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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe five weeks of term have passed. Doesn't time fly when we are having fun? It won't be long before we are preparing and marking December exams. Now, that is a terrible thought. All of this seems quite some distance from the lazy days of summer and our Annual Meeting held June 24 – 26 in Saskatoon. By all accounts, our meetings were a success. The 70 registrations came from all nine Canadian Faculties of pharmacy. In addition, there were two registrants from the United States. The Teacher's Conference organized by Simon Albon focused on developing and measuring, in our undergraduate students, three of AFPC's general ability-based outcomes (communications, information access and evaluation, and critical thinking). The feedback from this session was very positive and gratifying. On Sunday June 25th, our conference featured presentations by the AFPC award winners and highlights of pharmacy practice research activities in Canada. The

next day, a total of 41 scientific posters were displayed and discussed. The Sunday and Monday presentations and posters were well received by the registrants. The need to continue to provide such forums, highlighting research conducted by individuals associated with Canadian Faculties of Pharmacy, was strongly supported by those in attendance. Our Conference ended with the annual AFPC Banquet, which was held this year at Saskatoon's Willows Golf and Country Club. It was a great evening (approximately 140 attendees) and Dr. Fred Remillard and his committee deserve recognition for all their efforts to make it so successful. Unfortunately, they made one mistake in their planning and permitted Mr. Ken Ready to act as the Master of Ceremonies. All at the "head table" were the recipients of abuse and ridicule for the entire evening – some would say that alone was worth the price of admission.



On June 27th, Dr. David Hill (past-president) and myself met with Mr. Bill Wilson, President of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities, to discuss the delay in formalizing an agreement between NAPRA and PEBC concerning the use of the Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) process in the June 2001 examinations. At that time, Mr. Wilson assured us that a decision was imminent. I am pleased to report that, shortly thereafter, AFPC was informed that NAPRA had agreed that the OSCE format should be used by PEBC in the examinations scheduled for June 2001.

Gorecki, I helped organize the workshop for this meeting that addressed program evaluation. The resource people were Dr. Michael Maddux and Dr. Thomas Zlatic from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. This subject matter was chosen because the issues of program evaluation and quality assurance had been discussed by both AFPC and ADPC during the past year. This was a very worthwhile meeting. In addition to the program content, it provided an opportunity for the Executive Director, Dr. Blackburn and myself to interact with all the Deans of Pharmacy of Canada as well as with Dr. Bruce Schnell, Executive Director of the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs. In my view, these three organizations need to meet face-to-face more often.

From July 7 – 12, I represented AFPC at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy held in San Diego. I was pleased to present greetings and best wishes at the opening session of this meeting. There were a number of Canadian academics attending as well as presenting during the podium and poster sessions. Not surprisingly, many of the issues in American academic pharmacy are of concern to us in Canada and attending such meetings is always beneficial.

In closing, I would like to wish you a very successful Fall term (or what remains of it) and suggest you start planning to attend our next Annual Conference in June 2001 when we meet in Ottawa in conjunction with CCCP.

On September 30 and October 1, I participated in a meeting of the Association of Deans of Pharmacy of Canada. Along with the ADPC President, Dr. Denis

**David W. Fielding,
President**

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As noted in President David's column, we had a very successful AFPC Conference 2000 in Saskatoon in June. In addition to the educational programs and award presentations, your Council also concluded some very productive business meetings. I wish to briefly update you on some of the important items that were discussed and plans that were made for the coming year.

Council devoted a half-day to review the AFPC Mission and Goals, with the purpose of determining how our association can most effectively represent Canadian academic pharmacy and provide a strong voice for our members within the ever changing environment of our profession and health care education in the new millennium. An evolving strategic plan will be presented at our 2001 mid year

council meeting early in the new year. A vital component of this process is to receive feedback from the membership on your view of how AFPC can more effectively meet your expectations as a national association of pharmacy educators. Please take a few moments to voice your views to either your AFPC Council member or contact me directly at jblackburn@sk.sympatico.ca.

Our Education Committee, under the direction of President David Fielding, is currently investigating the next steps in the educational outcomes approach to our teaching programs. They are developing a framework for the assessment of student achievement and also examining approaches to the evaluating outcome achievements for our pharmacy education programs.

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During the past few months, AFPC has received several requests for comments on position papers from the Canadian Pharmacists Association and the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities. A few examples include the role of pharmacists in the provision of emergency contraception drugs, a discussion paper on prescriptive authority, the FIP international statements regarding pharmacists' roles and continuing competency assessment proposals.

AFPC members are also actively participating in developing a study of human resource needs within our profession. One component of that issue is the future educational programs for pharmacy practitioners, including the debate regarding proposed entry-level Doctor of Pharmacy Programs. Past President David Hill's "*A Background Paper on the Pharm. D Issue in Canada*" was a very significant contribution to providing the ground work for future discussions and considerations. AFPC looks forward to working with the Deans, all pharmacy organizations, universities, governmental education

funding agencies and other stakeholder groups as we set forth to develop a co-ordinated approach to the educational standards for pharmacists and other pharmacy personnel in Canada.

