



Editors Note:

- Check out the new format for the PostScript. Please let me know what you think at Janis.johnson@rqhealth.ca
- Past issues of the PostScript, upcoming events and CSHP news is available on the Branch website. If you have any ideas for improvement to the Branch website, send your suggestions to web-master@cshp-sk.org.

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President's Message

Greetings from CSHP Saskatchewan Branch! I am happy to report that we have finished a very successful Annual General Meeting and Educational Sessions in Moose Jaw and have a new revitalized branch council committed to serving you in 2005. One of our challenges this year was to recruit members to serve on Branch council and its committees. As no nominations for President-Elect were received at the 2003 AGM, Monica Lawrence and I have agreed to be co-presidents of your society this year. Paul Berg, from Yorkton, has been selected as President-Elect and will assume his duties as President in October 2005. We are so pleased (and relieved) to have him on council!

Last year we had a very successful Strategic Planning meeting where we evaluated our activities and made a plan to better serve you, our members and strengthen our society. From this meeting, we made a plan that will be implemented over the next 3 years. For example, we have already streamlined

council and plan to co-ordinate fundraising activities. We hope these activities will maintain the integrity of your society and ensure stable long-term financial stability.

CSHP remains committed to provide representation and leadership in the all aspects of our profession. For example, we continue to add our voice to provincial initiatives such as Primary Health Care and the Health Quality Council, ensuring that the skills, leadership and voice of hospital pharmacists are recognized. We are forging new territory in acute and ambulatory care by providing direct patient care services and practice based research and ensuring medication safety and quality. CSHP continues to advocate, on behalf of its members, to government agencies speaking to health issues that involve pharmacists.

Remember that the 2007 National CSHP AGM will be held in Regina and will be hosted by the Saskatchewan Branch. This will be another opportunity for our branch to extend its hospi-

tality to our members across the country! The success of this event will very much depend on membership participation. We encourage you to participate in this and all activities of the Branch to your fullest potential.

We also invite you to join us in realizing Vision 2006:

A revitalized Society;
The influential voice for hospital pharmacy;
Inspiring and supporting our members.

Monica and I are very fortunate to have an enthusiastic and committed Branch council who is dedicated to serving you and realizing our vision. We want to hear from you as well. If you have any issues, concerns or questions, we encourage you to contact us. Branch Council is listed on our website at www.cshp-sk.org.

We are looking forward to a great year!

Piera Calissi
Monica Lawrence
Co-Presidents 2004-2005

Monica's Web Picks

Your link to the 2004 version of the Chest Guidelines: www.chestjournal.org/content/vol126/1_suppl/

www.neonatology.org : A good starting point for overall information of a variety of topics relating to neonatology. Includes reviews from institutions from around the world and critical teaching files.

An interactive herbal database that links directly to scientific evidence from Medline and other research resources on the use of herbs for health: www.herbmed.org

CSHP SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH AGM AWARDS LUNCHEON PROGRAM MOOSE JAW, OCTOBER 23, 2004

The Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists held the 51st Annual General Meeting on October 23, 2004 at the Temple Gardens Mineral Spa in Moose Jaw. The luncheon program honored several hospital pharmacists for their achievements.

The Orest Buchko Hospital Pharmacy Award, sponsored by the Branch, is awarded to a graduating student of the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition who is pursuing a career in hospital pharmacy. The recipient was Bonnie Rasmussen, who is currently a hospital pharmacy resident in Regina.

The Pfizer Residency Award, sponsored by Pfizer Canada, is awarded annually to a deserving Saskatchewan hospital pharmacy resident in recognition of a residency project which represents a significant innovation, practical application and/or development in an institutional pharmacy practice setting. The winner was Jennifer Carvell for her project entitled "Pharmacist Intervention to Increase Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis in Medical Patients".

The Saskatchewan Branch CSHP Pfizer Merit Award, sponsored by Pfizer, is given in recognition of a project which could easily be accomplished regardless of hospital size or staff and which serves a useful purpose. This year's recipients were Barb Evans, Patrick Robertson, Piera Calissi and Jane Richardson from the Saskatoon Health Region for their development of a comprehensive direct patient care orientation process for new staff pharmacists.

The Pharmacist of the Year Award, sponsored by Apotex Inc., is given annually to a member of the Branch in recognition of outstanding achievement and long-term service to the practice of hospital pharmacy. Brenda Thiessen from Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon was the recipient of this year's award for her many years of exceptional work as Clinical Manager with the Saskatoon Health Region.

The Pharmaceutical Care Award is sponsored by the Saskatchewan Branch. Bonnie James from Moosomin Hospital received this award for her care of patients in the Chemotherapy Outreach Program of Saskatchewan.

Melanie McLeod presented the Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada (PPC) sponsored **Past President's Award** to Monica Lawrence, along with John Rowe from PPC. Monica did a great job this past year and we look forward to have her share the job of President with Piera Calissi this year.

The J.L. Summers Achievement Award, sponsored by Merck Frosst Canada, recognizes a member of the Branch who has made a significant contribution within the practice of hospital pharmacy, demonstrating innovation and leadership in the health care field. Yvonne Shevchuk, from the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, received this award for her excellent work as a clinician, teacher and member of various pharmacy related groups.

The Betty C. Riddell Award for Pharmacy Practitioner Excellence, sponsored by the Saskatchewan Branch, is awarded to a member of the society in recognition of outstanding achievement to patient care, contribution to the profession and long term service to the practice of pharmacy. This year's recipient was Barry Lyons who has held several positions with the Branch and is extremely dedicated to the practice of hospital pharmacy.

Congratulations to all the award recipients! Many thanks to the sponsors and presenters!

