

## CUHMA 2026 vASM Speaker Bios

### **Nicholas Bird, MD**

Nicholas Bird is board certified in family medicine, and fellowship-trained and boarded in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. He is the Medical Director for the Center for Hyperbaric Medicine at Virginia Mason Medical Center, and has held positions to include, Chief Medical Officer for the Kwajalein Hospital in the Marshall Islands, President of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society, Chief Medical Officer, and CEO of Diver's Alert Network (DAN). He received his initial hyperbaric training while serving in the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon. An avid diver, he was certified in 1984 and became a PADI Instructor in 1989.

### **Jocelyn (Josh) Boisvert, CHT**

Josh Boisvert joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1981, serving over 20 years as a clearance diver, diving instructor, CCR technician, HBO technician and supervisor, EOD technician, and submersible technician. He retired from the Navy in 2002, and then developed his career in hyperbaric medicine in Toronto, Bermuda, and Lévis, Quebec. He has served as the diving emergency coordinator for the Quebec Diving Medicine Centre and the hyperbaric safety officer for the Hôtel-Dieu de Lévis hyperbaric medicine department since 2004. He was the technical advisor for the multi-lock, multi-place hyperbaric chamber added to the unit in 2013 and has since developed a national accreditation program for clinical hyperbaric chamber operators. He has served as a member the CSA Z275.1 hyperbaric facility subcommittee since 2006.

### **Peter Lindholm, MD, PhD**

Peter Lindholm is the Chair and Senior Consultant in the department of Radiology, Karolinska University Hospital. He is also research group leader for hyperbaric medicine in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at the Karolinska Institute. He was previously Professor and Endowed Chair of Hyperbaric and Diving Medicine Research, and Adjunct Professor of Radiology at University of California San Diego. He is a physician-scientist and entrepreneur with >20 years of experience in applied human studies and clinical trials, from extreme environments (diving and space) to artificial intelligence for cancer diagnoses using 4 million images. His primary focus is pulmonary pathology and respiratory physiology where he combines imaging, physiological methods, and artificial intelligence to study the effects of extreme environments such as hypoxia, hyperoxia, and pressure.

### **Chris Logue, MD**

Christopher Logue is the Chief Diving Medical Officer and Co-Medical Director at the Center for Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine at Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) in Minneapolis, MN and works as a staff attending physician in the Emergency Department at HCMC. He received his medical degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he also completed an honors thesis focused on improving exercise tolerance and mitigating oxygen toxicity for compressed gas divers. He completed his residency training in Emergency Medicine in Greenville, NC where he served as Chief Resident. He completed his fellowship training in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. His research interests include improving patient outcomes in central retinal artery occlusion, necrotizing soft tissue infections, carbon monoxide poisoning, frostbite injury, non-healing wounds, and sudden sensorineural hearing loss. He began scuba diving in 1986 and has been an instructor since 1993.

**Jeffrey McCurdy, MD, PhD**

Jeffrey McCurdy is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Ottawa and a clinical investigator at the Ottawa Research Institute. He received his doctorate in immunology from Dalhousie University and his medical degree from the University of Ottawa. He completed gastroenterology training at Dalhousie University, and an advanced fellowship in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, NY. He is co-chair of IBD update ([ibdupdate.ca](http://ibdupdate.ca)), co-editor of the journal *Canadian IBD Today* and recipient of the 2025 Canadian Association of Gastroenterology visiting professor award. His research interests focus on identifying predictors of disease related outcomes in IBD, including perianal Crohn's disease, infectious exacerbations of IBD, and venous thromboembolism.

**Simon Mitchell, MD, PhD**

Simon Mitchell is an anesthesiologist, diving physician, and Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. His research is very widely published, particularly in his niche interest field of diving and hyperbaric medicine. Simon has a long career in sport, scientific, commercial, and military diving. He was conferred Fellowship of the Explorers' Club of New York in 2006, was the DAN Rolex Diver of the Year in 2015, and a NOGI fellow in 2026. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine*.

**Neal W. Pollock, PhD**

Neal Pollock is an Associate Professor in Kinesiology and Research Chair in Hyperbaric and Diving Medicine and at Université Laval in Québec, Canada. He was previously Research Director at Divers Alert Network (DAN) and conducted research at Duke University, both in Durham, North Carolina. His academic training is in zoology, exercise physiology, and environmental physiology. His research interests focus on human health and safety in extreme environments, including decompression safety for both divers and astronauts. He is an Editor Emeritus of the journal *Wilderness & Environmental Medicine*. He continues to serve as an Associate Editor for the journal *Environmental, Aviation and Space Physiology*, and on the editorial board of the journal *Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine*.