



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings once again from CSHP Sask. Branch! As my term of President is beginning, I already sense another eventful year for the Branch. Council continues to be fortunate to have a group of highly motivated and dynamic individuals ready to take on the challenges presented to the Branch and turn them into great opportunities!

CSHP remains committed to providing strong leadership to its membership in an effort to meet the needs and challenges of our profession. Despite the pharmacist shortage, pharmacists have dedicated themselves to maintaining existing programs and have even forged ahead to initiate invaluable services. As the profession of pharmacy continues to evolve, CSHP continues to set the pace with involvement in initiatives such as Primary Health Care, the Health Quality Council and Collaborative Prescribing. Patients continue to value our ability to provide pharmaceutical care, medication counseling, seamless care, respond to medication safety issues and excel in medication regimen management. These skills are highly valued by patients and other health care providers alike, in both acute care and ambulatory settings. CSHP remains committed

to advocating on behalf of its members to government on all matters that involve pharmacy in health care.

CSHP is a proven leader in providing its members with quality educational sessions. The CSHP Sask. Branch AGM and Educational Sessions offered in October 2003 is a fine example of this commitment. Dave Blackburn and his committee did a fantastic job of putting forth the best of CSHP — not only for 2003, but from over the past 50 years! Congratulations to all! I was also privileged to attend the CSHP National AGM in St. John's Newfoundland this past August. The conference was phenomenal! I was very excited to hear the announcement that the 2007 CSHP National AGM would be hosted by Sask. Branch. This will be another wonderful opportunity to showcase the excellence of our membership! The success of our Branch depends very much on you, the members. I encourage all of you to participate in the affairs of CSHP to your fullest potential.

I was lucky to be able, as a representative of CSHP Sask. Branch, to collaborate with members of CSHP National in the development of a new vision statement for our

Editor's CORNER

- Please let me know if you would like to have your Postscript e-mailed to you instead of mailed. You can contact me at 766-2388 or e-mail me at janis.johnson@rqhealth.ca
- New Section to appear in the next issues of the PostScript called "What's up?" This section will be devoted to letting Sk Branch CSHP members know what is happening around the province. Here is the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of
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Society. A shared vision is essential to the unity of our members and the functioning of our Society. I know you will join with me in embracing this new vision to lead us into the future.

Vision 2006

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

I am fortunate to be following Melanie McLeod, who has done an outstanding job as president of CSHP Sask. Branch. I am also fortunate in the knowledge that I can count on the support of all the membership of CSHP Sask. Branch to achieve our new vision. CSHP Sask. Branch members truly are the life, the voice and the heart of hospital pharmacy!

As CSHP is your advocacy body, it is important that any issues, questions or concerns that CSHP members feel must be addressed be brought forward. Contact information for CSHP SASK. Branch Council may be found on our website (www.cshp-sk.org).

I am looking forward to another great year!

Monica Lawrence
President 2003-2004

AGM FINAL REPORT

This year the CSHP Sask. Branch AGM and Educational Sessions were held October 3, 4, and 5th in Saskatoon's Sheraton Cavalier Hotel. This was the second year that the AGM was held over three days instead of the usual two. All sessions were well attended and registrants were treated to a number of excellent educational sessions.

Eighty-five registrants attended Dr. Bill Semchuk's Friday evening seminar entitled, 'Optimizing Dyslipidemia in the Hospitalized Patient'. Dr. Bill reviewed important issues surrounding dyslipidemia management including the role of potent statins and combination therapy. This was followed by a wine and cheese reception. Thank you to AstraZeneca Canada Inc. for fully sponsoring this event.

Saturday morning started off with a Breakfast Symposium entitled, 'Serious Infections in Hospitalized Patients' featuring Dr. Stephen Sanche, an infectious disease specialist from the College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Sanche reviewed emerging techniques for the identification and management of infectious organisms. Seventy-nine registrants enjoyed the informative presentation as well as the excellent breakfast. Thank you to Bayer Inc. for fully sponsoring this event.

