

# Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch



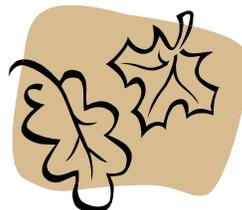
## NEWSLETTER – FALL 2008

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### Membership Update

The CSHP BC Branch continues to grow! We are currently 345 members strong, compared to 309 at the same time last year. To show our appreciation, all members who registered or renewed by Aug. 31 have been entered in a draw for one of two \$50 gift certificates to The Keg. Winners will be announced at the 2008 AGM!

September is the month for **student recruitment**, and we are happy to report a very successful Student Membership Drive was held at UBC. An estimated 180 students attended, and many plan to join to take advantage of the Mentorship Program offered to all student members. Also, there will be a draw for an RX Files for all students who register or renew by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.

In light of the upcoming college requirement for all pharmacists to carry \$2 million in **professional liability insurance**, we'd like to remind you that all CSHP members are eligible for preferred premiums through The Insurers Financial Group. This is the most affordable option in comparison to other provincial pharmacy groups that offer similar insurance. Please find more detail on the CSHP website, [www.cshp.ca](http://www.cshp.ca).

For more information on membership, please refer to our website, or contact the Membership Chair.

Beth Crossman  
Membership Chair, CSHP BC Branch



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### **Message from the President**

Greetings to ALL BC Branch CSHP members and welcome to our NEW members!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to get away from the daily grind. I had an opportunity to go to Africa this summer. It was nothing short of a great experience and an awesome opportunity to once again get some perspective on life whilst being in a totally different environment.

Just like this past summer, the days have just breezed by. It is hard to believe that my term as President will cease in less than 2 months. Being involved in OUR Branch has been rewarding and I want to thank OUR volunteer Council members and Programs Committee members for their outstanding and tireless contributions. I also want to thank YOU, the members for YOUR attendance and interest in OUR branch. After all, it is the planning and hard work of the BC Branch Council and Programs Committee and YOUR participation that makes OUR Branch successful.

As you know, there are several issues pertinent to hospital pharmacists that YOU need to be aware of and participate in. For example, the changes in OUR scope of practice, the changes to liability insurance requirements by the College, the evolution in the roles and regulations for pharmacy technicians, the need for quality continuing education, advanced credentialing and fostering of inter-professional interdependence are just some of the issues that come to mind. A great way to ensure YOU are connected to these issues is to be involved with CSHP. If you do get more involved, I'm certain YOU will get a better understanding of the issues and climate of hospital pharmacy practice at the local, provincial and national level. It is also a great way to meet new people and network with peers. But please, do not all of you apply at once.

We have openings for positions that are elected: President Elect, Programs Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and for positions that are appointed: Awards Chairperson and Fundraising Chairperson.

I want to acknowledge and applaud the work being done at the Chapter level. This year, we saw the Interior Chapter hold a couple of great events as well as an event in the Fraser Valley – well done! I am sure our chapter chairs would be happy to hear from people willing to help out at their educational events as well. Please don't hesitate to speak with a council member to find out more about becoming involved!

Congratulations to our Programs Committee, under the leadership of Karen Dahri, for organizing and hosting three awesome and well attended events this year. And they did it all while staying on budget. Thanks to their efforts and those of our affable Fundraising Chairperson, Susan Buchkowsky, as well as our prudent Treasurer, Vincent Mabasa, we are in a sound financial position. Due to YOUR work as preceptors and that of our bodacious Past President, Sue Corrigan and our keen Student Membership Coordinator, Natasha Rajan, the student membership drive at UBC was also a huge success!

I had fun once again, representing CSHP at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual white coat ceremony at UBC that welcomes the incoming first year students into the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC. It was, as always, well organized and a good opportunity for students to meet the Directors of most Health Authorities and other leaders of OUR great profession.

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I look forward to working with our President Elect, rock star Roxane Carr and our meticulous Secretary, Eva Cho, and local and national student representatives, Natasha Rajan and April Chan at this year's Careers Avenue evening (hosted by the UBC Pharmacy Alumni)! It will be a great place to continue promoting hospital pharmacy to the next generation of pharmacists. Our rock star President Elect, was also on hand at the Residents Certificate Presentation Night, to bring greetings and congratulations to last years graduates of the BC Pharmacy Practice Residency Program. I wish all the past and current residents well on journey into hospital pharmacy practice.

