

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch



NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2009

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Message from the President

Weather-wise, we seem to be having a late arrival for spring this year but I am hoping it will make for a fabulous summer! BC Branch council has been busy working on several initiatives. We are involved with the BC College of Pharmacists PDAP committee and technician regulation task force, had a successful event for the UBC Pharmacy students regarding the Pharm.D. program, and preparations are underway for the Spring Therapeutics Update and Residency Presentation Nights. We are also working on the Hospital Pharmacists Shortage survey, which we plan to distribute to the Pharmacy Directors by the end of May.

I am hoping everyone enjoyed a fabulous Pharmacy Awareness Week at the beginning of March. We look forward to seeing the submissions for the Pharmacy Awareness Week Award as it is fabulous to see what our members are doing to promote our profession.

Several members have mentioned to me that they are interested in getting involved with CSHP. We have many opportunities for involvement – ranging in time commitments and types of involvement (programs committee – from organizing to volunteering with registration at our events, awards judging- a variety of types of award, advocacy committee, etc...). Literally something for everyone!! So please, if you want to get involved, contact us!

I look forward to seeing you at Spring Therapeutics Update and/or the Residency Presentation Night. Please contact either myself or any of our Council members if you have any comments, concerns, questions, or would like to get involved.

Sincerely,
Roxane Carr
President, CSHP BC Branch

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member highlights, mem-
bership benefits and more!



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Membership Update

The BC Branch of CSHP is bigger than ever! We currently have 432 members, including 52 students! We hope to maintain these numbers and grow even larger in the coming year.

Are you aware that some membership benefits are chapter-specific? For example, there are chapter-specific awards and continuing education events. The following table contains information regarding the latest chapter membership numbers and contact information.

Chapter	Number of Members (Percent of Branch)	Chapter Chair and Contact Information
Northern	20 (4.5)	Dana Cole Dana.Cole@northernhealth.ca
Interior	41 (9.5)	Victoria Slavik Victoria.Slavik@interiorhealth.ca
Vancouver Island	56 (13)	David Forbes David.Forbes@viha.ca
Fraser Valley	315 (73)	Amber Uhrich Amber.Uhrich@fraserhealth.ca

You can find out what chapter you belong to at www.cshp-bc.com/chapters/chapters.htm. Chapter membership is based on your place of work, but you are welcome to be a member of whichever chapter you choose, just let me know.

As always, if you have any questions regarding membership, please contact me. Have a great spring!

Beth
CSHP BC Branch Membership Chair
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Advocacy Impact Group

The CSHP Advocacy Committee needs YOU! We're looking for hospital pharmacists in all areas of the province to assist in communication of the advocacy campaigns (1-2 per year) to their local area and facilitate feedback to the committee. Influence your profession! Email Caitlin Olatunbosun (colatunbosun@providencehealth.bc.ca) for more information and how to get involved!



Delegate's Report - Spring 2009

The CSHP National Council met in the beginning of March for the Mid-Term Council meeting. The meeting is held in the last half of National's fiscal year. In addition to reviewing the reports of branches, committees and task forces, the meeting is also the time to review the financials for the previous year and to set the budget for the upcoming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some of the highlights of the meeting:

- President Elect is Dr Neil MacKinnon from Halifax, Nova Scotia. As President Elect, he will be responsible for the Vision portfolio. Neil will officially assume his position at the 2009 Summer Education Session (SES) in Winnipeg.
- Two new on-line education courses will be produced for members to complete for continuing education credits. The online courses have been very highly rated by members.
- An online membership survey will be conducted to ensure that National priorities are in alignment with the members.
- Barb Wells is the new project coordinator of the CSHP 2015 initiative. She has also been appointed as chair of 2015 steering committee. The Steering Committee will have a strong link to the branches through corresponding members from each branch.
- Due to a significant projected deficit for 09/10, a number of cost saving measures are being taken. These include:
 - dissolving the Strategic Planning Committee
 - extending the Vision statement for 1 year allowing the postponement of the strategic planning session scheduled for SES 2009
 - suspend National Executive visits to the branches for 09/10
- In addition to reducing the expenditures, it was necessary to increase revenue by increasing membership fees by 5% for the 09/10 membership year. This is the first fee increase since 2005/2006.
- With these cost saving measures and the fee increase, the projected budget for 2009/2010 is a deficit of \$111,000. This is the second consecutive deficit year and has resulted in the contingency fund being reduced to the minimum required for 6 months of operating expenses.

These are only the highlights of the 2 days of meetings. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you would like information regarding any of the other topics that were discussed.

Janice Munroe
BC Branch Delegate
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Programs Committee 2009 Continuing Education Events

Since the New Year, the Programs Committee has been busy organizing this year's series of continuing education events.

Our first event of the year is the **Spring Therapeutics Update 2009** to be held on **Thursday April 23rd** at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond, BC. Our lineup of speakers includes:

- Dr. Denise Sprague (Interior Health) on new therapeutic alternatives to vancomycin for drug-resistant organisms
- Rob Gair (BC Drug & Poison Information Centre) with a focus on existing & upcoming antidotes in toxicology management
- Dr. Rochelle Gellatly (Providence Health) Care on the role of the new oral anticoagulants dabigatran and rivaroxaban.

Registration for this event is currently underway.

Here is a brief overview of our other events scheduled for this upcoming year:

Wednesday May 20th, 2009; Residency Presentation Night, Chan Centre Auditorium, BC Women's and Children's Hospital, Vancouver BC.