We have submitted the AFPC History Book to the printers and plan to have it published by Christmas of this year. Drs. Bernie Riedel and Ernie Stieb have edited a comprehensive and interesting account of the first fifty years of our organization (formerly the Canadian Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties). We owe a great debt of gratitude to Drs. Riedel and Stieb as well as the numerous chapter authors for their time and talents in publishing this excellent historical account of the development of pharmacy education in Canada.

AFPC will be again joining with the Canadian College of Clinical Pharmacy in our 2001 annual conference and general meeting in the Ottawa area in June of next year. (Final confirmation of the date and location will be announced to members within the next two weeks).

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AFPC made a special Award of Recognition to Ginette Bernier from Merck Frosst Canada & Co. for her continuing efforts to support the programs and activities of AFPC as well as her personal commitment in working with AFPC members to enhance pharmacy education in Canada.

AFPC Executive and Council 2000-2001

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AFPC AWARD RECIPIENTS 2000

The Janssen-Ortho Pharmaceutical Research Award

Dr. Sidney Katz,
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences,
University of British Columbia

The Bristol-Myers Squibb National Award for Excellence in Education

The Dalhousie College of Pharmacy
PBL Curriculum Group:
Prof. Susan Mansour
Dr. Pat Farmer
Dr. Anne Marie Whelan

The AstraZeneca New Investigator Research Award

Dr. Hu Liu, School of Pharmacy
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The Roche Graduate Student Research Award

Mark Lomaga, Faculty of Pharmacy,
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The Merck Frosst Canada & Co. Pharmacy Graduate Fellowship Awards

Julien Braun Award –
Mellisa Perez, Faculté de pharmacie,
Université de Montréal

James E. Frosst Awards –
Wai Chi Lee, Faculty of Pharmacy,
University of Toronto

Danette Rutledge, College of Pharmacy &
Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan

The Canadian Foundation of Pharmacy Student Poster Awards

Ms. Eunice Yan-Tao Wong	Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of British Columbia
Ms. Afsaneh Lavasanifar	Faculty of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Alberta
Ms. Jodi Franklin	(National Winner) College of Pharmacy & Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan
Ms. Anita Carrie	Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Manitoba
Ms. Sonja Kasapinovic	(National Winner) Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto
Ms. Isabelle Ménard	Faculté de Pharmacie, Université de Montréal
Ms. Chantale Simard	Faculté de Pharmacie, Université Laval
Ms. Cynthia Falconer	College of Pharmacy, Dalhousie University
Mr. Yu Shu	School of Pharmacy, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Special AFPC Awards at Conference 2000

Congratulations to the following retiring AFPC members who were awarded AFPC Honorary Membership at the AFPC Banquet in Saskatoon:

Gilles Barbeau, Université Laval
Robert Goyer, Université de Montréal
Ted Hawes, University of Saskatchewan
Gaston Labrecque, Université Laval
Pierre-Paul LeBlanc, Université Laval
Dick Moskalyk, University of Alberta
Jim Orr, University of British Columbia

Apotex Undergraduate Pharmacy Practice Research Awards

Deanna Bowley, Dalhousie University
Theresa Dober, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Nadia Lavertu, Université Laval
Earl MacKnight, University of Toronto
Jennelle Miller, University of Saskatchewan
Louise Papillon-Ferland, Université de Montréal
Sonal Shah, University of Alberta
Connie Syganiec, University of Manitoba
Serena Verma, University of British Columbia

Jim Blackburn,
Executive Director - AFPC

FACULTY NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

General Faculty News:

The CCAPP accreditation team visited the Faculty of Pharmacy in September 2000 as part of the accreditation process.

PET facility is funded at U. of A: A group led by Dr. AJB McEwan, Cross Cancer Institute, and including from the Faculty of Pharmacy, **Drs. McQuarrie, Mercer, Suresh, and Wiebe** have secured funding in excess of \$9 million for a Positron Emission Tomography imaging facility. This is the fulfillment of efforts over 25 years by staff of the Faculty. In recognition of this an Imaging symposium was held in conjunction with the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Prairie Provinces Chapter in Edmonton 21-23 Sept 2000. Invited outside speakers were Dr. Allan Waxman, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, Prof. Jurgen Machulla of Eberhardt-Karls U., Tubingen PET Centre, Dr. C. Divgi of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, Dr. C. Caldwell, Sunbrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, Dr. F. Benard, U.Sherbrooke, Dr. D. Mankoff, U. Washington Medical Center, Seattle, and Dr. S. Downey of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester.

Research Day was held on 22 September. **Dr. Elizabeth Vadas**, Executive Director, Pharmaceutical Research and Development, Merck-Frosst Canada was the keynote speaker and presented a very informative discussion on the development of Singulair. There were presentations by graduate students and undergraduates. The winner of the AFPC travel award was **Kassem Abouchehade** and he will be coming to

Retirement:

Mr. John Scott who has been the Director of Edmonton Radiopharmacy Centre for over 25 years is retiring on 1 January 2001. He has been an active researcher and teacher with the Faculty over this period. He was honoured at this meeting.

