

The Jerry Dolovich Memorial Lectureship



Born in the small town of Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada, Dr. Jerry Dolovich attended medical school at the University of Manitoba, where he graduated with Honors 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 a 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 initial research interest was late allergic responses. He concentrated his research on practical problems encountered in the clinic, including the identification of ethylene oxide as an allergen. His later research interests were in the study of nasal polyps.

In the 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 humor 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.

2017 marks the 19th year of the Jerry Dolovich Memorial Lectureship. It will be presented at Symposium Session 1808: Biologicals in Chronic Rhinosinusitis on Friday, March 3, 2017: 4:00 to 5:15 pm, GWCC, Room B407.

The Jerry Dolovich Memorial Lecturer – Claus Bachert, MD PhD



Claus Bachert MD PhD is chief of the clinic and professor at the University Hospital of Ghent, Belgium, and also holds a position as professor at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.

He qualified from the University of Heidelberg, Germany, and trained in ENT-diseases and allergology in Mannheim and Düsseldorf.

His research interests include the pathophysiology and management of diseases of the nose and sinuses such as allergic and non-allergic rhinitis, sinusitis and nasal polyposis.

Dr. Bachert chairs the Upper Airways Research Laboratory at Ghent University, and has published over 460 peer-reviewed articles in international journals. Dr. Bachert received several national and international prizes, and two doctor honoris causa (Capital University Beijing, China, and Democritus University, Trace, Greece).

Dr. Bachert forms part of the international guidelines ARIA (Allergic Rhinitis and its Impact on Asthma) and EPOS (European Position Paper on Sinusitis and Nasal Polyposis), served in the Board of EAACI and WAO, and was President of the German Allergy Society (DGAKI, 2007-2010) and Vice-President 2011-2016. He currently serves as Editor for the JACI.