

# Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch

## NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2008



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### Message from the President

With this Spring Newsletter of 2008, I bring greetings to all CSHP BC Branch Members!!! I've really enjoyed serving as President over the last few months since inheriting the rubber ducky and chicken from Sue. This is mainly due to the great spirited people on council – well maybe except for Roxanne, but you know, every group has one of those. Just kidding, we love the idea of Roxanne joining the group to "train" to be the next President...

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the **2007/2008 CSHP-BC Branch Council!**

Adil Virani – President  
Roxanne Carr- President-Elect\*  
Sue Corrigan – Past President  
Vincent Mabasa – Treasurer  
Eva Cho – Secretary  
Karen Dahri – Programs Chairperson\*  
Bethany Crossman - Membership Chairperson\*  
Susan Buchkowsky – Fundraising Chairperson  
Anisha Lakhani – Awards Chairperson  
Zahra Kanji – Communications Officer\*  
James Kim – College of BC Pharmacists representative  
Jennifer Tam – Chief Resident  
Allen Chernenkoff – CAPSI representative\*  
Jennifer Day – Student Membership Coordinator  
Janice Munroe – National Delegate\*  
*\* indicates new members*

Congratulation and thanks to our outgoing members, Anita Lo (Past President), Jennifer Kendrick (Membership Chairperson) and Dawn Dalen (Advocacy Chairperson). Also, thanks to all of you volunteers that continue to support the BC Branch and National initiatives of CSHP. I



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am looking forward to working with this awesome team over this next few years. For anyone wishing to get involved in anyway shape or form, please contact someone on council...we are still looking for someone to fill the position of Advocacy Chairperson.

Congratulations to the Programs Committee, lead by Dr. Karen Dahri. We have several new faces on the Programs Committee this year! As you will read, they have planned a fabulous year of educational and entertaining opportunities for us to gather and learn!

We have also decided to bring some new awards to recognize all the contributions you make to patient care and our wonderful profession. With the leadership of Dr. Anisha Lakhani, we will now be recognizing mentors, active members and hospitals whose staff continue to participate in our events!!!

Also, you will read that our membership has slightly increased. We are fortunate this year to have Dr. Susan Buchkowsky remain on the committee for another term as fund raising chair!

I look forward to seeing you at some of our events! If you have any comments, concerns, questions, words of advise or praise, I would love to hear from you! My email address is [adil.virani@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:adil.virani@fraserhealth.ca). Lastly, please remember to visit our website at: [www.cshp-bc.com](http://www.cshp-bc.com).

Sincerely,  
Adil Virani  
President  
CSHP-BC Branch

### **Membership Update**

Congratulations to BC Branch CSHP Members! Thanks to your support, we currently have the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest membership in Canada! At 375 members strong, we hope to further increase these numbers with our upcoming summer membership drive.

During last year's membership drive, renewal prizes were awarded to some of our members:

Early New Member: \$400 CSHP educational funding to Kelvin Chu of St.Paul's Hospital  
Early Renewing Member: \$400 CSHP educational funding to Michelle Co of Ridge Meadows Hospital

Early Student Member: i-POD to Christine Rodrigue of UBC

Thanks again for your support. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact the CSHP BC Branch Membership Chairperson, Beth Crossman, at [Bethany.Crossman@vch.ca](mailto:Bethany.Crossman@vch.ca).



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### **Delegate's Report - Spring 2008**

I had the pleasure of attending the CSHP Mid-Term Council meeting in Ottawa on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Yes, it was right in the middle of a blinding snow storm! Over the weekend, Council stayed indoors for a very productive string of meetings.

- The news is out! As of 2009, the CSHP AGM will be known as the SES (Summer Educational Sessions). This change was felt to more accurately describe the program especially since the Annual General Meeting is a very small (albeit important) portion of the event.
- Beginning at AGM 2008 there will be a trial of a new meeting format where the presidential officers will deliver all of the reports by their portfolios. This is anticipated to decrease the amount of downtime that naturally occurs when speakers step up and step down from the podium.
- The budget for 08/09 was approved with a projected deficit of \$160,000. These funds will come from the reserve fund. This reduction will still leave the reserve fund with an excess of \$150,000. Council carefully considered a number of items before approving the draft budget. Items included:
  1. ongoing vacant positions in the CSHP office will reduce the projected deficit (until they are able to be filled),
  2. the reserve fund currently exceeds the 6 month target that had been set,
  3. the removal of \$160,000 will still leave in excess of 6 months in the fund,
  4. since CSHP is a not-for-profit organization it should not have reserve funds that may be considered excessive

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Munroe  
CSHP BC-Branch Delegate



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### **Programs Committee 2008 Continuing Education Events**

After a successful Annual General Meeting last November, the Programs Committee is in full gear to start organizing for 2008. We are excited to start planning the quality education events put on each year for the hospital pharmacists of British Columbia.

Our first event of the year will be the Spring Therapeutics Update 2008. This event will be held on Monday April 14, 2008 at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond. This year's program will be packed with exciting speakers. Dr. Fawziah Marra will be speaking on the HPV vaccine, Gardasil; Dr. Dawn Warkentin will be providing an update on antifungal agents; and Dr. Wendy Gordon will review the new class of direct renin inhibitors. Stay tuned for more information.