Individual Faculty News:

In June 2000, **Dr. Ross Tsuyuki** and **Dr. Margaret Ackman** were invited to Toho University to consult on curriculum issues. This visit was arranged under the Toho-University of Alberta Agreement.

Nancy Rae, Clinical Assistant Professor, received the SALUTE (Students' Union Award for Leadership and Undergraduate Teaching). The pharmacy students had

the AFPC annual meeting in Ottawa. Other award winners were **Afsaneh Lavasanifar** (Wu Hong Memorial Poster Prize) and **Sonal Shah** (Wyeth undergraduate award).

The Faculty held an orientation for incoming students the day prior to classes. It explained the program and links to the profession. The incoming students then met in small groups with some current students to gain a better insight into student activities as well as academic requirements. A follow up orientation session was held on the afternoon of 20 September during which they had a brief ceremony accepting the Code of Ethics of the profession. The orientation program was organized by **Nancy Rae**. This event has proven to be very helpful in making the students feel welcome and socializing them into the profession.

The Faculty organized a one day get together for one year graduates of the Faculty. This was done to encourage them to stay in touch and assist one another to maintain practice standards. There would also be benefits to the University by encouraging them to become active alumni. The session was successful despite the low turnout. It is planned to continue this event annually. The meeting was organized by **Terry Legaarden**, the Faculty Development Officer.

In August, pharmacy students from 3 Japanese universities were in Edmonton for 3 weeks of English language education. During that time they took part in some Pharmacy education activities and had several social functions with Alberta pharmacy students.

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nominated her for the award based on her commitment to teaching and assisting first year Pharmacy students.

John Bachynsky, Professor of Pharmacy Administration, has received the Bristol Myers Squibb Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Cheryl Cox, Clinical Assistant Professor, was one of the members of the Interprofessional Health Development, Evaluation and Activities Group who received the Alan Blizzard Award of the University for innovative teaching.

Cheryl Cox has also received the ACHILI Award for Interdisciplinary Leadership.

New Grants:

David Feeny, Professor, Merck-Frosst Chair - Faculty of Pharmacy and Fellow - Institute of Health Economics, and Professor of Health Economics, has recently received a Health Independent Establishment Grant from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research for "Programs of Research on the Assessment of Health-Related Quality of Life and Determinants of Population Health Quality".

Prof. Feeny is also one of 145 investigators from 24 universities, 22 industrial partners and 39 other agencies that has been funded as a Network Centre of Excellence as "The Canadian Stroke Network".

Professor Feeny has also received support from the Institute for Health Economics for:

- Agreement Between Directly Measured Utility Scores and Scores Derived from Multi-Attribute Utility Functions.
- Measurement of Health Status and Health Related Quality of Life in Patients with Hip Fractures (with C. Allyson Jones (Post Doctoral student))

Dr. John Samuel was successful in a CIHR grant for \$254,000 for his study entitled "Nanoparticle delivery of MUCI antigens to dendritic cells for cancer chemotherapy".

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Names of graduate students who defended their thesis and/or convocated in the year 2000:

Agatha Hoyan Ching (Supervisor: **Dr. Y.K. Tam**)
(Title of M.Sc. thesis: "Mapping of CYP3A Activity Along the Intestinal Mucosa in Dogs")

Donald Husereau (Supervisor: **Dr. D. Wishart**)
(Title of M.Sc. thesis: "Development of Ultrasensitive PSA Immunoassays")

Li, Ping (Supervisor: **Dr. D. Wishart**)
(Title of M.Sc. thesis: "Expression, Purification and Isotopic Labelling of HAV and HRV 14 3C Protease")

Frederick Ragan (Supervisor: **Dr. G. Miller**)
(Title of M.Sc. thesis: "Experimental and Theoretical Improvements in the Investigation of Sonodynamic Cancer Therapy")

Lisa Schapansky (Supervisor: **Dr. J.A. Johnson**)
(Title of M.Sc. thesis: "Pharmacists' Attitudes Towards Diabetes")

Michael Scott Watson (Supervisor: **Dr. D. Wishart**)
(Title of M.Sc. thesis: "Backbone Chemical Shift Assignments of HAV 3C Protease")

Hai Wei (Supervisor: **Dr. L.I. Wiebe**)
(Title of M.Sc. thesis: "Analysis and Intracellular Uptake of β -Cyclodextrin Complex")

Xiao-Hong Yang (Supervisor: **Dr. L.I. Wiebe**)
(Title of M.Sc. thesis: "Cyclodextrins as Potential Drug Delivery Agents")

Changdong Jin (Supervisor(s): **Drs. Daneshtalab / Pasutto**)
(Title of Ph.D. thesis: "Natural Antifungals and their Synthetic Analogues")

