

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2008



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It's that time of year again!

It is time to renew your CSHP Membership! The new membership year begins on **July 1, 2008**.

Please continue to support CSHP, which provides a voice for hospital pharmacists across Canada. In addition to a strong **advocacy** program, CSHP membership confers other useful benefits, including discounted admission to **continuing education events**, eligibility to our award program, and premiums on our professional liability/ malpractice insurance plan.

Membership discounts apply to new members (first 2 years), undergraduate and postgraduate students, retirees, those on a leave of absence, and to CSHP members who reside at the same address.

Renew by June 23 to be eligible for the **Early Bird Renewal Prizes**, including a 1GB iPod Shuffle, Cineplex Theatres Night Out Package, and complimentary registration to AGM 2008 in Saint John, New Brunswick!

To renew, please fax or mail the renewal form, found online at cshp.ca, or in the recent mail-out. If you have not received your renewal package in the mail, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Have a great summer,

Beth Crossman, BC Branch Membership Chair



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Presidents Message

It is with pleasure that I bring you summertime greetings and an update on behalf of your CSHP BC Branch Council!

Since our spring newsletter, we have been fortunate to have two additions to our Council. Natasha Rajan, a third year UBC Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences student has joined us as your Junior Student Membership Coordinator and Caitlin Olatunbosun, a clinical pharmacist at St. Paul's Hospital, is your Advocacy Representative. With these positions filled, we have had a fully functioning and highly capable council committed to being the voice of hospital pharmacists in BC. We have had five meetings since our AGM and made several advances such as:

- The creation of 2 new awards (Meritorious Service Award and the Mentorship Award)
- Expansion the Hospital Participant Award to 3 categories
- Several significant updates to our website (thanks to Zahra Kanji and Jennifer Tam)
- Advocated for changes to the College of Pharmacists PDAP program
- Started planning for the National AGM – which will be in Vancouver in 2011!

We continue to be on budget and have seen 2 excellent events organized by our outstanding Programs Committee (Chaired by our very pregnant, Karen Dahri). As well, the Interior Chapter and Fraser Valley Chapter have both held very successful educational sessions. Attendance at these events has been great and much appreciated!

Your council has been working hard to advocate on your behalf to expand the pharmacists' scope of practice. I had the privilege of representing our group at a couple meetings - one with the Ministry of Health (in regards to pharmacist initiated prescription renewals) and the other with the Canadian Pharmacists' Association (for a forum on the Blueprint Document). As announced in the recent throne speech, it is evident that our scope of practice will undoubtedly expand. The College of Pharmacists of BC is currently working on a process for prescription renewals. BC Branch of CSHP plans to continue working with regulatory and advocacy groups in BC to help promote the clinical practices of hospital pharmacists.

For those looking to get more involved in CSHP activities, this November's AGM is your chance! We will have several vital council positions become vacant such as: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs and Sponsorship Chairpersons (to name a few)...if you want more information on these positions, please feel free to contact a Council member or check out our website.

As we move into what promises to be a great summer, I was recently reminded of the below conversation between a person and God...I thought I'd pass it on for what its worth...A person asked god **"What surprises you most about mankind"**

God replied, "They lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. By thinking anxiously about future they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor for the future. They will live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived."

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If you have any comments, questions, words of advice or praise, money that you think you owe me, I would love to hear from you! My email address is adil.virani@fraserhealth.ca. Lastly, please remember to visit our new and improved website at: www.cshp-bc.com.

Sincerely,
Adil Virani
President
CSHP-BC Branch

Mentorship Program 2008-2009 Call for Mentors

Another academic year is over! Although students are now free to enjoy their summer, soon it will be September and with the influx of new pharmacy students also comes an increased interest in hospital pharmacy and student CSHP memberships.

One of the main benefits of a student membership is the Mentorship program. This program is designed to increase student awareness of the aspects of hospital pharmacy practice including the many roles of the clinical pharmacist, the pharmacy technician, the medication distribution system, clinical researchers, and pharmacy administrators. This is achieved by pairing up UBC pharmacy students with pharmacist mentors who together can arrange subsequent hospital visitations based on their mutually agreed upon schedules. As part of the program, a job shadowing session is suggested where the student can be exposed to the daily activities of the mentor. The scheduled sessions could range from half a day to up to a week of contact over the course of the year (depending on the learning objectives of the student and the availability of the mentor). Suggested activities and goals are outlined with respect to the student's academic pharmacy year.

For this program to be successful, we need the help and support of hospital pharmacists who are willing to act as mentors to help promote our profession and hospital practice to the pharmacy students. We would love to include pharmacists who are involved in distribution services, clinical services, specialized clinical areas, drug utilization evaluation, administration, and other facets of hospital pharmacy practice.

If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more about the program, please visit the BC Branch webpage at <http://www.cshp-bc.com> or email cshpstudentcoordinator@gmail.com.

Note: If you were a mentor last year and are interested in continuing, please re-register.

Thank you for your consideration,

Natasha Rajan
B.Sc. (Pharm.) 2010 Candidate – UBC
Junior Student Membership Coordinator
CSHP– BC Branch

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B.Sc. (Pharm.) 2009 Candidate – UBC
Senior Student Membership Coordinator
CSHP– BC Branch

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Programs and Fundraising Update

The first half of 2008 has seen the completion of two successful education events.

