

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch



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President's Message

Welcome! I am pleased and honored to report to you for the first time as President of CSHP BC Branch. We are already in the midst of planning another innovative and exciting year at the BC Branch. Firstly, I would like to thank our outgoing President, Peter Zed, for all of his dedication and hard work in 2001, including tabulating and summarizing the results of the CSHP BC Branch Membership Survey, which can be viewed in full form on the website. I would like to welcome several incoming executive council members to their first full year with the BC Branch including Terryn Naumann (President Elect), Leela John (Programs Chairperson), and Sherry Coutts (National Delegate). I would also like to welcome our newly appointed members: Colette Raymond (Awards Chairperson), Alan Low (Membership Chairperson); and our new student members, Vincent Mabasa (Student Membership Coordinator), Janet Smith (Chief Resident), Titus Wong (PhUS Representative), and Linda Jang (CAPSI Representative). I am looking forward to working with everyone to make 2002 a successful year for the BC Branch.

Some of our goals this year include responding to member feedback from the BC Branch Membership Survey, promoting CSHP Membership to retain current members and recruit new members, maintaining high quality continuing education (CE) events, including Chapter CE events, and promoting and expanding the role of the BC Branch as lobby group for hospital pharmacists. In an attempt to meet these goals, the new executive has already had several meetings, including our annual Strategic Planning Meeting, and many initiatives are already underway. In response to the survey, we will keep CSHP BC Branch Membership fees the lowest of any Branch in Canada by waiving the Branch Fee.

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Alan Low is in the midst of finalizing a membership drive to target all hospital pharmacists in March, and new issues of the Medical Letter are on the way. Watch for early renewal and new member draws during our membership drive! We continue to encourage and promote CSHP to Pharmacy Students via our Student Lecture Series at UBC, with draws for registration at BC Branch events.

Continuing education remains a top priority at the BC Branch throughout the province, and we have four Chapter Chairs in place for the Fraser Valley (Martin Emig), Vancouver Island (Richard Bachand), Okanagan (Donna Buna), and Northern Region (Dana Cole). We are planning on hosting CE events in all of our Chapter regions this year. The Programs Committee continues to work on fundraising and has finalized the Spring Therapeutics Update for Monday, April 8th at the Radisson Hotel in Burnaby. Online registration is up and running at www.cshp-bc.com. Register early to guarantee your spot as this event did sell out last year! Due to conflicts with hotel bookings and changes in booking policies, Residency Presentation Night will be moved to Wednesday, May 8th this year at the Hyatt Regency, and the BC Branch Annual General Meeting may have to be held at a new venue in November. Please keep an eye on the website or contact your local CSHP Chapter Chair for details of our 2002 CE events.

We continue to strive to promote hospital pharmacy provincially and nationally. The BC Branch has a representative on the new Advanced Practitioner Credentialing Committee at the College of Pharmacists (Paul Filiatrault) who is keeping us abreast of developments and representing us in this area. At the national level, a position statement and information paper was recently released by CSHP National on the "Role of the Pharmacy Technician," and a similar information paper on the "Role of Pharmacist in Prescribing within a Health Care Facility" was released at the PPC in Toronto in February. This document will be published shortly in CJHP, and will also be promoted at the BC Branch level.

The BC Branch council, committee, and chapter members are volunteers committed to providing innovative services and support for our members in striving for **Vision 2003**, "Setting the course, partnering with patients, striving for excellence." Please do not hesitate to contact me with any suggestions or feedback throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Therapeutics Update in April!

Richard S. Slavik, B.Sc.(Pharm.), Pharm.D.
President and Vision Liaison,
Programs Committee Member,
CSHP BC Branch

CSHP National AGM Comes to Vancouver

This year's Annual General Meeting of CSHP National will be held in Vancouver from August 10-13th at the Westin Bayshore Hotel. As this meeting only comes to B.C. once every 8-10 years, this is a unique opportunity to attend this event which includes three days of educational sessions and the annual general meeting of your organization. A local Host Committee is planning social events to complement the program, the feature being a salmon barbeque and evening at the beautiful Museum of Anthropology at UBC. Individual day registrations and shared registrations are offered as options for those unable to attend the entire meeting. Plan now to attend and watch for further details in the next few months.

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BC National Delegate Report CSHP 2002 Midterm Council Meeting March 2-3, 2002 in Ottawa

I was very pleased to represent the BC Branch at the midterm council meeting. It was a very productive meeting so I will try and summarize the major issues addressed.

National Membership survey

The response rate was 30% with a good distribution across Canada. The survey found that most members were satisfied with the CJHP and CSHP/New EOB services. Most members stated that advocacy efforts would be very useful. Only half the members felt that the Website as it is now is useful. The majority of members responded that they have access to the internet and would use this to access information from CSHP.

Because the survey showed members felt the CSHP Executive visits were not very useful, Executive would like all the Delegates to get feedback on this issue. Please let me know how you feel about the CSHP Executive visits that occur every 3 years.

Lastly, the survey responders rated ASHP as the number one organization to try and develop collaborative partnerships with. As a result of this, a recommendation was passed at the midterm council meeting to do just that.

The full detailed results will be available on the National CSHP Website soon at www.cshp.ca.

Recruitment and Retention of Pharmacists

There was a recommendation to create a new taskforce to develop an information paper for CSHP on the recruitment and retention of pharmacists. This is a major issue for most managers, and this type of document would assist in local efforts. Eli Lilly has offered financial support for a survey if required.