Our conscientious National Delegate, Janice Munroe, continues to keep us updated on issues faced by National CSHP. Not the least of which is the push to achieve the targets set out by CSHP 2015. If you have not seen or connected with these targets, I encourage you to do so at [www.chsp.ca](http://www.chsp.ca).

Before I conclude, I would also like to acknowledge the huge contributions made by our organized and precise Communication's Officer, Zahra Kanji, and the help of past resident, Jennifer Tam, in keeping you all informed and getting our Website updated. This was no easy task and we all appreciate their efforts!

Please save the date for this year's AGM, on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>! I look forward to seeing you again at the Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue at the downtown Vancouver SFU campus!! If you haven't already done so, please submit a poster for the event to showcase your initiatives and inspire your colleagues. I am sure our diligent Awards Chairperson, Anisha Lakhani, will be waiting for your poster submissions and will be assessing the winners of the awards with her team.

I wish those of you who applied for awards well and encourage you all to continue to strive for your personal best!

Sincerely,  
Adil Virani  
President  
CSHP-BC Branch





### **Delegate's Report**

Janice Munroe, our National Delegate, was unable to attend the CSHP Annual General Meeting in Saint John, NB, as her son got married the same weekend (Congratulations Janice!).

The Host Committee in Saint John, NB did a fantastic job in organizing an educational and fun conference! The Maritimer hospitality was wonderful and they made sure that we all learned that Alexander Keiths is from Nova Scotia, whereas Moosehead is brewed in Saint John, New Brunswick, and therefore is, apparently, far superior.

BC was well represented at the National conference and meeting. Several of our members were invited speakers and all gave outstanding presentations, including: Shallen Letwin, Vincent Mabasa, Jeff Barnett, and Mary Ensom.

#### **National Council & Annual General Meeting Updates:**

Blueprint for Pharmacy: The Vision for Pharmacy Endorsed

CSHP passed a motion to officially endorse the Blueprint for Pharmacy: The Vision for Pharmacy. The Blueprint is a collaborative strategic plan for the pharmacy profession in Canada, which includes a vision for pharmacy and identifies areas of strategic action, including human resources, education and professional development, communication, financial, legislation, regulation and liability.

The complete Blueprint document can be found at:

[http://www.pharmacists.ca/content/about\\_cpha/whats\\_happening/cpha\\_in\\_action/pdf/BlueprintVision.pdf](http://www.pharmacists.ca/content/about_cpha/whats_happening/cpha_in_action/pdf/BlueprintVision.pdf)

CSHP 2015

CSHP has made a few changes to CSHP 2015 based on feedback and the experience of ASHP with the Health-Systems Pharmacy 2015 initiative. This includes, medication reconciliation and the clarification of some terms. The complete document and a summary of the changes can be found at: [http://www.cshp.ca/programs/cshp2015/index\\_e.asp](http://www.cshp.ca/programs/cshp2015/index_e.asp)

Membership

Membership nationally in CSHP increased by 226 members last year.

Dr. Shallen Letwin completed his National CSHP Presidential office term as the outgoing past-president. Congratulations Shallen!

Respectfully submitted,

Roxane Carr

President-Elect, CSHP-BC Branch



### **Programs Committee and Fundraising Update 2008 Continuing Education Events**

With fall here, the programs committee has been busy planning for Clinical Symposium and the Annual General Meeting.

This year, CSHP-BC branch returned to the Italian Cultural Centre for our Clinical Symposium which took place Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success with the attendees enjoying a variety of topics over an excellent dinner. Dr. Erica Greanya enlightened us on rejection and transplant pharmacology. Dr. Sue Corrigan gave us an excellent review on what's new in the field of psychiatry. And Dr. Gabriel Loh provided us with an in-depth review on the new Canadian HAP/VAP guidelines. Thanks to all of our speakers for doing such an excellent job and to the program committee members for their hard work in organizing such a successful evening.

