

CSCC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Chemistry
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Randall W. Yatscoff

Randy was born in Welland, Ontario in 1953 and got his university education in that province. He was awarded a BSc(Hons) from the University of Western Ontario in 1976, and a PhD from McMaster in 1980. From there he moved to Winnipeg to do a 3-year Post-doctoral Fellowship in Clinical Chemistry. He left Winnipeg to take up his first position in London, Ontario at St. Joseph's Hospital in 1981, and moved back to the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg in 1983. Eight years later in 1991 he became the Director of Medical Biochemistry at the University of Alberta Hospitals in Edmonton. In 1997 he left hospital practice to enter the world of private enterprise as the President of Isotechnika Inc. in Edmonton and became its Chief Operating Officer in 2000.

On the academic side, Dr. Yatscoff has held academic appointments throughout his career, starting as an Assistant Professor at the University of Western Ontario, rising to the level of an Associate Professor at the University of Manitoba during his time in Winnipeg, and becoming a Full Professor at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, a position that he still holds today.

On the research side of his career he became interested in immunosuppressive drugs during his period in Winnipeg, and has maintained that interest to this day. He has used his knowledge and experience and discoveries gained in Clinical Chemistry to develop Isotechnika into a TSE300 company. He is currently taking one of his discoveries into Phase 2 clinical trials. This new drug, labeled as ISAtx247, is an immunosuppressive agent that has shown promise in the treatment in psoriasis and for preventing rejection in renal transplants.

Dr. Yatscoff has a record of more than 200 publications. Combined with this achievement, he has an impressive teaching record in every position that he has held, including teaching numerous graduate students.

In spite of an extremely busy professional life Randy has served our society and our profession very generously. He was President of the Manitoba Society of Clinical Chemists from 1984-86 and President of the Alberta Society of Clinical Chemists from 1993-1995. He served on the CSCC Professional Affairs Committee from 1984-1990, the last four years as its Chair. From 1990-1993 he was the Treasurer of the CSCC. This was followed by a 6-year tour of service as the Editor-in-Chief of our journal, *Clinical Biochemistry*. He has also contributed his time to the Academy, helping to organize several of our Annual Meetings and some specialty conferences. He also contributes time and expertise to numerous other professional and scientific organizations.

Our society and profession is indebted to Randy for his efforts over the last two decades. Thank you.