

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch



NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2010

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Message from the President

Happy spring greetings to all! I hope the excitement of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic games is still energizing everyone's spirits. The opportunity to see our beautiful city and country on world center stage is indeed exhilarating.

Go to
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to keep up to date with CE,
member highlights, mem-
bership benefits and more!

The Branch Council and Programs Committee members are definitely energized and excited to promote a new series of continuing education events to members. We extend warm invitations to old friends and new friends to upcoming events in the Lower Mainland and in the Northern, Interior, Fraser Valley, and Vancouver Island regional chapters. CSHP education events provide the venue for members to engage with high caliber dynamic speakers. Additional networking opportunities with colleagues and peers further enhance the knowledge transfer and translation experience.

On the advocacy front, the Branch Council continues to support CSHP 2015 initiatives as well as represent members at National and with other key stakeholders. As always, the Branch Council welcomes your comments and ideas on how to improve the membership experience anytime.

Best,

Mary Shyng



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Membership Update

We are at our highest membership yet! The BC Branch of CSHP currently has 457 members, including 48 student members. CSHP has become the organization we know today because of its members. To acknowledge our gratitude to our longstanding members we are recognizing them in this Spring Update.

BC Branch Members with 25+ years of Membership in CSHP			
Alison Alleyne	Linda Chow	Sam Louie	Fruzsina Pataky
Derek Andrews	Kathleen Collin	Gillian Mayo	Bernard Riedel
Greg Atherton	Mark Collins	Keith McDonald	Daniel Rimek
Michele Babich	Sherry Coutts	Neda McDonald	Adele Runikis
Stephen Barnes	Mary Elizabeth Dirauf	Ken McGregor	Alan Samuelson
Jeff Barnett	Robin Ensom	Bruce McKenzie	Judith Soon
Terri Betts	Roberta Esau	Ron McKerrow	Dawn Strong
Norman Black	Donna Goring	Janice Munroe	Julie Turley
Lori Blain	Donald Hamilton	Joseph Murphy	Louanne Twaites
C.J. Bowman	Gregory Head	Bob Nakagawa	Paul Vance
Glen Brown	David Hill	Norris Nevins	Anne Vojt
Donna Buna	Alec Kohuch *	Susan North	Janet Webb
Piera Calissi	Paul Koke	Robin O'Brien	Daniel Wildemann
Frances Chow			

**indicates deceased Please let us know if your name is missing from the list*

It is our hope that we can grow even larger in the coming membership year, so keep telling your colleagues about the benefits of CSHP. A few benefits of CSHP membership that you can mention include Continuing Education Events, Mentorship Program for students, CSHP Publications, competitively priced liability insurance and being part of a supportive community that advocates advancing hospital pharmacy practice.

If someone you have encouraged to join CSHP provides your name on the “referring member” line of their application you will receive a \$10 coupon (\$5 for referring students/residents) to use towards your membership fees.

Although the membership year does not start until July 1st, 2010 CSHP begins accepting renewals April 1st, 2010. The new members (or expired members) whom you have encouraged to apply can take advantage of the early renewal date. This means that their membership year is extended and can start as early as April 1st at no additional cost.

Thank you again to our longstanding members. If you have any questions about membership please contact me at cshpbc@gmail.com. Have a great Spring!

Katherin Badke
CSHP BC Branch Membership Chair



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Delegate's Report - Spring 2010

Spring is in the air.....or is it? It certainly wasn't in the air in Ottawa when CSHP National Council met for the Mid Term Council (MCM) meeting in March! It did warm up a bit due to the "heated" discussions that culminated in some difficult decisions. I would like to provide some of the highlights for you.

CSHP 2015

In order to facilitate the advancement of this initiative, Council approved annual financial support through to 2015. This is in addition to the voluntary contributions received from the Branches. To date, there have been many notable achievements including the collection of baseline data through the Hospital Pharmacy in Canada survey; the launch of the online self-assessment survey; and the development of the 2015 Crosswalk linking it with other organization's initiatives such as Accreditation Canada etc.

The **Practice Standards Steering Committee** has been very busy reviewing and developing statements and documents. Keep your eye open for two new releases: "Hospital Pharmacists – Enhancing Quality and Safety in Medication Use" and "Pharmacy Service: Statement on Providing Pharmacy Services in a Healthcare Facility".