An informative evening showcasing the research initiatives of this year's 27 BC Hospital Pharmacy Residents! Come listen to the presentations and mingle with the residents at their respective poster displays.

Tuesday September 22nd, 2009; Clinical Symposium at the Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver BC.

An annual educational event that highlights clinical controversies of interest to the hospital pharmacist. Come join us for a fabulous dinner buffet and an evening filled with excellent speakers!

Friday November 20th and Saturday November 21st, 2009; Annual General Meeting at the SFU Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver BC.

Our branch's largest event of the year complete with educational sessions, satellite symposia, manufacturer exhibits and the CSHP business meeting.

For CSHP members who reside outside the Lower Mainland, we encourage you to stay in touch with your regional Chapter Chairs. Many of them are already in the process of planning continuing education events for you closer to home.

It is our goal to offer quality presentations on timely therapeutic topics to all hospital-based pharmacy practitioners in BC. To continue this tradition, we are always on the lookout for new speakers and for interested members to join our Programs Committee. Please do not hesitate to leave me a message at 604-875-4111 ext 61520 or send me an e-mail at Gabriel.Loh@vch.ca at any time.

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

Gabriel W Loh
Programs Committee Chair
CSHP-BC Branch



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Fundraising Update

I would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions for 2008. 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 2009! I would like to thank those corporate sponsors that have already donated for 2009 with contributions secured by March 31st. 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. Below are our current 2009 sponsors:

Major Benefactors (\$3500 or more)

Sandoz Canada Inc.
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For more fundraising information, or if anyone has fundraising ideas, please contact me at Chelsea.Argent@fraserhealth.ca

Chelsea Argent, BScPharm, ACPR
Fundraising Chairperson



CSHP-BC Branch Awards Announcements

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

CSHP Future Professional Student Award –April Chan

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.

April is an active member of both professional pharmacy organizations (CSHP, CAPSI, IPSF) as well community volunteer initiatives (Canadian Diabetes Association, St. John's Ambulance, Health Sciences Student Association) Among her many accomplishments, she was selected as one of the three pharmacy students worldwide for the International Pharmacy Students' Federation Internship. April also participated in last year's IPSF World Congress in Taiwan as a speaker. Through the BC chapter of the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Student, she helped establish a diabetes education program for children. Her most recent appointment as CSHP National Student Delegate will most definitely ensure that she continues to advocate her passion for pharmacy.

April will receive complimentary registration and \$500 to attend the CSHP Western Branches Banff seminar where she will be presented a plaque for her achievement! Congratulations April!

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

Karen Dahri, Vancouver General Hospital

Sean Spina, Royal Jubilee Hospital

Janice Munro, Fraser Health Authority

Vanessa Paquette, BC Children and Women's Hospital

Four separate cash awards of \$500 each is awarded to four different recipients to help pharmacists attend pharmacy related conferences, programs and educational seminars that hospitals may not normally be able to fund. Congratulations to our winners!

Upcoming Awards Deadline

Pharmacy Awareness Week Award

Description: The purpose of this award is to recognize a hospital pharmacy department's Pharmacy Awareness Week campaign.

Eligibility/Deadline: All hospital pharmacy departments in BC with active members of the CSHP-BC branch are eligible for this award. Deadline for submissions is April 30, 2009.

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BC CSHP will be announcing an exciting new award! Look forward to hearing announcement in the next few weeks!

We are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers to help us form the new awards committee. If you're interested, please contact me bccshpaward@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from all of you!

Maggie Chui
CSHP-BC Branch Awards Chair 2009-2010

Professional Malpractice Liability Insurance

Dear Member,

Need professional malpractice liability insurance?

Are you aware that CSHP provides coverage for professional malpractice liability insurance for services rendered as a pharmacist? We are pleased to provide this coverage through the company, Totten Group Insurance. You can read more about Totten Group by visiting www.tottengroup.com.

Professional services covered, include the professional liability of pharmacists rendering services both inside and outside the hospital setting, including but not limited to prescribing authority, public speaking, task force and committees, development of position papers, community practice, consulting, and medication consulting (clients, friends & family).

For information on how to apply, please visit the CSHP website at http://www.cshp.ca/membership/liabilityInsurance_e.asp#FAQ

Coverage Highlights:

- Broad professional services definition to cover work performed in a hospital setting or community practice. Those services rendered by the Insured, while acting within the scope of the Insured's duties as a pharmacist, including but not limited to public speaking, task force and committees, development of position papers, community practice, consulting, medication counseling.
- Claims made policy.
- Disciplinary hearing limit and criminal defence cost reimbursement (if found not guilty) inclusive: \$50,000 per occurrence, \$100,000 annual aggregate.

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- Broad definition of Insured including any present or former employee of named practitioner or student acting under direct supervision (during the policy period).
- Extended reporting period available for up to 3 years for future claims reported after retirement or policy non-renewal.

NOTE: It is important to know that if a **new application** is received between April 1st, 2009 through June 30, 2009 it will apply towards the current year and expire on June 30, 2009 (reasoning for the 40% discount on the premiums). Renewal forms will be sent in the coming months to all new and existing policy holders for the year, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

Commercial general liability is available, and the premiums are pro-rated as well for those joining April 1st through June the 30th 2009. Visit the CSHP website for more details.

Professional Liability Premiums		
Limit	Premium	*Pro-rated Premiums (40% reduction)
\$1,000,000 per claim / \$1,000,000 aggregate	\$150	\$90
\$2,000,000 per claim / \$2,000,000 aggregate	\$175	\$105
\$2,000,000 per claim / \$4,000,000 aggregate (OCP mandatory)	\$200	\$120

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