

**CSCC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Chemistry
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James C. Wesenberg



James Wesenberg is the currently head of Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory at the David Thompson Health Region in Red Deer, Alberta.

Jim was born in Peterborough, Ontario and received his B.Sc. degree from Trent University in Peterborough in Chemistry and Biology in 1972. He continued his graduate education at Trent and received a M.Sc. in biochemistry in 1974. In 1977, he received the Ph. D. degree in Clinical Chemistry at the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario under Dr. Roger Thibert. His clinical chemistry hospital internships were in Windsor hospitals and in Detroit, Michigan at teaching hospitals affiliated with Wayne State University. Jim was certified in Clinical Chemistry by the American Board of Clinical Chemistry in 1983 and was a founding fellow of the

Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry.

Jim Wesenberg has been a major contributor to governance of clinical chemistry organizations provincially in Alberta, nationally in the CSCC and internationally during his career. He also was a member of many CSCC committees (Finance, Quality Management, Awards, Med-Chem Lectureship, Nominations, Annual Meetings) and was Head of the Education and Scientific Affairs Division from 1996 - 1998. From 1987 – 1990, Jim was the CSCC treasurer and Jim was CSCC President from 1999 – 2001.

The joint scientific meetings of CSCC with the AACC require a major commitment of the lead individual representing the CSCC. In 1996, Jim was the CSCC chair of the joint AACC-CSCC annual meeting in Chicago. Recently, Jim was invited by the AACC to be Vice-Chair of the 2005 IFCC World Congress of Clinical Chemistry hosted by the AACC in Orlando, Florida.

Jim has also contributed to Clinical Chemistry by co-authoring many articles in Clinical Chemistry in Windsor and Red Deer. He has presented over 30 abstracts at CSCC meetings and international clinical chemistry congresses. Jim has also attended many IFCC Congresses as a member of the Canadian contingent.

Dr. James Wesenberg is a very worthy recipient of the 2003 CSCC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Chemistry. On behalf of the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists, I wish him continued success in his future activities in the profession of Clinical Chemistry in Canada and internationally. Congratulations, Jim!