



First Conference of the Canadian Society for Chronobiology

University of Toronto, Toronto, May 24-26, 2013

Research on biological timekeeping has grown over the past decades, highlighting that biological clocks play a key role in our lives. The Canadian Society for Chronobiology was recently created to bring together all the researchers who work on biological rhythms in Canada. Our inaugural event will bring together clinicians, epidemiologists, psychologists, endocrinologists, neurobiologists, geneticists, molecular biologists and others who contribute to this fascinating research field.

Scientific Program: Dr. Russell Foster, University of Oxford, will give the first Mrosovsky Keynote Lecture, entitled “Melanopsin signalling: More surprises”. Dr. Steven Shea (Oregon Health & Science University), Dr. Isaac Edery (Rutgers University), Dr. Martin Ralph (University of Toronto), Dr. Nicolas Cermakian (McGill University), Dr. Michael Antle (University of Calgary), and Dr. Tami Martino (University of Guelph), will also be among the speakers. Other talks and posters will be selected from abstract submissions.

Special events:

- Dr. Foster will give a public talk: “The Rhythms of Life - Body clocks, sleep and health”.
- There will also be a chronobiology school for trainees on the afternoon of May 24.
- The official inauguration of the Canadian Society for Chronobiology will take place during the conference, with vote on the by-laws and the first elections of officers of the Board of Directors.

To register and submit abstracts, and for more information about the program, travel fellowships, and accommodation, please visit the web site of the conference:

<https://sites.google.com/site/chronobiocanada2013>

The deadline for early registration and abstract submission is March 15, 2013. After this date, higher registration fees will apply and abstract submission will no longer be possible.

CSC membership: Only trainees who are CSC members will be considered for prizes and travel fellowships. Moreover, only CSC members will have voting rights for the elections and other votes to take place during the conference. CSC members also benefits from special rates for registration. The membership form is available for download on the conference web site.

Please note that this conference takes place on the weekend immediately following the annual meeting of the Canadian Association for Neuroscience, also held in Toronto this year (May 21-24).

Conference organizing committee:

Joel Levine (Chair)
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You may contact us at chronobio.canada.conference@gmail.com for any questions about the conference. We hope to see you in Toronto in May!