

# Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch

## NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2008



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### Membership Update

The CSHP BC Branch continues to grow! We are currently 427 members strong, 52 of which are student members. Both categories have increased by approximately 20% compared to the same time last year.

The Membership Committee is currently looking into ways to increase value for our student members. We are also considering the role of honorary memberships. If you have any opinions or feedback on either of these issues, I would love to hear it.

If you would like more information on membership, please visit our website, or you can contact me at [Bethany.Crossman@vch.ca](mailto:Bethany.Crossman@vch.ca).

Beth Crossman  
Membership Chairperson, CSHP BC Branch



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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](mailto:colatunbosun@providencehealth.bc.ca)) for more information and how to get involved!

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### **Message from the President**

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we're already one month into 2009... time has flown by since Adil passed me the silver bell (which I haven't used nearly enough). Apparently his kids are still having fun playing with the rubber chicken and rubber duckie...

We have many new faces joining us on the CSHP BC Branch Council and some familiar faces continuing to serve on council some continuing their roles and others taking on new positions. I am pleased to introduce the 2008/2009 CSHP BC Branch Council – a great group that I am enjoying working with:

Adil Virani – Past-President  
Mary Shyng- President-Elect\*  
Anisha Lakhani – Treasurer  
Eva Cho – Secretary  
Gabriel Loh– Programs Chairperson\*  
Janice Munroe – National Delegate  
Caitlin Olatunbosun -Advocacy Rep\*  
Bethany Crossman - Membership Chairperson  
Chelsea Argent – Fundraising Chairperson\*  
Maggie Chui– Awards Chairperson\*  
Zahra Kanji – Communications Officer  
James Kim – College of BC Pharmacists representative  
Robin Cho & Vanessa Paquette – Co-Chief Residents\*  
Lyle Powell – CAPSI representative\*  
Natasha Rajan –Student Membership Coordinator  
\* *new members*

Many thanks to our outgoing members for their dedication and hard work. I really enjoyed “learning the ropes” and working with such a great group of people last year: Sue Corrigan (Past President), Vincent Mabasa (Treasurer), Karen Dhari (Programs Chairperson), Susan Buchkowsky (Fundraising Chairperson), Jennifer Tam (Chief Resident), Allen Chernenkoff (CAPSI representative) and Jennifer Day (Student Membership Coordinator).

We are excited that BC will be hosting the CSHP Summer Educational Sessions (formerly AGM) in August 2011. I am pleased to announce that Sue Corrigan has agreed to be one of the two Co-Chairs for the planning committee. We are looking for a second Co-Chairperson as well as the core organizing committee. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact me at [rcarr@cw.bc.ca](mailto:rcarr@cw.bc.ca) or via the branch at [cshpbc@gmail.com](mailto:cshpbc@gmail.com).

Our goals for the BC Branch for 2009 include:

1. Increasing communication with our membership regarding BC Branch & Chapters activities and programs (including advocacy & awards)
2. Continuing to offer high quality educational events
3. Revising and updating our website [www.cshp-bc.com](http://www.cshp-bc.com)
4. Continued fiscal responsibility and active fundraising

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5. Continuing to advocate on behalf of our members regarding legislative and practice issues
6. To repeat the BC Hospital Pharmacist Shortage Survey
7. To connect with and promote of CSHP Vision 2010 and 2015 Initiatives
8. To create subcommittees for awards and advocacy
9. To simplify the CSHP BC Branch Awards application process

We have been extremely fortunate to have so many outstanding people volunteer their time and skills on our various BC Branch and National Committees. It was wonderful to see the accomplishments of so many BC Branch members recognized by the National CSHP Awards presented at PPC last week. Congratulations to both the BC Branch and National Award winners!

Thanks to all of you and your continued support of the CSHP BC Branch and National initiatives. For anyone wishing to get involved with CSHP, there are many opportunities (something for everyone), including: website assistance, Programs Committee, Awards Committee, Advocacy Committee, and the Summer Educational Sessions 2011 Host Committee.

I look forward to seeing you at our events over the coming year. 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

### **Programs Committee and Fundraising Update**

Once again, the BC Branch organized a successful series of continuing education events which culminated in the Annual General Meeting in November. It was great to see the faces of so many CSHP members from all regions of the province there!

I would like to congratulate Karen Dahri for performing such an outstanding job as Programs Chair in 2008. Members of the Programs Committee should also be commended for their hard work and dedication at all the events this past year.

The Programs Committee is always looking to welcome new members and I would like to invite you to join this enthusiastic group of volunteers. The Committee usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6PM in the Vancouver General Hospital Pharmacy Department Clinical Room. For more information, do not hesitate to contact me at [Gabriel.Loh@vch.ca](mailto:Gabriel.Loh@vch.ca)

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **CSHP Professional Practice Conference 2009**

The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Professional Practice Conference was recently held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto, Ontario from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 4<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Western Branches CSHP Annual Banff Seminar 2009**

Registration for the Western Branches Banff Seminar is now open. The conference will take place from March 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta. To access the program of events and to register online, visit [http://www.cshp.ca/events/cshpEvents\\_e.asp](http://www.cshp.ca/events/cshpEvents_e.asp)  
Early bird registration is available until February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### **CSHP-BC Branch Spring Therapeutics Update 2009**

Stay tuned for further details about the Spring Therapeutics Update to be held in April 2009. Location and speakers are to be announced in future branch communications.

The Programs Committee would like to thank our corporate sponsors for their contributions.