The **Branch Governance Working Group** has also been busy developing bylaws that will be circulated to the branches shortly for review and comment. The goal is to have the bylaws ready for formal approval at SES 2011.

National Finances consumed a significant portion of the Council discussions. In the end, the National deficit for i09/10 is anticipated to be \$ 98,500. This is approximately \$13,000 less than the originally projected deficit. Council identified the need to break the trend of deficit budgets and conducted a thorough, line-by-line review of the budget. . It was agreed that any further reductions in expenditures would negatively impact member services. As the goal is to not reduce or impact these services, new, innovative revenue generating opportunities were considered. The budget will be a significant part of the discussions at the SES this August. In the interim, Council agreed that it was necessary to approve a 10% fee increase for 2011. This will result in an increase of \$23 in the National portion of the membership fee.

At the MCM, Council voted on two **executive positions**, the Director of Finance and President – Elect (Internal Portfolio). Patrick Fitch was re-elected for another term and I was elected to the position of President-Elect! Although I do not officially move into this position until the AGM at the SES in August, I am now participating in all executive correspondence and conference calls. As a result, these increasing responsibilities may compromise my ability to represent the BC Branch. Indeed, at times it may even present a conflict of interest. As a result, I will be stepping down from my role as BC Branch Delegate once a new volunteer has been identified.

If you are interested in the opportunity to accept an interim position as BC Branch Delegate, please email BC Branch President, Mary Shyng at mary.shyng@fraserhealth.ca by **April 26th**.

The interim position would be from May through to the November Branch AGM. Ideally the successful interim candidate would be willing to stand for an additional 3 year term as a nominee at the BC Branch AGM in November. The interim position would require attending monthly branch meetings, responding to National email, relaying information between the Branches and National, representing the interests of both National and the BC Branch in all discussions and of course, writing summaries for the BC Branch Newsletter!

More detailed information (Terms of Reference) can be found on the Branch website. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 604-614-2725.

Janice Munroe
BC Branch Delegate



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Programs Committee 2010 Continuing Education Events

Since the New Year, the Programs Committee has been busy organizing this year's series of continuing education events.

Our first event of the year is the **Spring Therapeutics Update 2010** to be held on **Tuesday April 20th** at the River Rock Casino Resort in Richmond, BC. Our lineup of speakers includes:

Dr. Curtis Harder (Vancouver Island Health Authority) - "Bugs in the Belly and Other Bad Places: What Recent Guidelines are Saying"

Dr. Peter Loewen (Vancouver Coastal Health/Providence Health Care) - "Walking the Razor's Edge: The Long and Winding Road of Thrombolysis in Acute Ischemic Stroke"

Dr. Dason Chua (Providence Health Care) - "Update on Clopidogrel: What's New and How It Will Change Practice"

Registration for this event is currently underway.

Here is a brief overview of our other events scheduled for this upcoming year:

Wednesday May 19th, 2010; Residency Presentation Night, Chan Centre Auditorium, BC Women's and Children's Hospital, Vancouver BC.

An informative evening showcasing the research initiatives of this year's 30 BC Hospital Pharmacy Residents! Come listen to the presentations and mingle with the residents at their respective poster displays.

Wednesday September 22nd, 2010; Clinical Symposium at the Italian Cultural Centre, Vancouver BC.

An annual educational event that highlights clinical controversies of interest to the hospital pharmacist. Come join us for a fabulous dinner buffet and an evening filled with excellent speakers!

Friday November 19th and Saturday November 20th, 2010; Annual General Meeting at the SFU Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver BC.

Our branch's largest event of the year complete with educational sessions, satellite symposia, manufacturer exhibits and the CSHP business meeting.

For CSHP members who reside outside the Lower Mainland, we encourage you to stay in touch with your regional Chapter Chairs. Many of them are already in the process of planning continuing education events for you closer to home.

It is our goal to offer quality presentations on timely therapeutic topics to all hospital-based pharmacy practitioners in BC. To continue this tradition, we are always on the lookout for new speakers and for interested members to join our Programs Committee. Please do not hesitate to leave me a message at 604-875-4111 ext 69689 or send me an e-mail at Ivy.Chow@vch.ca at any time.



