

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch



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Vision 2006: A revitalized society...The influential voice for hospital pharmacy...Inspiring and supporting our members

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President's Message

Summer days are finally over and Vancouver once again has slipped into the dreary wet fall; ironically, a season that I have learnt to appreciate. It is difficult to believe that my term as the president of the BC branch is nearing the end. Ronald Reagan in his farewell speech before he left office described farewell was such a 'sweet sorrow'. Although I have similar feelings, please do not mistake me as a conservative; a liberal's nightmare. As I pen the last message to you all, I will really miss the opportunities to represent hospital pharmacists but I will reclaim all the weeknights from meetings. Oh, how sweet it is not to spend Saturday night tabulating surveys and writing memos.

Our executive team had accomplished much this year and we will review fruits of our labor with you at the BC branch AGM. The AGM will take place at the Wall center this year on Nov 25 and 26. I am hoping to see most of you there. This year's AGM heralds a new beginning of pharmacy collaboration. Both the BC Pharmacists Association and the College of Pharmacists of BC's Annual General Meeting will be held on the same day as the BC Branch's. It will be like a family get together; warm and fuzzy.

In the last newsletter, I shared with you the branch 2005 objectives which were developed from a membership survey and by a past president task group. Thanks to all the hard work from council executives, most of the objectives were

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accomplished. We created a budget for the branch; an annual expenditure of close to \$70,000. A fund raising chair was also developed and the position would be trialed for the next 6 months. This individual is responsible to generate enough resource for the smooth operation of the branch. Jing-Yi Ng, a long time program committee member was appointed to the position and she had been working in partnership with Tim Lau, our program committee chair, to review some of the program's funding structure. Once she secures the needs of the main branch, she would then assist the various chapters' fund raising as well. Due to the many organizational structural changes within the health authorities and drug manufacturers, it is increasingly difficult for various chapter chairs to fund raise.

One last objective remaining that I would like to embark on is 'to dialogue with the Health Science Association regarding pharmacist shortages and representation in contract negotiation'. The executives will revise the Pharmacist Shortage Surveys which were previously completed by Tammy Coderre-Kells in 2001 and Terryn Neumann in 2003. A questionnaire was sent to various Health Authorities' Pharmacy Directors. I want to thank all the pharmacy directors and managers in advance for assisting us in completing the questionnaire. Council has also developed a position statement on the Pharmacist shortage crisis. While BC branch cannot be seen as self serving in the negotiation on the wage issue, we believe the severe pharmacist shortages have a significant negative impact on pharmacists delivering standard patient care. One of our positions is to advocate the importance of the residency program and the increased knowledge it brings to the profession. We urge both the employer and the union to provide resources in the next contract to increase the supply of hospital pharmacists through the expansion of the Residency Program from 20 to 30 seats with appropriate resources to support the increased capacity. We will be sharing the position statements with you once they have been approved by council. With the completion of the survey, we are hoping to meet with both the Union and the Employer's Association to discuss this very important issue.

There are indeed many issues but there is so little time. The council will carry on next year under the direction of Dr. Anita Lo and I am sure it will operate as efficient as ever. I want to urge all those who wish to help by volunteering or by running for office to come forward. The BC branch is only as good as its members.

I would like to thank 2005 BC branch executives in all their hard work to bring together a very wonderful year.

Farewell.

Paul Cheng. Fall 2005



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Programs Committee 2005 Continuing Education Events

The 2005 Programs Committee is pleased to report that we have had three very successful events this year!

