

**2017 CSCC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Chemistry**  
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## **Dr. Edward Randall**



With the notable exception of three years (1992-1995), Dr Ed Randell has always lived in Newfoundland where he was born (in Baie Verte-literally Greenbay, a small mining town), was raised, educated (Ph.D. from Memorial University in 1993), got married (to Georgina) and raised their three daughters (a rural pharmacist, a third-year student in nursing, and the youngest one finishing high school). To get Dr. Randell out of NL for a couple of years, it took a research post-doc followed by the training program in Clinical Biochemistry, all at the University of Toronto. Fully certified and a Fellow of the CACB, Dr. Randell went back home in 1995 where he has been (and still is), among many other appointments, the Division Head of Clinical Biochemistry at Eastern Health Sciences for the last 21 years. Needless to say, the easternmost clinical biochemist living in this country has definitively applied Canada's national motto to Clinical Biochemistry: *A mare usque ad mare!*

Dr. Ed Randell has made numerous significant contributions to service, education and research beyond his St John's laboratory. He has been active academically as a researcher and a teacher with over 80 peer-reviewed original research papers, over 75 abstracts and presented papers in local, national and international meetings held across North America and Europe, and through more than \$2,500,000 in research funds awarded to projects where he has served as principle or co-investigator. Dr. Randell has mentored numerous research students, given lectures every year on topics related to clinical chemistry to undergraduate science, pharmacy or medical students, and was a regular thesis and PhD comprehensive examiner. He is active as a Grant and Journal Article reviewer and is on the Editorial Board of Practical Laboratory Medicine and Journal of Diabetes Research. Dr. Randell's involvement in Research and Education has been recognized by numerous awards including the 2016 CSCC Award for Education Excellence that he shared with Dr. Lynn Allen for their contribution to the Quality Management Working Group.

Dr. Randell's involvement with CSCC and CACB activities began in 1998 where he served for 6 years as the Chair of CACB's Credentials Committee. Harmonisation was a major discussion at that time and Ed developed a series of policies that formed the basis of the structure and agreements with l'Ordre des chimistes du Québec (OCQ). From 2005 to 2009 he served as a member of the CACB examination committee before moving into successive two-year roles of President-elect, President of CSCC then Past-president. Since 2013, Ed has been active on the CSCC Awards and Nominations Committee, and between 2002 and 2014 he was active as Chair, Co-chair or member of the CSCC National Scientific Meetings Committee including two memorable ones in his home town of St John's NL in 2008 and in Charlottetown, PEI in 2014.

When asked about Dr Randell's influence as the CSCC President, Liz Hooper, then Executive Director of CSCC describes him as an "original thinker regularly coming up with cool ideas! He also put a lot of thought into whatever portfolio he represented". As the CSCC President, Dr. Randell challenged Council to develop

strategies to promote a positive image of the role of Clinical Chemists and Medical Biochemists in Laboratory Medicine and to increase recognition of their unique role to government and the public. This resulted in the EPOCC (Educating the Public on Clinical Chemistry) activity which includes sponsoring a major award in the annual national science fair, and development of a definition of Clinical Biochemistry. Even the banner of the Society was redesigned to include comments about the value of our field. Dr. Randell was also involved with the creation of an interdisciplinary body to represent Laboratory Medicine in Canada. This was in response to a similar initiative by the Royal College where clinical chemists and other laboratory medicine interests were diluted. This effort resulted in the formation of CALM: the Canadian Alliance of Laboratory Medicine where CSCC is duly represented. As CSCC President, Ed has been involved in reducing printing costs by going electronic with our Journal, organizing a joint conference with IFCC on Biomarkers in Neuropsychiatric Disorders (held in Toronto, October 2012), establishing closer links with the Cuban Society of Clinical Pathology, revising CSCC By-laws in order to be compliant with the new Canadian Not for Profit Corporations Act, developing a Certificate Course in Quality Management, and leading and animating numerous boards and telephone conferences.

May I add as a personal comment: Ed, who served as the President-elect during my two years as the President of CSCC, is one of the nicest guys to work with. Calm, cool, always smiling, reliable. This should not be a surprise coming from a colleague interested in such "hectic" occupations as gardening, carpentry and hiking. Ed is already planning to add a greenhouse to his future retirement home on the border of St John's largest park and close to the best hiking trails around.

After having been recognized for Outstanding Service to the Profession of Clinical Biochemistry by CACB just last year, it is now CSCC's turn to recognize the Outstanding Contribution of Dr. Randell to CSCC and Clinical Chemistry. Congratulations Ed, and thank you for all the help!