Spring Therapeutics Update was held at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond on April 14th and was well received by all in attendance. Drs Fawziah Marra, Dawn Warkentin, and Wendy Gordon provided excellent updates on the HPV vaccine, antifungal guidelines, and the new class of direct renin inhibitors.

Residency Presentation Night took place May 21st at the Chan Centre in Vancouver. Congratulations to all the 24 residents who did an excellent job showcasing the research that they had worked hard on all year!

The Programs Committee has two more exciting education events scheduled for 2008.

Clinical Symposium, Italian Cultural Center, Vancouver, BC Wednesday September 24th, 2008

We will be back at the Italian Cultural Center on Grandview Highway this year with an exciting line-up of speakers scheduled. Dr. Erica Greanya will be presenting an overview of transplant pharmacotherapy, Dr. Sue Corrigan will be giving us an update on what's new in the field of psychiatry and Dr. Gabriel Loh will be reviewing the new HAP/VAP guidelines.

2008 Annual General Meeting, Morris J Wosk Center for Dialogue, Vancouver, BC November 21st and 22nd, 2008

Our largest event of the year – a full evening and day of educational events, satellite symposium, manufacturer exhibits, mentoring/networking opportunities and the CSHP BC Branch AGM. We are pleased this year to welcome back the College of Pharmacists of British Columbia and the BC Pharmacy Association who will be holding their AGMs in conjunction with CSHP. We have worked hard to put together a diverse group of presenters for this event. Stay tuned for more information as the date draws closer.

If you have any suggestions on speakers, topics or ideas on how to improve these events feel free to e-mail me at Karen.Dahri@vch.ca with your comments.

It is through our sponsors' generous support that we can provide our educational events. Thank you to our sponsors who have contributed to date in 2008 (listed below). The most up to date sponsorship information is available 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. Major benefactors also receive a complimentary AGM booth for 2008. We will be approaching companies and organizations to participate in our display booth sessions at this year's AGM soon.

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We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Karen Dahri, PharmD
Programs Committee Chairperson

Susan Buchkowsky, PharmD
Fundraising Chairperson



News from the Awards Chair



I am pleased to announce the winners of the random draw for the Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada Travel Award: **James Conklin, Rumi Pattar, Vincent Mabasa** and **Anita Lo**. Each winner will receive \$500 toward registration and travel expenses to attend an educational event relevant to his/her pharmacy practice. Congratulations!

I am also pleased to inform you that **Kelowna General Hospital** is the recipient of the 2008 CSHP-BC Branch Pharmacy Awareness Week Award. This award is given to a B.C. hospital pharmacy department, which displays the most impressive Pharmacy Awareness Week campaign. Please visit the CSHP BC Branch website to view their entry. Honorable mention goes to all our other applicants who also put up very impressive programs: Burnaby Hospital, Lion's Gate Hospital, Ridge Meadows Hospital, Royal Inland Hospital and Surrey Memorial Hospital.

Jennifer Bolt is the winner of the BC Branch Doctor of Pharmacy Award this year. This award is given to a second year Pharm.D. student at the University of British Columbia with the highest academic standing in Pharmacy 501. Congratulations Jennifer!

The **Hospital Participation Award** has now been changed from "small" and "large size" hospital to "small" (1-9.99 FTE), "medium" (10 -19.99 FTE) and "large" (20 FTE & over). We encourage all our members to attend as many CSHP BC Branch events as possible. Your hospital may win a plaque at the AGM!

To recognize the outstanding contributions of our members, we are seeking nominations for the following CSHP BC Branch Awards:

- **Distinguished service award**
- **Publication awards**
- **Maria Machado Memorial Education Program Award**
- **Pharmacy Practice Residency Award**

This year, we are pleased to announce the addition of two NEW awards:

- **BC BRANCH MENTORSHIP AWARD:** to recognize members who have made significant contributions to the profession of pharmacy through teaching or mentorship in hospital practice. The award will consist of a plaque and cash prize of \$300.

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- **BC BRANCH MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD:** to recognize members who have made exceptional contributions to the BC Branch and chapters through voluntary services and activities. The award will consist of a plaque and a cash prize of \$500.

The deadlines for all the above awards is August 31st, 2008. The CSHP BC Branch website will be updated soon; please refer to it for further details on eligibility and selection criteria.

Last, but not least, *we are recruiting volunteers* for award appraisals. If interested, please submit your names to me via email at anisha.lakhani@fraserhealth.ca.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Anisha Lakhani, BScPharm, PharmD
Awards Committee Chairperson

	Annual General Meeting		Spring Therapeutics Update		Residency Presentation Night	
	2006	2007	2007	2008	2007	2008
REVENUES						
Program Registration	7,015.00	7,730.00	220.00	955.00	420.00	Pending
Booth Registration	7,150.00	7,375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Others		1,475.25				
TOTAL	<u>14,165.00</u>	<u>16,580.25</u>	<u>220.00</u>	<u>955.00</u>	<u>420.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Program Costs	13,108.19	20,806.70	4,976.03	3,321.20	4,505.88	3,067.13
Program Costs (Honorium)	2,419.12	2,671.10	400.00	550.00	0.00	0.00
Prizes	1,327.85	1,241.23				
TOTAL	<u>16,855.16</u>	<u>24,719.03</u>	<u>5,376.03</u>	<u>3,871.20</u>	<u>4,505.88</u>	<u>3,067.13</u>

Submitted by Vincent Mabasa
Treasurer