Another breakfast seminar was offered on Sunday morning entitled, 'Antipsychotic Associated Diabetes: A Close Look at the Data'. Dr. Ric Procyshyn, a research psychopharmacologist from Vancouver, provided an excellent overview of the available studies in this area. Dr. Procyshyn was a talented speaker and all 54 registrants enjoyed another excellent breakfast. Thanks to Eli Lilly Canada Inc. for fully sponsoring this event.

One hundred nineteen people registered for the AGM and Educational Sessions. There were 11 professional posters and 13 pharmaceutical displays. We were very fortunate to have additional displays for the Pharmacy Historical Society and CSHP Sask Branch. Also, 40 pharmacy students attended either the entire meeting or one of the symposiums. The educational sessions received very high evaluations by those who attended. Topics included diabetes and the metabolic syndrome, osteoporosis, oncology basics, COPD, primary care, and depression. A very special thank you to all of the speakers, sponsors, registrants and volunteers who helped ensure that the 2003 AGM and Educational Sessions were an overwhelming success. A personal thanks to the many enthusiastic individuals on the Educational Services Committee who worked diligently on this conference. They include Carolyn Bubbar (nee Anderson), Jane Cassidy, Barb Evans, Lisa Fladager, Lori Friesen, Krystal Napper, Shannan Neubauer, and Jim Oxley (corresponding member).

Mark Your Calendar! The 2004 Annual General Meeting and Educational Sessions will be held in Moose Jaw next October. The new ESC chair is Jim Oxley. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of his committee do not hesitate to contact Jim at Moose Jaw Union Hospital, (306) 694-0397, or joxl@fhhr.ca.

Also, don't miss the 30th annual Banff Conference to be held March 19 to 21st at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta. A number of diverse and informative educational sessions have been organized including the keynote address on Canadian Health Care Reform by Ken Fyke, head of Saskatchewan's Commission on Medicare (the Fyke report)! Registration packages will be sent to all CSHP members via email. If you have any questions, or would like to register, please contact Sandra Kehoe (204) 632-3151 or skehoe@sogh.mb.ca.

David Blackburn
Educational Services Chair, 2002-2003



CSHP SASK BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AWARDS PROGRAM

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN - OCTOBER 5, 2003

The Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists held its 49th Annual General Meeting on October 5, 2003 at the Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon. The luncheon program honoured several hospital pharmacists for their achievements.

The **President's Gavel** to Monica Lawrence at the Annual General Meeting.

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 Jennifer Carvell who is currently pursuing a hospital pharmacy residency program in Regina.

The **Pharmacia-Pfizer Residency Award**, sponsored by Pharmacia-Pfizer, is awarded annually to a deserving Saskatchewan hospital pharmacy resident in recognition of a residency project which represents significant innovation, practical application and/or development in an institutional pharmacy practice setting. This year's winner was Allison Marcil for her project entitled "*Accuracy of Weights Used to Dose Enoxaparin, Eptifibatide, Tirofiban, and Tenecteplase in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region: The Impact on Therapeutic Outcomes in Acute Coronary Syndromes.*" Allison Marcil recently completed her hospital residency in Regina and began working as a staff pharmacist with the Regina General Hospital. Currently, she is taking a leave of absence to explore the exciting 'Down Under'.

The **Saskatchewan Branch CSHP Merit Award** 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 recipient was Carolyn Hart of Regina for her dedication to the implementation of pharmacy services within the neonatal intensive care unit at the Regina General Hospital. At the awards luncheon, Carolyn inspired us all with stories of how pharmacists can have an enormous impact on the care of many precious infants.

The **Pharmacist of the Year Award**, sponsored by Apotex Inc./PACE, is awarded annually to a member of the Branch in recognition of outstanding achievement and

long-term service to the practice of hospital Pharmacy. Brenda Schuster was the recipient of this year's award. Brenda was honoured for her continued dedication to the efforts of CSHP and the College of Pharmacists.

Melanie McLeod was presented with the Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada **Past President's Award**. Thank you so much for all your hard work this year Melanie!!!