Tahereh Khaezinia (Supervisor: **Dr. F. Jamali**)
(Title of Ph.D. thesis: "Local and Systemic Gastrointestinal Side Effects of NSAIDs")

Kenneth Kulmatycki (Supervisor: **Dr. F. Jamali**)
(Title of Ph.D. thesis: "Disease-Drug Interactions")

Harold Lopatka (Supervisor: **Dr. J. Bachynsky**)
(Title of Ph.D. thesis: "An Evaluation of a Community Pharmacy Reimbursement Model for Cognitive Services")

Patrick Mayo (Supervisor: **Dr. F. Jamali**)
(Title of Ph.D. thesis: "Disposition and Pharmacodynamics of Verapamil Enantiomers in the Presence of Inflammation")

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Academic Appointments:

Deb Barnhill has been appointed as Coordinator of Continuing Pharmacy Education for the Division of Continuing Education, College of Pharmacy. Deb also teaches and coordinates the third year skills lab at the College.

Dr. David Gardner of the College has been cross-appointed to the Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine Department of Pharmacology.

Dr. Adil Virani has been appointed as an adjunct professor to the Dalhousie Faculty of Medicine Department of Psychiatry.

Individual Faculty News:

Farmer P, Mansour S, Whelan AM. Innovations in Pharmacy Education: The PBL Curriculum at the College of Pharmacy, Dalhousie University. Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada Annual Conference as the AFPC-BMS Award Presentation, Saskatoon, June 25, 2000.

Gardner D. Bipolar disorder: new treatments and sobering perspectives. Presented to the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists. Annual General Meeting, 2000. Winnipeg, MB. August 2000.

Gardner D. Developing ability-based outcomes: information access and evaluation. Presented to the

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Jurgens T. Potential Toxicities of Herbal Therapies in the Developing Fetus. Invited speaker for Public Affairs Symposium. What do we know about the reproductive and Developmental Risks of Herbal and Alternate Remedies? The Teratology Society 40th Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL, June 28, 2000.

Neil MacKinnon gave two podium presentations and led two workshops at the American Pharmaceutical Association Foundation Advanced Practice Institute in Gainesville, FL, USA, June 2000.

Wentzell N. To boldly go where too few have gone before: Challenging the learner in a health science-based curriculum, using stories in Problem Based Learning cases to teach law and ethics. Presented to the 3rd Annual Regional Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education Conference, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, May 2000.

Nadine Wentzell received a certificate in Adult Education from St. Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia on July 27, 2000.

Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada Annual Conference. Saskatoon, SK. June 24, 2000.

Gardner D. Evidence-based practice for pharmacists: an introduction. Presented at University for Half a Day - Continuing Pharmacy Education Program, College of Pharmacy, Dalhousie University. Halifax, NS, Fredericton, NB, Charlottetown, PEI. Apr-May, 2000.

Gardner D. Compliance with antidepressants: challenges and answers. Presented at the Satellite Symposium: Tools and strategies to improve patient outcomes in the treatment of depression. Atlantic Health Sciences Corporation. Moncton, NB, April 29, 2000.

Gardner D. Supporting evidence-based practice. Presented to the Nova Scotia Association of Hospital Pharmacist Managers. White Point, NS, March 25, 2000.

Dr. David Gardner was the spring 2000 recipient of the Dr. Jessie I. MacKnight award for excellence in pharmaceutical teaching at the College of Pharmacy.

Jurgens T, Drobitch R. Integration of Pharmaceutical Sciences into a Therapeutics Driven Problem-Based Learning (PBL) Curriculum. The 4th Annual Dalhousie Conference on University Teaching and Learning, Halifax NS, May 10, 2000. (contributed podium presentation)

Whelan AM. Dyspepsia Management in the Palm of Your Hand. Presented at the Continuing Pharmacy Education Program, College of Pharmacy, Dalhousie University. Halifax, NS, Sept 2000.

Whelan AM. COX-2 Inhibitors: What's all the hype? Debate vs. Dr. Susan Bowles. 8th Annual CCCP Meeting in Kananaskis, Alberta. June 2000. (Invited speaker)

Whelan AM. Symptom management of osteoarthritis: The role of the pharmacist. Presented to pharmacists in Kentville and Truro, Nova Scotia for the Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society. May 2000. (Co-presenter: Dr. Susan Bowles).

Whelan AM. Women's Health Level 1 Certificate Program. Presented to pharmacists across Canada on Toronto, Ontario for the Ontario Pharmacists Association. April 2000.

Whelan AM. Overview of COX-2 Inhibitors. Presented to pharmacists in Saint John, New Brunswick. March 2000.

New Grants:

Neil MacKinnon is the P.I. on a research project that has been funded for \$280,000 by the National Health Research and Development Program: "Preventable drug-related morbidity in older adults in Nova Scotia: Identification of risk factors and relationship to health care resource utilization".

General Faculty News:

The last installment of the Critical Appraisal Series course (CAS 4A) is to be run this fall with the fourth year undergraduate students. This will complete the 5 terms of this course for the first time.

