

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch



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Membership News



As of June 1, 2006 the CSHP BC Branch has 380 members! Thank-you for your continued support of CSHP!

The 2006-2007 membership year started June 1. We would like to remind you to renew your membership if you have not already done so! We will be announcing the winners of the early bird prizes for \$400 educational funding in the fall newsletter.

Encourage a new member to join CSHP and you'll be rewarded with a \$5 or \$10 coupon for CSHP events or publications. Remember, new Active members are eligible to participate in our "New Member" program. New Active members pay only 50% of the membership fee in 2006 and 75% in 2007.

If you have any questions about membership benefits or fees or promoting CSHP membership, please visit our website at <http://www.cshp-bc.com> or contact your Membership Chairperson, Jennifer Kendrick, at jkendrick@cw.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kendrick
Memberships Chairperson
CSHP BC Branch

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Message from the President



As summer approaches, it marks the half way milestone for this year's council. There are some success stories to tell and some worries to share.

We have had an extremely successful year under the leadership of our Programs Chair, Harjinder Parwana. The Programs Committee is to be commended on their hard work in organizing The Spring Therapeutics CE events as well as the Residency Night held on April 3rd, 2006 and May 31st, 2006 respectively. The BC Branch would like to extend our congratulations to the residents and preceptors for their hard work.

We continue to work on recruitment and we know we will be successful. At the STU event, Dr. Dason Chua highlighted the work and responsibilities of the treasurer on council while Ms Denise Sprague highlighted the work of the secretary. We will continue to communicate with members about these positions, which will be up for running at the next AGM. Along with the Secretary and the Treasurer, the National Delegate, the Programs Committee Chair and the President Elect will also be available. Start thinking now....

We continue to advocate for hospital pharmacists. Nationally, Dr. Dawn Dalen has been actively participating on the National Advocacy Committee. Locally, it has been my pleasure to be able to attend and participate at the College of Pharmacists of B.C.'s Strategic Planning workshop. CSHP, along with UBC and BCPHA will be communicating the value of pharmacists and the importance of clinical services in order to optimize patient safety.

We continue to focus on fundraising for the BC Branch, but financially, the *red light* is on. Some of you may know that the costs of renting hotels to conduct our continuing educational events are rising. Whereas the manufacturers' merging is increasing, our sponsorships, due to the merging, are decreasing. This has major impact on our abilities to provide CE events in luxurious Vancouver hotels. The BC Branch council has to reconcile the financial situation in order to maintain all our activities. At the May council meeting, we made a motion to charge a nominal fee to all the health authorities to post any jobs on our website. This is the beginning of some of our fundraising initiatives. If you have any ideas for fund raising, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As you see, we continue to work hard towards achieving our goals for the year. Summer means vacations to many of us and it's also time to take a break for the hardworking and dedicating bunch of executives. We hope you will also be able to take a break from your work as well and enjoy some fun and sun! So, until next time....

Sincerely yours,

Anita Lo
President
CSHP BC Branch



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National Delegate's Report

I will be representing BC at the next CSHP National Council meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in August in Montreal. As there's not much to report from National until after the Aug Council meeting, I thought that I would use this opportunity to let you know a bit about the role of the BC delegate. In the fall, there will be a call for nominations to elect a new BC Delegate.

Role

The Delegate is elected by Branch as the representative to the CSHP National Council. The Branch Delegate is a voting member of both the BC Branch and National Councils and wears two hats that may appear in conflict at times. While at the National Council table, the provincial Delegates present Branch issues and views but are expected to keep the best interests of the national organization foremost in mind when voting on the issues. Back at home, the Branch Delegate is the primary liaison for communicating National's strategic direction, goals/actions and activities to the Branch Council and members.

Term

The Branch Delegate is elected in November 2006 at the BC Branch AGM for a 3 year term that begins at the National AGM the following August. While this seems like a long lead time, it could be an opportunity to learn more about the Branch activities before attending the National Council meeting in August.

Time Commitment and Travel

The time commitment for the Branch Delegate varies throughout the year and is heaviest around the time of the two National Council meetings. The Delegate travels to both Council meetings which are generally held over 2 days.

- The Midterm Council Meeting is held in March in Ottawa (brrr!). A day of travel time is required to get to Ottawa for the two-day Midterm Council Meeting which is held on a Sat/Sun.
- The summer Council meeting is held in conjunction with the National AGM. Plan about a week total for travel time, Council meetings, the AGM and its related educational and fun events.

The Delegate also attends BC Branch Council meetings (approx 2h per month except summer). Reports, email correspondence or document reviews may require a couple of hours per month.

