

CSCC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Chemistry
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Raymond Lepage



Throughout his professional career, Raymond has several times demonstrated an outstanding contribution to our profession.

- *Raymond as a mentor towards CACB certification of already practicing clinical biochemists.*

In the early 1990, he was able to convince a great number of practicing clinical biochemists in the province of Quebec, to register to the CACB certification and fellowship exams. All these skilled clinical biochemists were certified in the province of Quebec, but due to many factors, were not certified through the CACB. He organized teaching sessions, acted as a mentor to all of them, became a listener to all his fellows who has second thoughts about studying and working full time, etc. However the history is there to attest that 14 were successful with their two written exams (analytical and clinical) and with their practical oral exam. These 14 persons have since then played important roles at the CSCC and/or the CACB level, to the great benefit of all CSCC members.

- *Raymond as a mentor towards CACB certification of clinical biochemist trainees.*

In 1989 Raymond Lepage co-started the University of Montreal (UoM) training program for clinical biochemists, and he was the program director from 1993 to 2000. Raymond was the most dedicated clinical biochemist that ensured the University post-doctoral training program would be recognized at the University level, in the province of Quebec (through l'Ordre des Chimistes du Québec) and would be accredited by the CACB. This training program was the only UoM post-doctoral program in which trainees were receiving a University degree (DEPD) upon its completion. History has made it that harmonization between OCQ and CACB would happen but took longer than expected (it was officially finalized in 2011!). The UofM training program is unique in its setting. There is a dedicated supervisor for each fellow during their training. Raymond has been the dedicated supervisor (or co-supervisor) for seven trainees. They all have positive stories to tell about their supervisor!

- *Raymond as a leader in Canada- CSCC president*

In 2005, Raymond became the CSCC president-elect for a 2-year term. He then proceeded to become the CSCC president 2007-2009. During his term, the June 2008 CSCC annual meeting was held in St. John's, Newfoundland, and the July 2009 CSCC/AACC annual meeting was held in Chicago. Both events were highly successful and attracted many CSCC members. We have seen him at CSCC annual meetings since 2009, proudly wearing his CSCC hockey jersey!

- *Raymond as a leader in Endocrinology clinical biochemistry*

Raymond has given many presentations on bone metabolism, testosterone measurement, PTH and other topics in Endocrinology. His expertise in the field combined with his teaching skills always made interesting and interactive presentations. His involvement in research was successful, since he has

published two book chapters, 43 publications in peer-reviewed journals, 20 other publications, 120 abstracts, one audiovisual document and he has been invited to present as an invited speaker in more than 50 occasions.

- *Raymond as a dedicated clinical biochemist*

Over the years, Raymond has been involved in several CSCC focus groups, task forces, CACB board and certification committees. This involvement reflects his willingness to ensure our field and our profession is continuously meeting our customers' interest. His involvement in our field of clinical biochemistry is clearly on-going. Raymond is a member of the organizing team of the 2013 World Congress of the World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPaLM). The meeting will take place in June 2013.

My brief description of some highlights of Raymond acting as a leader and a mentor emphasizes that he is fully deserving the 2013 CSCC award for Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Chemistry. Thank you Raymond!

This text was prepared by Nathalie Lepage, PhD, clinical biochemist in Ottawa. Nathalie Lepage (unfortunately no familial relationship with Raymond) has been a fellow in the University of Montreal training program starting in 1995, and had the privilege to have Raymond as a program director.