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Call for Nominations for Dr. Charles Kerr Award

Nomination deadline: Friday, September 8, 2017

Dr. Charles Kerr (1949-2017), affectionately known as Charlie to family, friends, and colleagues was a leading Canadian cardiologist for more than three decades. Born in Ontario, Charlie completed his medical studies, internal medicine and cardiology residencies at UBC.

After completing his training in London, England and pursuing an Electrophysiology fellowship at Duke University in North Carolina, he returned to Vancouver in 1981 as the first fully trained Electrophysiologist in British Columbia.

Over 15 years as head of the Division of Cardiology at UBC, he participated in numerous university and provincial communities. In addition, at the national level, Charlie was heavily involved with activities of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) serving as president from 2008-2010.

More importantly he was devoted to his family, patients, and colleagues. He worked tirelessly to help improve the life of his patients. Equally as important, Charlie was dedicated to fostering the next generation of cardiovascular specialists and researchers through his generosity and work on the board of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Academy (CCSA). It is his dedication to the future of Canadian Cardiovascular Sciences that will remain a testament to his legacy.

This new annual CCSA award seeks not only to honor the memory and actions of Dr. Kerr as a humanitarian but to acknowledge those residents who personify his ideals and embody the same commitment to helping others.

Eligibility and Nomination Process

This Dr. Charles Kerr Award is open to residents currently enrolled in a Canadian cardiovascular training program (PGY 4-6 in cardiac surgery, pediatric cardiology or adult cardiology). Nominations must be made by the division head and accompanied by a support letter from the program director. Up to three (3) awards are planned to be given this year.

Careful consideration will be given to residents that epitomize Charlie's goals for the cardiovascular community and strive to embody his legacy through encouraging and advocating for those in need of assistance or support. This award is based on humanitarian characteristics and not academic characteristics.



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Each Award will consist of:

- Complimentary registration to the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC) in Vancouver, October 21-24, 2017;
- Four (4) nights hotel accommodations (Friday, October 20 to Tuesday, October 24, 2017);
- Ticket to Trainee Networking Luncheon;
- Invitation to attend the CCS Annual Past-Presidents' Dinner (by invitation only event);
- Recognition and plaque at CCS' Award Ceremony scheduled for October 22, 2017.

A Nomination submission must include the following documents:

- Nomination letter from division chief;
- Support letter from resident's program director outlining the reasons the nominee should be chosen (max one (1) page);
- Nominee's Curriculum Vitae.

Submit nomination by September 8, 2017 to ccsa@ccs.ca.

Selection of awardees will be made by a committee of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Academy. Recipients will be announced by end of September.

For questions, contact:

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About the CCSA

The purpose of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society Academy is to support education, research, scholarships and bursaries. The CCSA has chosen to focus on providing support for prospective cardiovascular specialists, scientists in training and current cardiovascular trainees as a means of encouraging the continuation of a strong cardiovascular sector for the future.