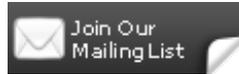


Please take a minute and read our newsletter to find out what is happening in the PI Community across Canada.



Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in our newsletter. Please take a minute to read about all the exciting news taking place in the primary immunodeficiency community across Canada.

Please remember to let us know about any changes to addresses or email, so that you can continue to receive news about the PI community around Canada.

Support CIPO Now

Letter from our Chair

Greetings Members,

Another summer has come and gone, bringing us cooler weather and shorter days. This is the season to welcome back socks and sweaters to our wardrobe, hot cereals to our breakfasts, and knitting and reading to our evenings. And of course, the flu season is also upon us now. Let's all pay special attention to ourselves this Autumn. Wear your snugly slippers and bundle up as the weather continues to cool. Enjoy hot, hearty soups and stews, those favourite hot beverages, and comfort foods. Get out if you can and enjoy the fresh, cool air when the sun decides to shine.

After all, Spring is only four months away.

Wishing you all good health and happiness,

Christine Duncan
Chair,
CIPO National

News

Comings and Goings

On October 5th, CIPO welcomed 4 new faces to our National Board of Directors. Jazmin Chase is a respiratory therapist from Campelton, NB who has been working with the Lung Association. Gina Lazor has been an active volunteer with, CIPO hosting the monthly meet-ups in Edmonton, AB. Kaie Ramsden, Calgary, AB, has a broad background in PR and communications as well as fundraising. Lee Strickland, Toronto, is active in many non-profit boards and brings that knowledge to CIPO. You can learn more about them on our website.

Advocacy

In the wake of the recent SCIG shortage, CIPO has produced a report, in the hopes of not only highlighting the issues, but also recommending solutions in order to avoid future shortages. You can read CIPO's report on the SCIG shortage [here](#).

CBS Open Board Meeting

Chrisitne Duncan, CIPO Chair, will be presenting a statement at the Canadian Blood Services Open Board Meeting on December 6th in Ottawa. This meeting is being webcast live and can be watched [here](#).

CAPT Conference Panel

Our Executive Director, Whitney Goulstone, joined a panel at the CAPT (Canadian Association of Population Therapeutics) conference October 21 in Toronto. The panel discussed reimbursement pathways while looking at rare diseases. Thank you to our funder, Takeda, for this opportunity to include the patient perspective.

Events

2019 Events

CIPO Fall Events

APIQ Education Day/AGM

September 28, Sandman Hotel, Longueuil

Ontario Education Day/AGM

October 5, Oakham House, Toronto

Manitoba/SK Education Day

October 26, Sandman Hotel, Winnipeg

Representing the PI Voice

CSACI

October 23-27, Montreal

CIPO partnered with our Quebec chapter, APIQ to raise awareness about our services to immunology specialists at the annual CSACI (Canadian Society for Allergy and Clinical Immunology) conference.

IPIC

November 6-8, Madrid

CIPO was proud to represent Canada at the 8th International Primary Immunodeficiency Congress in Madrid. 750 delegates from 64 countries got together over 3 days to learn about new developments and research in PI.

CORD

November 17-19, Toronto

CIPO staff attended the CORD (Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders) conference on

access to innovative therapies - including gene and cell therapy.

Support

Peer Support

CIPO offers a peer support program for anyone feeling that they may need a little extra support, or newly diagnosed patients. Find out more [here](#).

Monthly Meet Ups

Our Monthly Meet-Ups will be taking a break for December, but will start up again in January. These groups are get-togethers for patients to connect in a safe, yet informal setting. If you haven't been to one, come along and join one! [More information](#)

Please note, there will not be meet ups in December, or over the summer months.

Life of PI

Join Our Herd!