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Gabriel Loh  
CSHP BC Branch Programs Chair, 2009

Chelsea Argent  
CSHP BC Branch Fundraising Chair, 2009



### **Awards Announcement**

#### **1. Congratulations to the following winners of Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacist-BC Branch Awards 2007-2008:**

Past President Award: **Adil Virani**

Distinguished Service Award: **Richard Slavik**

BC Branch Doctor of Pharmacy Award: **Jennifer Bolt**

Pharmacy Practice Residency Award:

**Jennifer Tam:** Pharmacokinetics of Vancomycin and Gentamicin in pediatric patients on extracorporeal life support

**Chelsea Argent:** Sirolimus conversion for non-melanoma skin cancer in stable renal transplant patient

BC Branch Meritorious Service Award: **Janice Munroe**

BC Branch Mentorship Award: **Marianna Leung**

Publication Awards

Review Article:

**Rochelle Gellatly and Margaret Ackman.** Single antiplatelet therapy for patients with previous gastrointestinal bleeds. *Annals of Pharmacotherapy* 2008;42:836-840.

Original Research:

**Nilu Partovi, & Mary Ensom.** Performance of limited sampling strategies for predicting Mycophenolate area under the curve in thoracic transplant recipients. *Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation (JHLT)*; 2008;27:325-8

Maria Machado Memorial Education Program Award: **Not Contested**

Pharmacy Practice Award: **Mariana Leung, Joanne Jung, Winnie Lau, Meredith Kiaii, Bev Jung**

CSHP Future Professional Pharmacy Student Award: **Manhar Powar**

Pharmacy Awareness Week Award: **Kelowna General Hospital**

National Travel Award: **James Conklin, Anita Lo, Vincent Mabasa & Rumi Pattar**



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### BC Branch Participation Award:

Small Hospital (1- 9.99 FTE): **Ridge Meadows Hospital**

Medium Hospital (10-19.99): **Burnaby Hospital**

Large Hospital (>20 FTE): **Children's and Women's Health Centre of B.C.**

### **2. CSHP National Award Program 2009 B.C. Branch Winners:**

We are proud to report that BC Branch did exceptionally well at CSHP National Awards this year, winning 9 awards. Congratulations to the winners! Thanks for making BC Branch proud!

Distinguished Service Award: **Robin J. Ensom**

New Hospital Pharmacy Practitioner Award: **Eva Cho**

Management and Leadership Best Practices Award:

**Robert M. Balen, Vincent H. Mabasa, Douglas L. Malyuk, Anthony Tung.** Clinical Pharmacy Support Technicians: Increasing Pharmaceutical Care Practice Efficiency in the Intensive Care Unit Setting

Pharmacotherapy Best Practices Award

1. **Winnie W.Y. Chan, Peter J. Zed.** Efficacy, Safety and Patient Satisfaction of Propofol for Procedural Sedation and Analgesia in the Emergency Department
2. **Adil Virani.** Pharmacists Making House Calls: An Innovative Role or Overkill?

Specialties in Pharmacy Practice Award

1. **Mary HH Ensom, Roxane Carr, Jennifer Tam.** Pharmacokinetics of Vancomycin and Gentamicin in Pediatric Patients on Extracorporeal Life Support
2. **Suzanne C.M. Taylor, Vincent Mabasa** Verification of Imatinib Cost-Effectiveness in Advanced Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor in our Province

Patient Care Enhancement Award

**Robert M. Balen, Peter S. Loewen, , Matthew O. Wiens, Kerry Wilbur, Peter J. Zed.** Incidence, Severity and Preventability of Drug-Related Visits to the Emergency Department: A Prospective Study

Safe Medication Practices Award

**James Conklin, Mário de Lemos, Dennis Jang, Dianne Kapy, Lynne Nakashima, Susan Walisser** Improving Risk Management with the Development of a Best Evidence-Based, Provincial Chemotherapy Preparation and Stability Chart

### **3. Upcoming Awards Applications/Nominations**

The deadlines for the following awards are approaching.

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Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada Travel Award:

**Description:** The purpose of this award is to help pharmacists attend pharmacy related conferences, programs and educational seminars that hospitals may not normally be able to fund. Four separate cash awards of \$500 each will be available to fund travel/education expenses for four different recipients.

**Eligibility/Deadline:** Applicants must be a member in good standing. All travel must be completed by the end of February 2010 and be used toward an educational event. If the award cannot be used by the recipient, the award is forfeited. The application deadline is March 31, 2009.

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.

**4. Calling for Awards Committee Volunteers**

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

Sincerely

Maggie Chui

2008-2009 CSHP BC Branch Awards Chair

## Chief Residents Report

It's 2009 already - it's hard to believe that we're already halfway through the residency program! Looking back, the last 7 months went by surprisingly fast. This year, there are a total of 27 BC Hospital Pharmacy residents: 14 with Vancouver Coastal Health-Providence Health Care, 7 with Fraser Health, 3 with Vancouver Island Health, 2 with Northern Health, and 1 with Children's & Women's. There are also 2 individuals in the Community Residency program.

As the Chief Residents, our main responsibilities are to act as liaisons between the BC residents and CSHP - bringing forth queries from the residents to council at the monthly BC Branch meetings, and informing the residents of CSHP news and events. So far, we've had an amazing resident turnout to chapter events such as the Fall Clinical Symposium and the AGM. In addition, we act as communication channels between all the residents and the residency coordinators and relay information/concerns on their behalf. We also enjoy organizing social events such as dinner gatherings for the residents and have had a good turnout to these functions as well.

We're now on the latter half of steering through this exciting and eventful journey. Another 5 months to go in the program and we will be ready to embark on our careers as clinical pharmacists! Congratulations to the residents of 2008-2009, and the warmest welcome to the incoming residents of 2009-2010!

Robin Cho and Vanessa Paquette  
Chief Residents