ST. JOHN’S, October 21, 2019 - The Society congratulates Dr. Cody Dunne of St. John’s Newfoundland and Labrador who was awarded the Dr. Ian Mackie Medical Fellowship by the International Lifesaving Federation (ILS). The Fellowship provides for young lifesavers with a strong interest in medicine to become an active member on the ILS Medical Committee for four years during which the recipient is expected to author a medical position paper. Dr. Dunne is the first Canadian recipient.

ILS made the announcement during its 2019 World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Durban, South Africa. Cody was in attendance to present his research on the use of distance education technology to improve lifesaving training opportunities for rural communities. The presentation is a continuation of the work he presented at the 2015 WCDP in Vancouver on the development of a training module for the management of cold-water induced hypothermia, delivered via a mobile tele simulation unit.

Cody is a graduate of Memorial University in medicine and is presently in his first year of emergency medicine residency training at the University of Calgary.

Cody sits on the Society’s Training Program Council as Leadership Training Chair and is one of three National Trainers in Newfoundland and Labrador. Cody is responsible for the implementation of the Society’s competency-based leadership training system and delivers update clinics to existing Trainers as well as Trainer Courses for aspiring leadership candidates.

Dr. Ian Mackie was a world-renowned water safety expert and medical advisor to both Surf Life Saving Australia and the Royal Life Saving Society Australia. He was the first chair of the ILS Medical Committee and published scholarly lifesaving materials for over four decades.

The Lifesaving Society is a full-service provider of programs, products and services designed to prevent drowning. We save lives and prevent water-related injury through our training programs, Water Smart® public education, drowning research, aquatic safety management and lifesaving sport.