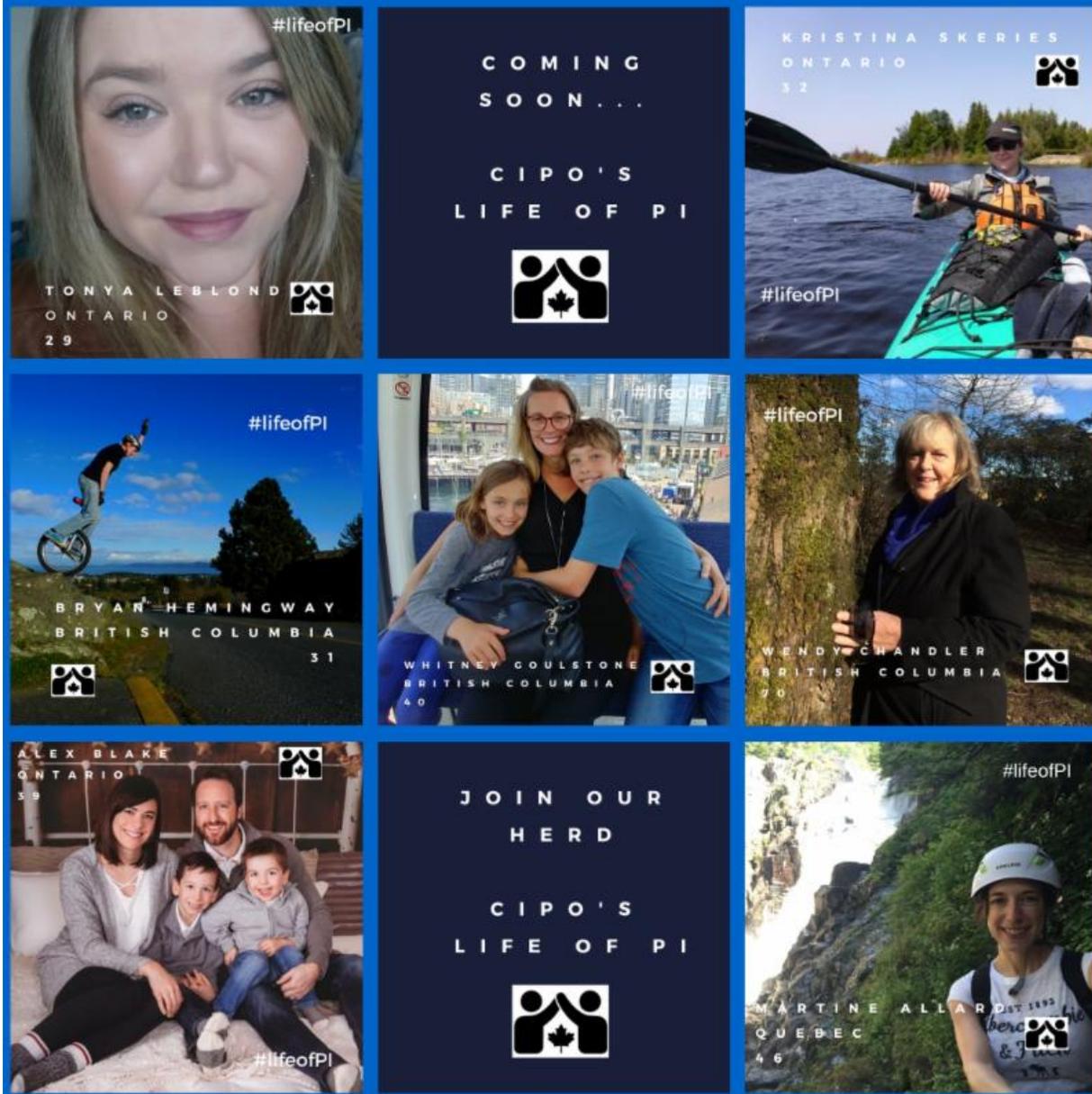
After the success of our Life of PI social media campaign that we have decided to continue with our campaign and hope to broaden our search to include not only our members but also any **family members** and **health care providers** who would like to be involved and share their stories and help to bring more attention and understanding to the wider population.

In case you missed it, Life of PI was a series of profiles we published focusing on individuals. It included a picture of one of our members alongside their story about living day to day life with PI. It was put together using a questionnaire covering some basic topics.

We hoped that by putting a face and story out there it could help to engage our members and others who may be going through similar situations and be of some comfort to them while also bringing people together and encouraging them to become more involved with CIPO. All these profiles can be found on our [Facebook page](#), on [Instagram](#) - @ciponational and on our [website](#).

If you think you would be interested in taking part then please feel free to contact us at info@cipo.ca and we can then send you all the details you will need to take part!

Come and join our herd and help us tell your stories!



Notices

Call for Steering Committee Members

CIPO is looking for volunteers who are interested in joining one of our Chapter Steering Committees. These committees help guide the direction of the chapter - in all areas of CIPO services: education, support and advocacy. Current chapters looking for steering committee members are:

- Atlantic Canada
- Manitoba/Saskatchewan
- Alberta

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please email info@cipo.ca

CIPO is an equal opportunities environment, and we strongly believe in diversity and inclusion.

We need your help.

As a volunteer-run organization, we are always looking for **volunteers**. If you are interested in volunteering with CIPO, please contact us at info@cipo.ca

We need your support.

As a patient organization we work for you. We are a patient organization made of patients and family members. To continue making a difference in the care and treatment of PI in Canada, we rely on **donations** from people like you. Every dollar counts.

DONATE NOW!

We hope you have enjoyed this online version of our newsletter. We value your feedback, so please tell us your thoughts. Thank you for your generous support. Without it we could not continue to do the work that is so needed in the PI community.

Sincerely,

Whitney Goulstone
Executive Director, CIPO National



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