Major Visitors:

Dr. Stuart McLean, Associate Professor, Tasmanian School of Pharmacy, University of Tasmania, is

visiting the College for five weeks from September 18th to October 20th. Dr. McLean is visiting to learn about the problem-based learning undergraduate pharmacy curriculum and will be participating in various aspects of the programme.

Education Corner:

One of the assignments in the Critical Appraisal Series is to have students write an evidence-based pharmacotherapy case report. This exercise improves several skills and abilities including the understanding and application of the evidence-based process (clinical question, searching, critical appraisal, application of information) and writing skills. Also, students and their supervisors may have a publication as a result. Please refer to the April 2000 issue of the Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics for more information.



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

General Faculty News:

We are pleased to announce that the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition's Pharmacy Program (BSP) received Full Accreditation Status by CCAPP for the period of 2000-2005.

We would like to acknowledge the generous support received by the pharmaceutical industry. AstraZeneca contributed \$ 75,000 to incorporate drug information / drug literature evaluation into the undergraduate curriculum. Also, a partnership grant of \$ 250,000 from Merck Frosst Canada Inc. and Canada Safeway will enable us to undertake practice-based research involving the Patient-Focused Professional Skills Teaching Facility.

Dr. Shannan Neubauer, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, received the 2000 Bristol-Myers Squibb Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Fred Remillard has been selected President-Elect for AFPC. As a result, **Dr. Yvonne Shevchuk** will now be our new AFPC Council representative.

Appointments and Promotions:

We would like to extend our congratulations to **Dr. Yvonne Shevchuk** who has been promoted to Professor of Pharmacy and **Dr. Jeff Taylor** who has been promoted to Associate Professor of Pharmacy, effective July 2000.

Congratulations also to **Drs. Jim Blackburn** and **Ted Hawes** who have been appointed Professors Emeritus, July 1999 and July 2000, respectively.

Mr. Roy Dobson has been appointed Professor of Pharmacy (Pharmacy Administration) effective July 2000.

Dr. Jim Fang was appointed Assistant Professor of Pharmacy (Pharmacokinetics), effective July 2000.

Leaves:

Dr. Gord McKay, Professor of Pharmacy, was granted a leave effective July 2000 to work with the newly established PharmaLytics, Inc., a collaborative corporate research centre for drug metabolism and drug disposition at the University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Marianna Foldvari, Professor of Pharmacy, was granted a year of leave, effective July 2000, to work with PharmaDerm Laboratories Ltd., a biotechnology dermatological product firm in Saskatoon.

New Grants:

Dr. Jim Fang received an HSURC Biomedical Establishment Grant of \$ 94,749 for his research on "Management of Metabolic Drug-Drug Interactions by Strategic Dosage Scheduling".

UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL

Appointment:

Dr. Etienne Lessard has been appointed assistant professor of pharmacokinetics. The candidate completed his Ph.D. in 1999 for a thesis entitled "Implication du CYP2D6 dans le métabolisme et la toxicité de la procainamide et de la venlafaxine chez l'humain" under the supervision of Dr. Jacques Turgeon. Dr Lessard is currently undergoing a postdoctoral fellowships at Astra-Zeneca and is scheduled to join the Faculty in January 2002.

Visitor:

Dr. Erick Beyssac from the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Clermont-Ferrand (France) joined the Faculty in September as a visiting professor for the

next two years. He will contribute to the teaching in Physical Pharmacy (Sciences Pharmaceutiques) and in Biopharmacy and Pharmacokinetics and initiate a research program on the factors modulating the rate of drug absorption.

General Faculty News:

The Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs will evaluate our baccalaureate program in October.

Retirements:

As of November 1st, 2000, **Drs. Gilles Barbeau, Gaston Labrecque** and **Pierre-Paul LeBlanc** will be retired from the Faculty.

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New Grants:

Dr. Thérèse Di Paolo-Chênevert

For a project entitled "Molecular Correlates of Levodopa-Induced Dyskinesia". The proposal was approved for funding for 415,650\$ for 5 years from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR).

Drs. Jean-Pierre Grégoire and Jocelyne Moisan

For a project entitled « Effet de l'opinion pharmaceutique sur l'observance des traitements antihypertenseurs et sur l'utilisation des soins ». The proposal was approved for funding for 24,831\$ for the current year by the « Réseau FRSQ sur l'utilisation des médicaments ».

For a project entitled « Traitements médicamenteux antihypertenseurs: impact des effets indésirables sur

les coûts du traitement ». The proposal was approved for funding for 4,870\$ for the year 2000-2001 by the « Réseau FRSQ sur l'utilisation des médicaments ».

For a project entitled "Ambulatory use of atypical antipsychotics: A head-to-head comparison of clozapine, risperidone, olanzapine and quetiapine". The proposal was approved for funding for 77,000\$ for 2001 by Jansenn-Ortho.

Dr. Chantal Guillemette

For a project entitled "Pharmacogenetics of UDP-glucuronosyltransferase drug-metabolizing enzymes: Implications for pharmacotherapy. The proposal was approved for funding for 233,184\$ for 3 years from the CIHR.