The **Betty C. Riddell Award for Pharmacy Practitioner Excellence** is awarded annually 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 the Branch recognized Bruce Lang for his commitment to pharmaceutical services within the dialysis unit of the Regina General Hospital, education of Saskatchewan pharmacy residents, and his role in the establishment of primary care services.

Congratulations to all the award recipients! You are an inspiration to us all. Many thanks to the sponsors and presenters.

CSHP-SK Branch Awards Committee is currently undergoing an extensive review of all awards offered throughout the year. Keep your eyes open for some exciting new opportunities to recognize your fellow colleagues!!

CSHP SASK BRANCH TEXTBOOK DRAW

At the completion of the Annual General Meeting, the textbook draw was held (sponsored by Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada). The lucky winners were Tera Jensen (Pharmacotherapy Handbook), Barb Evans (Handbook of Clinical Drug Data), Allison Marcil (Treatment Guidelines), Barry Lyons (Handbook of Antibiotics), Lisa Fladager (Pediatric Drug Reference), Pal Karlson (Pediatric Treatment Guidelines), Melanie McLeod (Psychotropic Drugs), Dale Rodenbush (Merck Manual of Geriatrics), Jim Oxley (Professional's Handbook of Complimentary and Alternative Medicines).

CSHP SASK BRANCH AGM POSTER PRIZES

Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada also supported a \$250 cash prize for the outstanding poster submission at this year's AGM. Congratulations to S. Neubauer, L.G. Suveges, K. Phillips, L. Koloziehak, C. Leyshon, and J. Golightly for their poster entitled "*Competency Assessment Process for Pharmacists Seeking to Prescribe Emergency Contraceptive Pills*".

NOTICE OF 2004 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

Banff Seminar in March 2004. A winner will be selected from the submissions following the Banff Seminar. A copy of the poster abstract submission should be forwarded to Jenelle Heroux by January 16, 2004.

BANFF TRAVEL AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada also donated funds to support one member's attendance at the 2004 Banff Conference. The lucky winner was Janet Harding of Saskatoon.

Jenelle Heroux
Awards Committee Chair 2003-2004

Branch Highlights

- Sk Branch CSHP executive sat down with Ray Joubert on Dec. 10, 2003 for a strategic planning session. They had a successful afternoon of discussion on finances, policy and procedures and executive structure.
- PAW will be held on March 1-7th, 2004. Discussion with Brett Filson (RBSP), Richard Cashin (PR CSHP) and student reps from CAPSI have begun to plan for this event. Brett and Richard have set personal goals of assisting the College in winning the CAPSI Award of Professionalism for PAW. The group has many ideas including a potential mail out or public lecture session on a prominent topic. More details to follow.
- Sk. Branch CSHP celebrated its 50th anniversary at this year's AGM. Special recognition was given to Past Presidents and all the work that they have accomplished over the past 50 years.
- Sk Branch CSHP made a submission to the Health Quality Council for their consideration. Sk Branch CSHP reported on how hospital pharmacist can positively contribute to the Saskatchewan Quality Health Council initiatives for improvement in Access, Primary Health Care, Evidence Based Practice, Quality Improvement and Safety of the medication use system for the residents in Saskatchewan.

"The Saskatoon Health Region/St. Paul's Hospital's IV Medication Compatibility chart was recently updated. It includes additive and Y-site compatibilities for over 90 medications. The chart measures 25" x 25" (63cm x 63cm), is full colour and has a gloss finish. The cost per chart is \$10.00. If you are interested in purchasing copies of the chart, please contact our secretary, Anita at 655-2260 and she will fax you an order form."

Thanks very much,
Cheryl Kolbinson

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your peers or even your health region, new appointments to your staff or whatever you like to send out to the Sk Branch CSHP members. You can contact me at 766-2388 or e-mail me at janis.johnson@rqhealth.ca with your submission.

- Also available on the Branch website are past issues of the PostScript, CSHP news and upcoming events that may be of concern to our members. If you have any ideas for improvement to the Branch Website, send your suggestions to webmaster@cshp-sk.org.