Entry Level Pharm D

A taskforce has finished an information paper and a position paper on the potential impact of implementing an entry-level PharmD in Canada. The taskforce found that the existing literature has yet to demonstrate a benefit of entry-level PharmD graduates over graduates from a baccalaureate program in clinical practice. At this time, CSHP does not support adoption of the PharmD degree as an entry-level program in Canada.

Pharmacy Awareness Week

Historically Pharmacy awareness week has been a collaborative effort between CSHP, CPHA and CAPSI. This year CPHA has decided to take a slightly different approach to PAW. They are going with a very large media campaign which would cost more than CSHP could invest. The second major change was to "Pharmacist Awareness Week" instead of "Pharmacy Awareness Week." CSHP could not fundamentally agree with this change. CSHP has always worked hard to develop relationships with the Pharmacy Technicians. It was felt that CSHP could not collaborate with CPHA this year for PAW.

As a result of this, a recommendation was passed to revise the terms of reference for the CSHP PR committee to include efforts towards tools useful for PAW. CAPSI will also be given the option to utilize any promotional items developed.

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Role of Pharmacy Technicians

As you all know, CSHP has just completed a document on the Role of Pharmacy Technicians. We rely on the Pharmacy Technicians extensively and continue to expand their role in our professional duties. Other advances in this area are the efforts by the Canadian Council on Continuing Education in Pharmacy (CCCEP) to accredit Pharmacy Technician Schools. CSHP supports these efforts of CCCEP.

As well as this, CSHP passed a recommendation to investigate into creating an Associate Membership to CSHP for the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Technicians (CAPT) members.

BC Branch Recommendations

The BC Branch submitted two recommendations concerning the Education Services Committee (ESC). The first one recommended that a review be done on the current decision for no speaker honoraria at National education events and to review the operational structure of the ESC to include more active participation from all members of the committee. Both of these recommendations were supported and carried.

Of interest, APEZ, the Quebec CSHP representative, submitted a recommendation for the ESC to include a better distribution of speakers across Canada in the National Education Events. This recommendation was also supported and carried.

Advocacy Activities of CSHP

In response to the Romanow Commission on the "Future of Health Care in Canada," CSHP is trying to arrange an opportunity to personally present supportive information on the expansion of pharmacy practice.

The next media blitz will be focusing on the latest CSHP paper on Pharmacist Prescribing. Look for articles in our local newspaper.

CSHP is working with CPHA and Human Resource Development Canada to access the pharmacy manpower shortage in Canada.

CSHP will be sending an extra delegate to participate in the National Pharmacy Forum in May at the CPHA Conference. The main topic at the forum will be "Scope of Practice."

Financial News

The budget news is good again this year. Year to date revenues exceed expected with expenses staying within budget.

2002 AGM

Vancouver AGM is fast approaching. The one bad news to report is that the cost of many of the services being provided in Vancouver will cost more than other cities. As a result the registration fees for this coming AGM will be more than last years.

If anyone would like information on any specific recommendation discussed at Midterm Council Meeting, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted by Sherry Coutts



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Programs Committee – 2002 Continuing Education Events

The 2002 CSHP BC Branch Programs Committee has been diligently working to provide you with excellent Continuing Education events for the coming year, and I want to congratulate the committee members for their hard work. Richard Slavik will perform the fundraising duties as part of his presidential Vision Liaison portfolio.

The Programs Committee has considered the results from the Membership Survey to ensure that your educational needs are fulfilled. I would also encourage you to e-mail me topics throughout the year at programs@cshp-bc.com. In addition, we are working with the Executive Committee to purchase an LCD projector to ensure smooth delivery of the presentations.

Our first event will be the Spring Therapeutics Update on Monday, April 8, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel in Burnaby, starting at 6:00 p.m. We have developed an exciting program with several dynamic speakers. Dr. Alice Tseng from Toronto will review the management of side effects of HIV therapy, Dr. Peter Loewen will discuss the evidence for primary and secondary prevention of stroke, and Dr. Carlo Marra will present the recent pharmacotherapeutic advances in rheumatoid arthritis.

There may be some date changes from last year, since it is becoming increasingly difficult to book the same dates without incurring a significant cost. Also, certain hotels do not have enough conference space to host poster sessions. These are some of the reasons that Residency Presentation Night will now be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2002. The date and venue for the Annual General Meeting will be determined in the coming months.

Event	Date	Location
Spring Therapeutics Update	Monday, April 8, 2002	Radisson Hotel, Burnaby
Residency Presentation Night	Wednesday, May 8, 2002	Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver
Annual General Meeting	November. Date to be announced	To be announced.

The Clinical Symposium in September will not be held this year. Instead, Vancouver will be the host for the CSHP National Annual General Meeting from August 10-13, 2002. We are already working on the educational program for the CSHP BC Branch Annual General Meeting, to be held in November. A new forum for discussion will be held during the AGM in November called "Ask the Experts." This is where you can pose pharmacotherapeutic questions to experts in the field in order to enhance your clinical practice skills.

If you have any concerns, ideas for presentation topics or wish to nominate yourself or another colleague as a speaker for an upcoming presentation, please feel free to e-mail me at the address above. This will ensure fair representation from different practice areas of the province. Also, we are always looking for more members, so please feel free to contact me.

Hope to see you at the events,

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