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Individual Faculty News:

Associate Dean Jake Thiessen received a grant from the Canadian Breast Cancer Research Initiative for a project "An innovative approach to inhibit mammary cancer development by inhibitors of p-glycoprotein".

Prof. Graham Nairn was elected to the pharmacy Compounding Expert Committee by the USP Council of Experts.

Prof. Lakshmi Kotra's CFI grant for "Drug Discovery Program" was matched by the Ontario Innovation Trust Fund (\$199 812).

Prof. Tom Einarson was elected Chair of the 2001 International Congress of the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology.

Dr. Lisa Dolovich was a Co-PI on a grant "A randomized controlled trial to evaluate a patient completed checklist tool to help pharmacists and physicians identify medication-related problems experienced by seniors. She is also Co-PI of a group that received a grant from the Health Transitions Fund to examine "Potential pharmacist-directed strategies and reimbursement mechanisms to meet stakeholder needs to improve drug therapy management".

THE INDUSTRIAL PHARMACY PROGRAM

The Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Toronto jointly with the participating companies of the Industrial Pharmacy Residency Program (Altimed; Apotex Inc., AstraZeneca Inc.; Baxter Corporation; Eli Lilly Canada Inc.; Genpharm Inc.; Glaxo Wellcome Inc.; Hoffmann-LaRoche Ltd.; Nycomed Amersham Canada Ltd.) are pleased to announce that the following Industrial Pharmacy Residents have successfully completed the program:

Ms. S. Cherns; Ms. J. Duncan; Ms. M.L. Eftoda; Mr. D. Fung; Ms. T.L. Gosnell



MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Faculty News:

Dr. Mohsen Daneshtalab has joined the School as Associate Professor of Medicinal Chemistry (effective September 1, 2000).

Dr. Hu Liu received the AstraZeneca/AFPC Young Investigator Award at the annual AFPC meeting held in Saskatoon (June, 2000).

Dr. Christopher Loomis has been invited to serve as a member of the College of Reviewers for the Canada's Research Chairs Program.

Dr. Christopher Loomis, a member of the 'Canadian Consortium for the Investigation of Cannabinoids in Human Therapeutics, attended the inaugural Meeting in Halifax in May, 2000.

Dr. Roy West has been appointed President of the National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC) in June 2000.

Dr. Mohsen Daneshtalab has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the new version of Current Opinion in Investigational Drugs, effective September 1, 2000. He was previously a member of the Editorial Board of the now discontinued journal Current Opinion in Anti-infective Investigational Drugs.

Dr. Nigel Rawson was invited speaker at the 'Prescription for Performance: A National Summit on Improving the Health of Canada's Drug Review System' which was held in Ottawa, in May 2000. He presented a paper entitled: "Canadian Drug Review Performance: An International Comparison".

Dr. Nigel Rawson was also invited to attend the 36th Annual Meeting of the Drug Information Association, San Diego (June 2000) where he presented a paper entitled: "Drug Approval Times in Canada, the United States and Other Industrialized Countries".

Dr. Debbie Kelly was selected "Professor of the Year" by the graduating class of 2000.

Dr. Leslie Phillips attended the American Psychiatric Association AGM in Chicago, ILL in May, 2000 and presented preliminary results of DUE Study on Antipsychotics to a panel of pharmacists.

Dr. Mohamedtaki Kara attended the AAPS Workshop on 'Biopharmaceutics in the New Millennium' - in Washington, D.C. (September, 2000).

Dr. Rebecca Law attended the Ontario Pharmacists Association "Conference 2000" in Toronto and the American College of Clinical Pharmacy 2000 "Updates on Therapeutics" Conference in St. Louis. (June, 2000)

Dr. Rebecca Law was invited to be the facilitator for the following workshop: "A Newfoundland and Labrador Round Table Forum on Recognition and Accreditation of Foreign Qualifications: Finding a Solution". The workshop was presented by The National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of Canada (NOIVMWC). It was held at the School of Nursing, Memorial University of Newfoundland, on June 1, 2000.

School News:

The Drug Information Centre operated by the School has received renewed funding in amount of \$250,000 over 3 years. A formal announcement of this award was made at a press conference on June 6, 2000 by the President of Memorial University, Dr. Axel Meisen and the Minister of Health and Community Services, Hon. Roger Grimes.

Student News:

All graduates of the Class of 2000 successfully completed the Spring 2000 PEBC Qualifying Examination.

The first graduating class of the School (Class of 1990) held its inaugural reunion. **Ms. Wanda Wells Spurrell**, a member of the Class of 1990, is an Instructor of Professional Practice and Studentship Coordinator in the School.

Mr. Michael Hefferan, doctoral student in Dr. Loomis' laboratory, has received a renewal of his graduate scholarship from the Rick Hansen Neurotrauma Foundation.

Mr. Zizhen Zhang, a recent graduate student in Dr. Loomis' laboratory, has begun doctoral studies in the Neuroscience program at McGill University.

