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Dear Edmond,

It is our great pleasure to announce that you have been named this year's recipient of the **Jerry Dolovich Award** for Contributions to Allergy and Clinical Immunology in Canada.

Attached you will find some information on the Jerry Dolovich Award.

This award will be presented to you at the CSACI Annual Dinner on Saturday, October 14th, at 8:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto.

Best Regards,

Dr. David Fischer  
CSACI President

## **The Jerry Dolovich Award**

Born in the small town of Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada, Dr. Jerry Dolovich attended medical school at the University of Manitoba, where he graduated with Honours and the Bronze medal for the Highest Standing in Surgery. His interests, however, were in Internal Medicine and he undertook his Internship and Specialty training in Winnipeg and Montreal, with a brief stint in Philadelphia. While in Montreal, he met and married Myrna Gersovitz, an Electrical Engineering student at McGill University, and had three daughters.

It was during his medical training at the Montreal General Hospital that Dr. Dolovich was introduced to the field of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. He worked for one year with Dr. Sam Freedman and then went to Buffalo where he had the further good fortune to work at the Buffalo General Hospital with Drs. Carl Arbesman and Robert Reisman. In 1968, Dr. Dolovich and his family moved to Hamilton, where he joined the Department of Pediatrics of the newly-formed Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University. Dividing his professional work between clinical allergy and allergy-related research and teaching, Dr. Dolovich's main research interests were late allergic responses and the study of nasal polyps.

In course of his career, Dr. Dolovich achieved several important distinctions - the "Queen Elizabeth II Scientist Award" (1970), the Annual Research Award of the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (1987), the Riva Cohen Award from the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (1989), and the "Distinguished Clinician Award" of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (1997). In 1996, the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology renamed its Annual Research Award as the "Jerry Dolovich Award" for contributions in Allergy and Clinical Immunology in Canada.

Dr. Dolovich's personal and professional characteristics endeared him to many, and facilitated the process of discovery in his science. He was known for his broad interests and curiosity in the world around him, an encyclopedic memory, humility, honesty, and a gracious consideration of other people. As such, he was valued and beloved by his patients, colleagues and students. He knew and never forgot his facts, and he never forgot his patients.

For the last fourteen years of his life, Dr. Dolovich battled scleroderma and persevered in the face of his own progressive illness and increasing disability with stoicism and unassuming demeanor. Unlike his health, his good humour never failed him. He finally succumbed to his illness and died in June, 1997 in his 62nd year. He was a friend and mentor to many, and left a great legacy.

The Jerry Dolovich Award is presented to a member who demonstrates excellence in clinical work, teaching, and research, and serves as a leader and role model in our specialty. Dr. Dolovich exemplified all these attributes during his career.