Our final event of the year is the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is our largest event! There will be an evening and full day of education sessions, pharmaceutical manufacturer displays, satellite symposia, and a business lunch meeting. This year, the College of Pharmacists of BC's AGM and the BC Pharmacy Association AGM will also be held after our event. The details are as follows:

CSHP BC Branch Annual General Meeting
Sheraton Wall Centre
1088 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC
(604) 331-1000

AGM Program Details

Friday November 25, 2005

- 1830-1930 **Manufacturers' Exhibits & Reception**
1930-2100 **PANEL DISCUSSION**
"Pharmacy Regionalization: Visions, Opportunities, & Challenges"
Dr. Robin Ensom, Dr. Kevin Hall, Ms. Norma Malanowich, Mr. Bob Nakagawa
Moderator: Mr. Marshall Moleschi
2100-2230 **Manufacturers' Exhibits, Reception, & Door Prizes**

Saturday, November 26, 2005

- 0800-0845 **Manufacturers Exhibits & Continental Breakfast**
0845-0900 **Welcome and Greetings from the Dean**
0900-0945 **"Influenza Pandemic"**
- Dr. Fawziah Marra
0945-1030 **"Pharmacy Practice in 2005: Trials and Topics We Loved, Leered, and Left Behind"**
- Dr. Erica Greanya
1030-1115 **Manufacturers' Exhibits**
1115-1200 **"Osteoporosis...for Everyone"**
- Dr. Kerry Wilbur
1200-1330 **Lunch - CSHP BC Branch Annual General Meeting, Poster Awards, & Door Prizes**
1330-1410 **"My Patient had a Seizure: These are my Dilemmas..."**
- Dr. Patricia Gerber
1410-1450 **"Aminoglycosides: Is the Evidence Still Falling on Deaf Ears?"**
- Dr. James P. McCormack
1450-1500 **Closing Remarks**
1500-1600 **College of Pharmacists of BC Annual General Meeting**
1600-1700 **BC Pharmacy Association Annual General Meeting**
1700-1900 **Wine & Cheese Reception**

For registration information, please visit our website at www.cshp-bc.com.

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I would like to thank the members of the 2005 Programs Committee for their dedication and contributions! It is through their hard work that we are able to provide these high-calibre continuing education events!

Our committee members include Elaine Cheng, Paul Cheng, Elaine Chong, Sue Corrigan, Ivy Chow, Karen Dahri, Anne Dar Santos, Jane Day, Fong Huynh, Vivian Leung, Melissa Lo, Gabriel Loh, Vincent Mabasa, Tania Mysak, Jing-Yi Ng, Harjinder Parwana, and Gloria Tsang.

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. 63361 or at Tim.Lau@vch.ca. We are always searching for new and dynamic presenters. Mark your calendars and I will see you at our AGM!

Tim T.Y. Lau, Pharm.D.
CSHP BC Branch Programs Committee Chairperson

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CSHP-BC Branch Awards Announcement

CSHP-BC Branch Residency Award

Tina Hara

This award is presented to the British Columbia Hospital Pharmacy Resident who demonstrates the highest standing among their peers at the conclusion of the residency program. The winner must achieve the highest cumulative score in a number of categories, including a clinical oral assessment, project presentation, case report synopsis, and final evaluation.

The award consists of an engraved individual plaque and \$1000.

The BC-Branch of CSHP is pleased to announce the winner of the CSHP-BC Branch Residency Award for 2005 is Tina Hara.

Karen Tulloch
CSHP BC Branch Awards Committee Chairperson

BC Branch Membership

The BC Branch currently has 304 members for the 2005/06 membership year. Winners of the membership incentive prizes will be announced at the BC Branch AGM in November.

We hope that you continue to take advantage of the many benefits of your CSHP membership:

- Discounts on registration to CSHP events
- Subscription to CJHP, BC Branch newsletter, Employment Opportunities Bulletin, and the Medical Letter
- Discounts on other CSHP and ASHP publications
- Eligibility for Branch and National awards
- Opportunity to participate in Pharmacy Specialty Networks
- Opportunity to participate in the BC Branch Mentorship Program

Remember there are special membership rates for students, new graduates of a pharmacy undergraduate program, retired members, and joint members. First-time active members may take advantage of the New Member Program and pay 50% of the national fee in the 1st year and 75% of the national fee in the 2nd year (plus applicable GST).

If you encourage someone to become a CSHP member, you can receive a \$10 coupon (\$5 for students) for CSHP events, publications, or next year's membership fees!

If you would like more information, please contact me at jkendrick@cw.bc.ca.

Jennifer Kendrick
CSHP BC Branch Membership Chairperson

