



March 31, 2017

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Guest Speaker

Dear member,

The 2017 AGM for the Vasculitis Foundation Canada (VFC) will be held on April 22, 2017 at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 126, 334 Westminster Drive, Cambridge, Ontario. The purpose of the meeting will be to:

1. adoption of AGM agenda;
2. approve minutes of the 2016 AGM, April 16, 2016;
3. receive the Directors report on the current and future business of the foundation
4. **receive the Treasurer's report and financial statements for the 2016 calendar year;**
5. **receive the auditor's report and appoint auditors for the new year;**
6. vote to elect officers (President, Treasurer and Secretary) and directors for the new year;
7. transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting
8. Adjournment or postponements thereof.

If you have a matter that you think should come before the meeting, please write it out as concisely as possible and we will see that it is presented at the meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you may give your proxy to another member, one of the Directors, or return it by mail using the enclosed return envelope. It is very important that you return your proxy if you are not able to attend.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Siminovitch

**Dr. Siminovitch has published another paper since last fall's meeting and she will give us an update on this and her ongoing studies.** Much progress has been made over the past year with many new lab collections, **Behcet's patients in particular.** **As was done last year, Dr. Siminovitch and her lab assistants will be present to collect fresh blood cells and DNA samples.** For those of you who have been donating multiple samples, i.e. last fall and spring etc, you are encouraged to repeat your labs again to assist in profiling genetic changes in disease activity over time. Finally, study controls are always welcome and needed for study inclusion, husbands and wives are ideal as they are not blood related!

We are looking forward to seeing you there. It is a great opportunity to get involved in your organization, learn about your disease, meet new friends and share your experiences with people who understand.

Best regards,

Jon Stewart, President  
Vasculitis Foundation Canada

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