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Fundraising Update

The Programs Committee would also like to thank our current 2010 corporate sponsors for their contributions:

Major Benefactor (> \$3500)

Boehringer-Ingelheim
Eli Lilly
Mylan Pharmaceuticals
Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada
Sandoz

Sponsors (\$500-999)

Apotex

For additional fundraising opportunities or questions, please contact Chelsea Argent at Chelsea.Argent@fraserhealth.ca.

Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you at this year's upcoming events!

Ivy Chow
CSHP BC Branch Programs Chair, 2010

Chelsea Argent
CSHP BC Branch Fundraising Chair, 2010

Residency Update

It's hard to believe but there are less than 3 months left in our residency. Over the last 9 months we have worked in many different areas of the hospitals, enhanced our knowledge basis and improved our pharmaceutical care skills. Coming up in May is our Residency Project presentations and poster night, which has been keeping everyone very busy over the last few months. If you are interested, we would love to have you join us on May 19, Chan Auditorium at Children's and Women's Health Centre, Vancouver, for the presentation evening.

We would also like to welcome the new upcoming 2010/2011 residents. You all have a lot to look forward to in the upcoming year.

Sharon and Shane
Pharmacy Co-Chief Residents



CSHP-BC Branch Awards Announcements

It is with great pleasure that the CSHP-BC Branch Awards Committee announces the winner of the following awards:

CSHP Future Professional Student Award –Wynnie Lau

The CSHP Future Professional Student Award is awarded annually to one student from each of the Western Branch's Faculties of Pharmacy who displays professionalism and is seen as a future leader in the profession of pharmacy.

Wynnie is an active member of numerous professional pharmacy organizations including CSHP and CAPSI. She is currently serving as the president of the pharmacy undergraduate society. Through this role, she has done an exceptional job promoting the pharmacy profession through lunchtime seminars, intra-professional social events and community outreach opportunities. Wynnie is also actively involved with research, participating in projects studying the best possible medication review by non pharmacist at St. Paul's Renal Dialysis Unit and multi-site retrospective quality assurance study for off label low dose quetiapine use. Her interest in hospital pharmacy has led her to volunteer in organizing the 2009 BC CSHP AGM with the programs committee. Wynnie is a most worthy recipient of this award and will receive complimentary registration and \$500 to attend the CSHP Western Branches Banff seminar where she will be presented a plaque for her achievement!

Congratulations Wynnie!!

Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada (PPC) Continuing Education Travel Grant

Four separate cash awards of \$500 each is awarded to four different recipients to help pharmacists attend pharmacy related conferences, programs and educational seminars that hospitals may not normally be able to fund.

1. Robin Cho (Surrey Memorial Hospital)
2. Doson Chua (St. Paul's Hospital)
3. Dawn Dalen (Kelowna General Hospital)
4. Eva Cho (BC Children's and Women's Hospital)

Congratulations to our winners!

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Upcoming Award Deadlines

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, 2010.**

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

Maggie Chui
BC CSHP Awards Chair 2009-2010

A Call for Mentors!

One of the main benefits of a student membership is the Mentorship program. This program is designed to increase student awareness of hospital pharmacy. This is achieved by pairing UBC pharmacy students with pharmacist mentors who together arrange subsequent hospital visitations mutually based on both parties' schedules. As part of the program, students are given the opportunity to shadow their mentor to gain a better understanding of the daily activities of the mentor. The sessions typically range from half a day 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.

Growing student interest in hospital pharmacy necessitates more mentors; **we currently have more students than mentors enrolled in the program!** With your help and support, we can continue to grow our mentorship program and make it better than ever. Your assistance will not only help our future pharmacists, but will also help to promote hospital pharmacy within the pharmacy student body.

If you are a hospital pharmacist and are willing to act as a mentor, we need you! We welcome pharmacists who are involved in distribution services, clinical services, specialized clinical areas, drug utilization evaluation, administration, and other facets of hospital pharmacy. If you are interested in participating, or would like to learn more about the program, **please visit <http://www.cshp-bc.com/mentorship/mentorship.html> or email cshpstudentcoordinator@gmail.com.**

Thank you for your continued support,

Laura Carney
B.Sc (Pharm.) Year 3 – UBC Student Membership Coordinator