CSHP SASK BRANCH TEXTBOOK DRAW

At the completion of the Annual General Meeting, a textbook draw was held for CSHP members in attendance. Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada sponsors this draw as part of their continuing education fund for hospital pharmacists in Saskatchewan. The winners were Jane Cassidy, Dave Sereda, Fred Remillard, Monica Lawrence, Christina Bodnar, Lisa Fladager and Barry Ward.

CSHP SASK BRANCH AGM POSTER PRIZE

This award is sponsored by Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada for an outstanding poster presentation at the Saskatchewan Branch CSHP AGM. This year's first place prize went to Shannan Neubauer et al for their poster "Health Care Professionals Satisfaction with Co-located Team Based Primary Health Care". The second place prize was given to Janet Bradshaw et al for

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their poster entitled "Impact of Co-Located Pharmacist Managed Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Program in a Family Medical Practice".

BANFF TRAVEL AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada has donated funds to support the continuing education efforts of hospital pharmacists. The award was randomly made from a list of all CSHP-Saskatchewan Branch members. The lucky member was Tara Markowski from the Saskatoon Health Region. Tara will receive up to \$500.00 for reimbursement of registration and other expenses involved in attending the 2005 CSHP Annual Banff Seminar. Congratulations!

NOTICE OF 2005 BANFF POSTER AWARD

This \$250.00 cash award recognizes an outstanding Saskatchewan poster entry at the Banff Seminar. To qualify, the poster must be accepted and presented at the CSHP Annual Banff Seminar in March 2005. A copy of the poster abstract submission should be forwarded to the Awards Committee Chair. The winner will be selected from the submissions following the Banff Seminar. Good luck!

Sandra Howie
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Disposition of Resolutions - 2003

Be it resolved that:

The Branch thank the founding Branch members on this, the 50th anniversary of the Branch *and* The Branch recognize the significant contribution these members have made to our Society and profession

Update:

- **Reviewed and discussed at Council meetings**
- **Held a strategic planning session to identify areas of importance to members that correspond with vision**
- **Incorporation of Vision in 5 year strategic plan internal working document**

SK-CSHP Resolutions 2004

Be it resolved that:

- The SK-CSHP, endorses the National Resolution on providing a smoke-free environment at all CSHP sponsored events

Be it resolved that:

- The SK-CSHP, on behalf of the members present at the 2004 AGM, extend appreciation to:
 - **The Educational Services Committee, chairperson, Jim Oxley**
 - **All other committee chairpersons and members,**
 - **All executive officers,**
 for their work throughout the year.

What's Up

- The **CSHP Future Professional Student Award**, sponsored by CSHP and McKesson Canada, is awarded annually to a pharmacy student who displays a commitment to the promotion and development of the profession of pharmacy. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Ola Siwic, who is currently a fourth year pharmacy student. Ola has been very active in professional activities and organizations and is currently our Branch's Student Representative. Ola will receive funding to attend the CSHP Annual Banff Seminar in March where the award will be presented to her.

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CSHP-RBSP LIAISON REPORT - ALLISON MARCIL

RBSP continues to work on behalf of pharmacists in the province on a variety of issues. For a complete update on the activities of the Board please refer to your RBSP Newsletter. Some of the issues before the board include: Pharmacist insurance options, the All Drugs for All People Today (ADAPT) program, the Health Information Protection Act (HIPA) and current proposed regulations that have the potential to directly impact the community and hospital pharmacist ability to do our jobs as well as ongoing negotiations with the Drug Plan and NIHB.

RBSP has taken a number of steps forward to positively affect the profession of pharmacy in Saskatchewan. Included in this is the creation of a new Professional Practice Committee to further the exposure and growth of pharmacists. I encourage everyone to consider volunteering for this or one of the other standing RBSP committees: Conference\Information Technology, Newsletter, Awards, Negotiating, Employee\Employer Relations and Insurance.

Unfortunately I have stepped down from the RBSP Board and will no longer be the CSHP-RBSP Liaison. I encourage those interested in RBSP and CSHP to consider running for this open position. Nominations will be in the mail shortly. More information can also be obtained through the RBSP office at 359-7277.

BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

The Western Branches of CSHP Annual Banff Conference is coming up soon. March 4-6, 2005 will again be an opportunity to meet your colleagues and get in on some great educational sessions and Western Hospitality. See the Fall Postscript for all the details. or the following link. <http://www.cshp-bc.com/banff2005>

Pharmacy awareness week, popularly known as PAW is being held the week of Mar 7-13, 2005. The theme is "A Healthy Partnership: You and your Pharmacist" Please let RBSP know if you have any plans so they can include them in their Press Releases.

The annual RBSP conference will be held in conjunction with the SCP at the Regina Inn April 8-10, 2005. You can check it out on the RBSP website <http://www.rbsp.ca/>. With the resignation of RBSP representative, Allison Marcil, recruiting for this position is underway. If you are interested in becoming involved in this way please let us know.

Speaking of conferences the Annual CSHP convention is in Ottawa this year Aug 13-16, 2005. Looking ahead to August 2007, this National event will be in Regina. CSHP National was unable to do a site visit last fall but they are scheduled to be here soon.

The Branch has responded to the "**Report: Health Quality Council-UK Primary Care Tour-Pharmacy Perspectives for Consideration**" via a review of the report by Piera Calissi and Monica Lawrence. This review outlines how hospital pharmacists are involved in Primary Care in outpatient and ambulatory care clinics. It examines the issues raised and recommendations made and how they relate to the practice Hospital Pharmacy Practice. This could present an opportunity for enhancement of seamless care processes from community to hospital through an expanded interface of SPDP.

The CSHP is planning to host a student reception for the third week in March.

Although finances are always a concern, the AGM in October was very successful with a higher than anticipated registration. The Education sessions were well received. Thank you again to the Committee's who made this possible.

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