Humes, BS et al.: “Possible Effects of Varicella and Herpes Zoster Vaccines on Primary Varicella and Herpes Zoster Hospitalizations in Connecticut, 1994-2012”- Yale School of Public Health

Friedland Award (at left): O Ogbuagu, MD: “High prevalence of antimicrobial resistance among common bacterial isolates in a tertiary healthcare facility in Kigali, Rwanda: Some cause for alarm!”

(From left to right): Dr Onyema Ogbua (winner), Dr Gerald Friedland, Dr Kevin Dieckhaus.
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