Rewards

The rewards of being Branch Delegate are innumerable! During my term as delegate, I've met dozens of hospital pharmacists in all kinds of practices from across Canada, heard new and interesting views and engaged in lively debates on issues affecting our profession and had a lot of fun! My experience has been that the rewards are far greater than the amount of volunteer time and effort required to be Delegate.

For the complete Terms of Reference for the BC Delegate, click:

<http://www.cshp-bc.com/branchman/delegate.html>.

If you would like more information or are interested in this position, please contact me at Sharon_Clark@shaw.ca

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Clark
National Delegate
CSHP BC Branch



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Programs Committee 2006 Continuing Education Events

The 2006 Programs Committee is pleased to report that we have had two very successful events this year!

The Spring Therapeutics Update (April 3rd, 2006) was a success at the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown in Burnaby. Dr. Sheri Koshman, Dr. Marianna Leung and Anar Dossa provided an update in heart failure, an overview of new treatments in neuropathic pain and new trends in diabetes management, which were well-received by our members.

To provide our members with an understanding of the costs of organizing these high quality events we have provided the cost summary from this year's Spring Therapeutics Update and a chapter event for review in the treasurer's report. In an effort to continue to provide quality continuing education services to our members, we conducted a brief survey at this event to enquire about what fee members would be willing to pay to attend our events. The majority of members responded by saying they would be willing to pay \$20 to attend such an event. This new fee will be implemented next year to help offset the increasing costs associated with these events.

At the Residency Presentation Night (May 31st, 2006) held at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver, our hospital pharmacy residents did an excellent job at showcasing their research projects, while exercising their presentation skills. Congratulations to all of them!

For the fall, our committee is working diligently to plan another two outstanding events:

Clinical Symposium, University Golf Club, Vancouver, BC

Saturday September 16, 2006

We have confirmed the following topics:

- A General Approach to HIV Care for the Everyday Pharmacist
- Management of Acute Agitation and Delirium: Are Atypical Antipsychotics just along for the RIDE?
- Medication Management Program: Home visits by Pharmacists
- Advances in Antithrombotic Therapy
- Community acquired MRSA

Annual General Meeting, Sheraton Wall Centre, Vancouver, BC

Friday November 24 to Saturday November 25, 2006

An evening and full day of education sessions, satellite symposia, pharmaceutical manufacturer displays, and a business meeting. Our largest event of the year!

As always, if you have any suggestions for a presentation topic or if you are aware of any speakers that may be interested in presenting at our events, please feel free to contact me at (604) 875-4111 ext. 54077 or at Harjinder.Parwana@vch.ca. We are always searching for new and dynamic presenters.

Mark your calendars and I hope to see you at our Continuing Education events!

Harjinder Parwana
Programs Committee Chairperson
CSHP BC Branch

For the latest information on our events, visit <http://www.cshp-bc.com/events/index.html>



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Treasurer's Report

The Programs Committee and Chapter Chairs have done a spectacular job in organizing two recent Continuing Education Events – Interior Chapter Chat held at Vernon Jubilee Hospital on March 3 2006 and Clinical Symposium held at the Hilton Metrotown April 3 2006. Below is the summary of the event's financial totals:

Interior Health Chapter Chat Vernon Jubilee Hospital		Clinical Symposium Hilton Metrotown	
<u>Income</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Branch Contribution	750.00	Fees at door	167.01
<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Speaker Travel Expenses	461.34	Hotel Venue (including catering)	4311.83
Honorarium Gifts	250.92	Speaker Honorarium	600.00
		Speaker Travel Expenses	305.13
		Photocopying	311.50
		Stationary	4.59
Net Expenses	<u>712.26</u>	Net Expenses	<u>5533.05</u>
Net	<u>37.74</u>	Net	<u>(5366.04)</u>

Did you know Major Benefactors have their corporate logo displayed on our website with a direct link to their corporatThe Programs Committee, Programs Chair, Chapter Chairs, Fundraising Chair and Treasurer work collaboratively to provide high quality events for CSHP BC Branch Members while ensuring fiscal viability.

Thanks for all their hard work!

Doson Chua
Treasurer
CSHP BC Branch



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CSHP-BC Branch Awards Announcements

CSHP-BC Branch Pharm.D. Award Winner

The BC Branch of CSHP is pleased to announce that the winner of the Pharm.D. Award for 2006 is **Gabriel Loh**.

This award is given to the second-year Pharm.D. student at the University of British Columbia (UBC) with the highest academic standing in Pharmacy 501 – Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics. The award is presented upon recommendation of the UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Students, and will remain on the winner's academic transcript. The award consists of a \$1000 cash award and an engraved plaque.