A tentative schedule of our other events this year include:

#### **Thursday May 21, 2008; Residency Presentation Night, Chan Centre Auditorium, BC Women's and Children's Hospital, Vancouver, BC**

An academic evening showcasing the research efforts of this year's BC Hospital Pharmacy Residents in both podium and poster presentations.

#### **Mid-September 2007; Clinical Symposium (Date & Location TBA)**

An update on clinical topics and controversies in hospital pharmacy practice. A great event for networking and education on current facets of medication management.

#### **November 2007; Annual General Meeting (Date & Location TBA)**

Our largest event of the year! Filled with education sessions, satellite symposia, manufacturers displays and the CSHP business meeting.

In order to provide you with these quality events, the programs committee is continuously searching for dynamic speakers and dedicated members. If you have any suggestions for topics of interest or speakers, or if you would like to become involved with the committee, please contact me directly at 604-875-4111 ext 69689 or by e-mail at [Karen.Dahri@vch.ca](mailto:Karen.Dahri@vch.ca)

Looking forward to seeing you at this year's events!

Karen Dahri, BScPharm, ACPR, PharmD  
Programs Committee Chairperson  
CSHP-BC Branch



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### **Fundraising Update**

I would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions for 2007. The support of our sponsors allowed CSHP BC Branch to have a very successful year.

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

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The search for sponsorship has begun again for 2008! I would like to thank those corporate sponsors that have already donated for 2008 with contributions secured by the March 13th. A list of current sponsors will be updated for each newsletter and on our website. Major benefactors have their logo displayed and a direct link to their website from the CSHP BC Branch website.

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

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#### **Benefactors (\$2000 to 3499)**

Hospira Healthcare Corp.

Anyone who has fundraising ideas or would like to help out, please contact me at  
[Susan.Buchkowsky@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:Susan.Buchkowsky@fraserhealth.ca)

Susan Buchkowsky, BSc, BScPharm, ACPR, PharmD  
Fundraising Chairperson



### **CSHP-BC Branch Awards Announcements**

It is with pleasure that the CSHP-BC Branch Awards Committee announces the winner of the following award:

#### **CSHP Future Professional Student Award – Manhar Powar**

The CSHP Future Professional Student Award is awarded annually to one student from each of the Western Branch's Faculties of Pharmacy who displays professionalism and is seen as a future leader in the profession of pharmacy. The winner of the award must be a student member of CSHP-BC Branch who demonstrates commitment to the promotion and development of the professional of pharmacy. Selection is based on participation in professional and/or student organizations, the ability to create and implement new programs or student initiatives, and professional service to the community.

The winner of this award will receive:

Complimentary registration to the CSHP Western Branches Banff seminar in March 2008

\$500 to offset expenses associated with attending the Banff Seminar

A plaque to commemorate her achievement – presented at the Banff Seminar

Her name will be engraved on a permanent plaque kept at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia

Congratulations Manhar!

### **CSHP-BC Branch Award Winners 2007/2008**

#### Past President Award

Sue Corrigan

#### Distinguished Service Award

Not contested

#### Pharm.D. Award

Dennis Sprague

#### Pharmacy Practice Residency Award

Karen Grace Lee: Implementation of a quality indicator for inpatient drug therapy within a large urban Health Region.

Jennifer Samilski: Personal digital assistant-based drug use evaluation of a respiratory quinolone-Moxifloxacin (PDQ Study).

#### Future Professional Pharmacy Student Award

Manhar Powar

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### Pharmacy Practice Award (Best Poster Presentation at AGM)

Aaron Tejani, Manhar Powar, Adil Virani, Anisha Lakhani, Yasemin Arikan, Dale Purych, Yazdan Mirzanejad, Sheila Webster. Pattern of use of meropenem in acute care setting.

### Publication Awards

#### *Review Article:*

Karen Dahri and Mary Ensom: Efavirenz and Nevirapine in HIV-1 infection: Is there a role for clinical pharmacokinetic monitoring? *Clin Pharmacokinet* 2007;46(2):109-132.

#### *Original Research:*

Kerry Wilber, Peter Zed, Robert Balen and Leslie Samoy: Drug related hospitalizations in a tertiary care internal medicine service of a Canadian hospital; a prospective study. *Pharmacotherapy* 2006;26:1578-86

### Maria Machado Award

Not contested

### Pharmacy Awareness Week Award

Not contested

### BC Branch Participation Award

Large Hospital – Burnaby Hospital

Small Hospital – Ridge Meadows Hospital

### Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada (PPC) Continuing Education Travel Grant

Amanda Shea

Elaine Chong

Jing-Yi Ng

Vincent Mabasa

BC CSHP's will be announcing 2 new awards and a revision to an existing award. Look for an announcement in the next few weeks!

We are looking for more volunteers to be judges for our awards. Please email [Anisha.Lakhani@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:Anisha.Lakhani@fraserhealth.ca) if you can volunteer some time this year and participate as an award judge. Minimal time is required and you work as a part of a team of judges.

Anisha Lakhani, BScPharm, PharmD

Awards Committee Chairperson

CSHP-BC Branch