Mr. Yu Shu, a graduate student in Dr. Liu's laboratory, presented a poster at the AFPC meeting in June, 2000.

Ms. Liping Feng, a graduate student in Dr. Liu's laboratory, presented a poster at the AFPC meeting in June, 2000.

Ms. Olenkie Tebogo attended the 18th International Congress of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in

Birmingham, England, in July 2000. She presented a poster titled "Separation and Characterization of Saponins from an extract of Quillaja Saponaria Molina: New Immuno-Adjuvants"

The 2002 PDW Conference will be hosted by students of the School of Pharmacy of Memorial University. Congratulations to all those who prepared and presented the successful bid

The 2000 CAPSI Award of Professionalism for Pharmacy Awareness Week has been awarded to the School of Pharmacy of Memorial University. Congratulations to Ms. Stephanie Moccia, Ms. Megan Turner and all those who participated in the 2000 Pharmacy Awareness Week.

Mr. Roland Halil (Class of 2001) has begun his term as National President of the Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns (CAPSI). Ms. Megan Turner (Class of 2001) is serving as CAPSI Vice-President of Communications.

CAPSI/MUN under the leadership of Ms. Megan Turner, organized a successful three-day seminar on 'Herbal Preparations'. Dr. Frank Chandler was the invited speaker.



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New Grants:

Ruby Grymonpre & Kamal Dullat received a grant from Merck Frosst Canada to study the validity and reliability of a prescription claims database to estimate medication adherence in the elderly.

Lavern Vercaigne, Rob Ariano and J Zacharias received a grant from the HSC Research Foundation for predicting aminoglycoside dosage requirements in the hemodialysis population.

Individual Faculty News:

Dr. John F. Templeton has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) from the University of London, England. The D.Sc. is a higher degree of the university awarded on the basis of substantial published work over a period of time in widely recognized journals. The subject of this award is for work on steroids published in organic/medicinal chemistry literature.
CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!

Dr. Colin Briggs was an invited participant at the International Congress on Traditional Medicine, (Beijing 2000) in Beijing, China April 22-24. The Congress was sponsored by the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine of the People's Republic of China and

the World Health Organization. He presented a paper on "The Changing Regulatory Framework for Natural Health Products in Canada" in the Government Forum section of the Congress. Seven national Ministers of Health attended this Forum which focussed on integration of traditional medicine into "Western Medicine" and improving recognition of national systems of alternative and complementary medicine. Dr. Briggs was asked to present a summary of the proceedings of the Forum at the closing session of the Congress. After the conference, Colin presented a seminar at the Sino Japanese Hospital in Beijing and visited the Pharmacy School and manufacturing facility of the Faculty of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

The late Sir William Stephenson, better known as Intrepid, the head of British intelligence in North America during the second world war, was born in Winnipeg and is an honorary degree recipient from the University of Manitoba. In May, the Intrepid Society presented a statue of William Stephenson to the Central Intelligence Agency to commemorate his involvement in establishing the OSS, forerunner of the CIA. **Dr. Colin Briggs** was invited to give a biographical sketch of Sir William at the presentation at CIA Headquarters in Washington.

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General Faculty News

Sid Katz received the AFPC Janssen-Ortho Pharmaceutical Research Award for 2000 at the AFPC Annual Meeting in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, June 25th-26th, 2000.

Simon Albion, Hilary Watson and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Teaching Support Group (TSG) received the 1999/2000 Helen McCrae Award provided by the UBC Campus Advisory Board on Student Development (CABSD). The award recognizes contributions to student service that have had a significant positive impact on student development at UBC. The award was presented at a reception on Wednesday, April 26th, 2000 at Cecil Green Park.

Colleen Brady was selected by Chatelaine Magazine to be the "pharmacist" for their column "Ask the Expert". She will be answering pharmacy-related questions that readers of the magazine have submitted.

Kishor Wasan is one of eleven UBC faculty members to complete the UBC Certificate Program on Teaching in Higher Education sponsored by the Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth (TAG). The graduation program was held at Green College on May 9th, 2000.

Kath MacLeod successfully completed the Vancouver Marathon on May 7th, 2000. The 42.1 km race was Kath's first at this distance.

Helen Burt won the YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Science and Technology at a ceremony on

May 25th, 2000. This award recognizes her contributions as an outstanding scientist, professor and researcher.

Fawziah Marra was conferred the status of Fellow by the Board of Fellows of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (CSHP) for her exemplary achievements, outstanding contributions to CSHP, leadership and commitment to the profession of pharmacy practice in organized health care settings.

John McNeill was among 14 top scholars from British Columbia to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the country's most distinguished academic honor.

Michael Pungente joined the Faculty in the Division of Pharmaceutics and Biopharmaceutics as a Lecturer on August 1, 2000.

Keith McErlane was re-elected to the United States Pharmacopoeial Convention for a two-year term commencing September 1, 2000.