Congratulations Gabriel!

Pharmacy Awareness Week Award Winner

Ridge Meadows Hospital

The pharmacy department at Ridge Meadows joined together to promote the pharmacy profession during Pharmacy Awareness Week 2006 using a "two-pronged" campaign approach. The first was directed to promoting the profession to hospital staff and the second, to patients, and visitors throughout the hospital. See their display here: <http://www.cshp-bc.com/Awards/awards.htm#PAW>

Activities included in the "hospital staff" education campaign included:

- Sending an informative e-mail regarding PAW to all Ridge Meadows hospital employees.
- Jelly bean guessing contest
- A "Get to Know your Pharmacy Staff" quiz set up in the cafeteria with prizes awarded to the 5 respondents with the highest number of correct answers.

Activities included in the "public" education campaign included:

- A booth set up in the main foyer of the hospital where a pharmacist and 4th year pharmacy student were present to answer questions.
- Handing out BC HealthGuides, BC Nurseline fridge magnets and brochures.
- Providing the public with a list of informative health-related websites.
- A "How well do you know your drugs" quiz.
- A display entitled "Rx for Care" where pharmacists signed and handed out prescriptions reading:
 - o Eat healthy. Follow Canada's Healthy Food guide
 - o Exercise regularly. Follow Canada's Physical Activity guide
 - o Speak to your pharmacist. Ask us questions. We'll give you answers and more.

PAW 2006 was definitely a team effort by the Ridge Meadows Hospital Pharmacy department. Throughout the campaign the department was able to demonstrate that pharmacists are strong advocates for health, valuable resources of information, and important members of the health care team.

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Upcoming CSHP-BC Branch Awards

The Awards Committee of the BC Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists is pleased to announce that several branch and national awards are available. Members are encouraged to review eligibility criteria and consider submitting applications and nominations where applicable. Details for the following awards can be viewed, and on-line applications/nominations can be submitted, at <http://www.cshp-bc.com/Awards/awards.htm>

Distinguished Service Award

This award will be presented to a BC Branch CSHP member in recognition of outstanding achievement and long-term service to the practice of hospital pharmacy. The award consists of a \$1500 prize, a plaque, and the Branch will make a donation of \$500 in the recipient's name to the Research Foundation of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Deadline for submissions: **August 31, 2006**

Pharmacy Practice Award

This award is presented annually to the CSHP member(s) with the best poster at the Clinical Symposium. The "Call for Abstracts" and criteria for abstract submission are published in this newsletter. The award consists of \$250 and an engraved plaque. Deadline for submission: **August 18, 2006**

Maria Machado Memorial Education Program Award

This award is presented to a BC hospital pharmacy department to implement or further expand a patient education program. A letter of support from the Pharmacy Director must accompany the submission. The award consists of a certificate and \$250 and for continued support of the program. Deadline for submissions: **August 31, 2006**

Publication Award

Any CSHP BC Branch member whose article has been published or accepted for publication in the past year is eligible for this award. There are two categories for submissions: Original Research and Review Articles. The award will consist of an engraved plaque(s) and a single cash award of \$250 to the submitting authors who are CSHP BC Branch members. Coauthors who are not CSHP BC Branch members will be awarded a paper certificate. Deadline for submissions: **August 31, 2006**

Pharmacy Practice Residency Award

This is awarded to two BC hospital pharmacy residents with the best major projects. Please see Residency **Coordinator** for details. Deadline for submissions: **August 31, 2006**

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Tulloch
Awards Committee Chairperson
CSHP-BC Branch



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Message from the Past President

Pharmacist Shortage Report

This will perhaps be my last communiqué to all of you as a BC branch executive. It has been three wonderful years. In this last mail, I would like to share with you the result of our 2005 Pharmacist shortage survey.

In 2005, CSHP-BC Branch conducted a survey of hospital pharmacy directors/site coordinators to determine the extent of the hospital pharmacist shortage and compare the results to the survey conducted in 2000 and 2003. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those of you who returned the survey - thank you.

I have tabulated and summarized the survey result in an easy reading 3 page report plus appendices. I hope you will find time to read it. Previous survey results are also post in the BC Branch website: <http://www.cshp-bc.com/publications.htm>

The survey was completed late March during the contract negotiation. However, for various reasons, perhaps apparent to some of you after reading the report, the results were not shared until now, my apologies.

The report will also be circulated to the College of Pharmacists of BC, BC Pharmacy Association, Health Sciences Association (HSA), Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC), UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and CSHP National.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul Cheng
Past President
CSHP BC Branch

