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In 2014, two trainee representatives, one at the postdoctoral and one at the graduate studies levels, have been included on the CSMB Board of Directors.

The CSMB has several priorities to address, including the involvement of trainees. As such, we are dedicated to work hard to serve our trainee members in the coming years. To do so, our trainee representatives are currently working on increasing the number of student awards, developing a new video challenge, and organizing trainee events at the upcoming CSMB sponsored and organized conferences. We intend to address the topics of alternative careers outside of academia, networking skills, ethics, and more as we learn the priorities of our community. Please stay tuned for more news!

With this letter, the trainee representatives would also like to thank

members for their continued support of the CSMB. CSMB works hard to advocate for sustained basic research funding for Canadian molecular bioscientists, including graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. The financial contributions not only offer more opportunities for new discoveries, but also ensure trainees are supported in the pursuit of their degrees and future careers.

In order for CSMB to have a wider impact on policy and decision-making in Canada, the membership needs to grow. As we all know, strength comes in numbers. As a member of CSMB, we encourage you to reach out to your peers. The best and easiest way is to forward this letter or provide our contact information.

Here are just a few top reasons why every graduate student and postdoctoral fellow in Canadian Molecular Biosciences should consider becoming a CSMB member:

1. CSMB trainees directly benefit from our efforts to advocate for increased funding for all basic research scientists, including trainees;
2. CSMB trainees are eligible for our trainee awards, including travel and poster awards (which is not only useful for attending a CSMB-sponsored conference in your area of research, but is also a valuable addition to your CV);
3. CSMB trainees will have access to various trainee events to hone their skills in the areas ranging from networking to publishing;
4. Best of all, it is absolutely free to become a trainee member of the CSMB!

We wish to end with a new beginning: we want to hear from you! Do you want to become more involved with the CSMB? Do you have ideas for CSMB to pursue? Do you have any activities CSMB can support? Did you know that we sponsored 10 student organized events this year? We want to know how to make YOUR experience as a trainee engaging, enriching and exciting! Help us to make CSMB BETTER!

Best regards,

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