Our next event is the Annual General Meeting which will be taking place at the Morris J Wosk Center for Dialogue ([www.sfu.ca/dialogue](http://www.sfu.ca/dialogue)) on Friday November 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have lined up a great program this year with Friday evening starting things off with clinical pearls from the fields of emergency medicine, pediatrics, and cardiology. Saturday's line-up includes a wide variety of topics. Speakers will be discussing the newest developments in diabetes, reviewing the evidence behind vancomycin levels, inspiring us to develop our mentorship and leadership skills and highlighting the high impact studies that were published this past year. There is definitely something for everyone with these exciting topics along with satellite symposia, pharmaceutical manufacturer displays, and our business meeting. This year, CSHP-BC branch will, in conjunction with BCPhA and the College of Pharmacists of BC, be hosting a presentation that will appeal to all pharmacists. Don't forget to register prior to November 14<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the early bird price. Please note that seating is limited for this event. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Lastly, we would like to thank our sponsors listed below for their support for 2008. Our events wouldn't be possible without the continued support of these sponsors. The most current sponsorship information can be found on our website (<http://www.cshp-bc.com/sponsors.htm>). Major benefactors have their corporate logo displayed on the CSHP website with a direct link to their company site.

Sincerely,

Karen Dahri, PharmD  
Programs Committee Chairperson

Susan Buchkowsky, PharmD  
Fundraising Chairperson

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### **2008 Major Benefactors (\$3500 or more)**

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### **Awards Announcement**

I'd like to inform you of two upcoming awards with deadlines approaching soon. The award descriptions and eligibility criteria are described below. Please consider applying if you qualify! Visit the B.C. Branch website for application information.

#### **1. CSHP Future Professional Pharmacy Student Award**

**AWARD DESCRIPTION** This award will be given to a member of CSHP-BC Branch who has shown significant and extensive contribution to promoting and exhibiting professionalism in any variety of pharmacy related activities at the local, provincial or national level. The award will consist of admission to the CSHP Banff Conference, \$500 to offset expenses associated with attending the Banff Conference, and individual plaque and an ongoing plaque at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science at University of British Columbia.

**ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION DEADLINE** The candidate must be an active member of CSHP-BC Branch. Nominations shall be submitted to the Awards Committee in writing, or on-line via the Branch website, no later than **November 1, 2008**.

#### **2. CSHP Pharmacy Practice Award**

**AWARD DESCRIPTION** The award will consist of a plaque engraved with all investigators' names and a cash prize of \$250.

**ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION DEADLINE** The poster presenter must be a CSHP member, and can either be the primary investigator or one of the authors of the poster. Posters must be submitted under one category entitled "Pharmacy Practice". This encompasses clinical research, pharmaceuticals/basic research, case reports, innovative pharmacy practice, administrative topics, pharmacoconomics and drug use evaluation. Material previously presented at a national CSHP or non-CSHP event is eligible for submission. In this case, please indicate that it is an encore presentation on the poster/abstract. Material previously presented at a BC Branch CSHP event (i.e., residency project) is not eligible for submission.

All submissions must be received by **October 25, 2008**. Abstracts that are mailed must be post-marked no later than **October 25, 2008**. Note: All posters will be displayed at the BC Branch AGM on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, please contact me via email ([anisha.lakhani@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:anisha.lakhani@fraserhealth.ca))

Anisha Lakhani, BScPharm, PharmD  
Awards Committee Chairperson



### **Past President's Report**

Fall is here again and I cannot believe how quickly the 3 years of my presidential term have flown by. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with all the great volunteers on our BC Branch Council during my term.

I'll give a brief update on some recent activities in my External Liaison portfolio. I gave an informal chat to introduce the students to CSHP and hospital pharmacy practice at a lunch session on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. We had approximately 180 students attend and there was an overwhelming interest in hospital pharmacy practice and the residency program!! I hope we can maintain this swell of interest and translate that into a greater number of graduates pursuing hospital careers. One of the ways to maintain students' interest is to give them an opportunity to see hospital pharmacists "in action" earlier on in their undergraduate program. CSHP's Mentorship program is an excellent forum for shadowing and giving students a taste of what is possible. I would encourage you to contact CSHP to add your name as a mentor and help plant the seeds of interest in our future young professionals.

I also continue to meet with a group of leaders and clinical leaders from across the province to work on developing a model for advanced hospital pharmacy practice in BC in partnership with the BC College of Pharmacists.

If you are passionate about hospital pharmacy practice, are interested in learning more about the changes to our practice and being involved with making them happen then YOU would make an excellent volunteer for CSHP. Please consider volunteering for a Council position or the Programs' Committee. If you have any questions – please don't hesitate to contact myself or any council member for more information.

Sue Corrigan, BScPharm, ACPR, PharmD  
Past-President, CSHP-BC Branch