David Hill was elected by the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists to a two-year term on its Board of Fellows commencing July 2000. The Board is responsible for administering the CSHP Fellow program designed to recognize sustained support and leadership in the profession, practice excellence and contributions to pharmacy knowledge.



Existing Grants April-September 2000

Kishor Wasan received increased funding from Forbes Medi-Tech Inc., for the period, December 1st, 1999 to November 30th, 2000 for his project entitled, "*Assessing cholesterol and lipid soluble vitamins bioavailability following oral administration of various plant sterols (phytosterols) to rats*".

Helen Burt received increased funding from ARC Pharmaceuticals, for the period, January 1st, 2000 to December 31st, 2000, for her project entitled, "*Novel Drug Delivery Systems*".

Kishor Wasan received increased funding from Tilak Technologies, for the period, January 1st, 2000 to December 31st, 2000, for his project entitled, "*The discovery and characterization of lipid transfer inhibitor protein*".

Robert Miller received an increase from Colorcon, for the period February 1, 2000 to January 31, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Effects of formulation variables and compression on drug release from beads coated using a pseudolatex dispersion of ethylcellulose*".

Grant Renewals April-September 2000

Frank Abbott received funding from MRC, for the period, April 1st, 2000 to March 31st, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Valproic acid analogues; glutathione dependant metabolism and mechanisms of toxicity*".

Kishor Wasan received funding from MRC, for the period, April 1st, 2000 to March 31st, 2001, for his project entitled, "*The role of serum lipoproteins in modifying the toxic effects of hydrophobic drugs*".

Brian Rodrigues received funding from the Canadian Diabetes Association for the period, July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Regulation of cardiac lipid metabolism by lipoprotein lipase during diabetes*".

Bruce Carleton received funding from the BC Ministry of Health for the period, July 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001, for his project entitled, "*A Community based Asthma Self-Management Education Program*".

Brian Rodrigues received funding from Canadian Diabetes Association: Charles H. Best Fund/Grant-in-Aid for the period, July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Regulation of cardiac lipid metabolism by lipoprotein lipase during diabetes*".

John McNeill received funding from the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC for the period, July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Insulin and hypertension: Role of altered vascular biology*".

Morten Kristensen received the Pickwick Research Postdoctoral Fellowship from the National Sleep

New Grants April-September 2000

Mary Ensom received funding from the Medbuy Corporation Endowment Fund for the period, March 1st, 2000 to February 28th, 2001, for her project entitled, "*Assessment of Two Extemporaneously Prepared Oral Suspensions*".

Gail Bellward received funding from MRC, for the period, April 1st, 2000 to March 31st, 2001 for her project entitled, "*Mechanisms of control of the hepatic cytochrome P-450 drug metabolizing enzymes*".

Ric Procyshyn and **Kishor Wasan** received funding from the Riverview Hospital Research Fund for the period, May 1st 2000 to August 31st 2000, for their project entitled, "*The influence of hypertriglyceridemia on the plasma distribution and pharmacological activity of Clozapine*".

Foundation (US) for the period, July 1, 2000 to July 31, 2000.

Tom Chang received the Research Career Award in Health Sciences from the MRC/PMAC for the period, July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Role of cytochrome P450 in acquisition of resistance to tamoxifen (2) Regulation of Cytochrome P450 in tumor cells (3) Role of individual human Cytochrome P450 enzymes in limestone metabolism*".

John McNeill received funding from the NSERC/MRC/SSHR: Technology partnerships Program for the period, March 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Organo-vanadium compounds: novel agents for the treatment of diabetes*".

Bruce Carleton received funding from the BC Ministry of Health for the period, April 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Policy Trial Project (Asthma)*".

Kathleen MacLeod received funding from the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC for the period, July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, for her project entitled, "*Changes in vascular reactivity in experimental diabetes*".

Kishor Wasan received funding from Forbes Medi-Tech Inc., for the period September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Assessing Cholesterol and Lipid Soluble Vitamins bioavailability following oral administration of various plant sterols (phytosterols) to rats*".

Brian Rodrigues received funding from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. & Yukon for his project entitled: "*Cardiac metabolism during insulin resistance and obesity*".

Ron Reid and the Pharmacogenetics Group received funding from the David Collins Dawson Endowment Fund, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, for the period April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001, for their project entitled, "*Centre for Pharmacogenetic Studies*".

S.J. Shalansky, L. Lui, A. Ignaszewski received funding from Parke-Davis for the period June 1, 2000 to June 1, 2001 for their project entitled, "*Comprehensive Assessment Of Angiotensin Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitor Compliance In Patients With Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)*".

Stelvio Bandiera received funding from Various Sources for the period, April 4, 2000 to March 31, 2001, for his project entitled, "Antibody production".

Kishor Wasan received funding from Forbes Medi-Tech Inc. for a period May 1, 2000 to September 1, 2000 for his project entitled, "Assessing Total and Lipoprotein Cholesterol and Triglyceride Serum Levels Following Chronic Oral Administration of VP4 to Gerbils: Dose Response Study".

Kishor Wasan received funding from the Eisai Inc. