

Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch

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Membership Update



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As 2009 and my 2-year term as Membership Chairperson comes to a close, I'm happy to report the BC Branch has achieved it's highest membership ever. We total 453 members, including 46 student members!

Your new Membership Chairperson will be Katherin Badke, of Fraser Health Authority. If you have any questions for concerns, please check our website

<http://www.cshp-bc.com/membership/membership.html> or contact Katherin at cshpbc@gmail.com.

Thank you to all who have helped improve the benefits of BC Branch Membership over the years. It has been a pleasure serving on the council and I hope to return in the future!

Beth Crossman
Outgoing CSHP BC Branch Membership Chairperson



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Message from the President

Warm greetings and salutations!

After celebrating a 60th anniversary at the November 2009 AGM, the BC Branch continues to build momentum and strength through the energy of its members. This collective enthusiasm and passion for practice excellence will now move the Society closer to achieving CSHP 2015 objectives and goals at both the local and national level. Achieving this milestone will herald the determination and commitment of pharmacists as innovative healthcare change champions dedicated to the advancement of safe, effective medication use and patient care.

Great people create great organizations. The BC Branch flourishes through its dynamic members who continually support high quality education programs, national advocacy initiatives and student mentorship. The BC Branch sustains and remains vibrant through its dedicated volunteers and committee members of past, present and future. Their time generosity, talents and contributions are truly inspiring and gratefully acknowledged.

On that note, I would like to introduce the 2009-2010 Branch Council members:

Zahra Kanji – President Elect	Roxane Carr- Past President
Anisha Lakhani – Treasurer	Ivy Chow – Programs Chairperson
Janice Munroe – National Delegate	Eva Cho – Secretary
Chelsea Argent – Fundraising Chairperson	Katherin Badke - Membership Chairperson
Laura Carney –Student Membership Coordinator	Maggie Chiu – Awards Chairperson
Caitlin Olatunbosun - National Advocacy Representative	Sean Spina – Communications Officer
John Hope – College of BC Pharmacists representative	
Sharon Leung and Shane Pawluk – Chief Residents	
Lyle Powell and SuFei Yue – CAPSI representatives	

I would also like to thank the following out-going Council members who have worked tirelessly and relentlessly to help the BC Branch achieve its goals: Adil Virani (Past President), Gabriel Loh (Programs Chairperson), Bethany Crossman (Membership Chairperson), Natasha Rajan (Student Coordinator), Robin Cho & Vanessa Paquette (Chief Residents), and James Kim (College Representative).

The BC Branch will soon host the 2011 Summer Educational Sessions (SES). Under the leadership of Roxane Carr and Sue Corrigan as Committee Chairs, this event will be of high calibre, fun and exciting. In the meantime, the BC Branch Council looks forward to another year of great events and collaboration with colleagues. As always, the Branch Council welcomes feedback, comments and suggestions from members anytime.

Sincerely,

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Fostering leadership and professional growth*



Advocacy Impact Group

CSHP's Advocacy Committee is taking on the hot challenge of pharmacist prescribing with this year's campaign. This campaign will target key stakeholders in health care. The key messages include these important points:

- Prescribing by pharmacists in the provision of high-quality, patient centered care is safe, effective and accessible
- Pharmacists work in collaborative professional environments that are conducive to sharing information with other health professionals and patients.
 - Hospital pharmacists have worked in collaborative practices and participated in collaborative prescribing agreements in many practice settings and institutions across Canada.
- Pharmacists are obligated to comply with legislative practice framework, including standards of practice and code of ethics.
- The authorization of prescribing by pharmacists is a tool to enable pharmacists to perform the activities of outcomes focused care, including managing medications and monitoring of care.

CSHP actively advocates for hospital pharmacists. Stay tuned as the campaign roles out this spring!

Caitlin Olatunbosun
BC Advocacy Rep



Programs Committee and Fundraising Update

Once again, the BC Branch organized a successful series of continuing education events in 2009.

I would like to congratulate Gabriel Loh for an outstanding job as Programs Chair in 2009. I would also like to commend all the members of the Programs Committee 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 Ivy.Chow@vch.ca

Upcoming Events

CSHP Professional Practice Conference 2010

The 41st annual Professional Practice Conference (PPC) will take place January 30th to February 3rd at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel in Toronto, Ontario. To access the program of events and to register online, visit http://www.cshp.ca/events/ppc/2010/index_e.asp

Western Branches CSHP Annual Banff Seminar 2010

The 2010 Banff Seminar will take place March 19th to 21st at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta. Online registration and the events program will be available shortly at <http://www.cshp-bc.com/events/events.html>

CSHP-BC Branch Spring Therapeutics Update 2010

Stay tuned for further details about the Spring Therapeutics Update to be held in April 2010. Locations and speakers will be announced in further branch communications.

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

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Ivy Chow
CSHP BC Branch Programs Chair, 2010

Chelsea Argent
CSHP BC Branch Fundraising Chair, 2010



Awards Announcement

1. Congratulations to the following CSHP-BC Branch Award Winners for 2008-2009:

Past President Award	Roxane Carr
PharmD Award	Jennifer Kendrick
Future Professional Pharmacy Student Award	April Chan
Hospital Pharmacy Residency Award	<p>Krishna Poinen (VCH-PHC), Chua D, Legal M. <i>Assessment of Mefloquine Use in the Management of Intradialytic Hypotension</i></p> <p>Margie Sidsworth (VCH-PHC), Leung M, Jung J. <i>A Pharmacist Implemented Strategy to Reduce Risk Associated with Torsadogenic Drugs in General Medicine Patients</i></p>
Publication Award	
1. Review Article	1. Doson Chua , Ignaszewski A. Clopidogrel in acute coronary syndromes. <i>BMJ</i> 2009;338:b1180.
2. Original Research	2. Kathy Lepik , Levy AR, Sobolev BG, Purssell RA, DeWitt CR, Erhardt GD, Kennedy JR, Daws DE, Brignall JL. Adverse drug events associated with the antidotes for methanol and ethylene glycol poisoning. <i>Annals of Emergency Medicine</i> 2009; 53(4): 439-450. [Appendix on pages e1-e10]
Maria Machado Award	Royal Inland Hospital
Pharmacy Awareness Week Award	Royal Jubilee Hospital
BC Branch Participation Award	
Large Hospital	St. Paul and Mount St. Joseph's Hospitals
Medium Hospital	Burnaby Hospital
Small Hospital	Ridge Meadows Hospital
Distinguished Service Award	John Hope
PPC Continuing Education Travel Grant	Vanessa Paquette Sean Spina Janice Munroe Karen Dahri
Meritorious Service Award	Victoria Slavik
Mentorship Award	Don Hamilton



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2. Pharmacy Awareness Award Winner (PAW) 2009: Royal Jubilee Hospital

Royal Jubilee Hospital did an incredible job this year promoting the role of the clinical pharmacist both within their hospital and also in their community. With this being their first year partaking in formal PAW events, they chose the fitting theme "From the ground up". To achieve their goal of highlighting the services and importance of the clinical pharmacist in the health care team, they undertook numerous initiatives including news release, lunchtime lecture series, booth displays, brochure and much much more!! Their impressive PAW campaign can be found on the CSHP-BC Branch homepage so go check it out!

3. Upcoming Award Deadlines

a) 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 2011 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, 2011**.

b) 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, 2011**.

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 bccshpaward@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from all of you!

Cheers,
Maggie Chui
2010-2011 CSHP BC Branch Awards Chair
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More Mentors Needed!

One of the main benefits of a student membership is the Mentorship program. This program is designed to increase student awareness about hospital pharmacy. This is achieved by pairing UBC pharmacy students with pharmacist mentors who together arrange subsequent hospital visitations based on their mutually agreed upon 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 necessitate 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 it has ever been before. Your assistance will not only help our future pharmacists, but will also help to promote hospital pharmacy within the 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.**

For pharmacists outside the Lower Mainland, there has been increasing interest in the mentorship program from students living in the interior of B.C. and Vancouver Island during the December and summer breaks. If you are able to take on a student this summer, please consider registering.

Thank you for your continued support,

Laura Carney
B.Sc (Pharm.) Year 3 – UBC
Junior Student Membership Coordinator
CSHP- BC Branch

Chief Residents Report

Almost at a blink of an eye, 6 months have gone by in the residency program. In the beginning of December, 25 residents from VCH-PHC, Fraser Health and Northern Health authorities attended the ASHP- Mid Year in Nevada, Las Vegas. It was a great opportunity to attend educational sessions put together by our American colleagues, as well, it was a valuable bonding time for residents from different health authorities. There were many highlights throughout the conference, ranging from the 2009 Clinical Pearls to Kevin Bacon's performance on the last night of the conference.

Shane Pawluk and Sharon Leung
Co—Chief Residents

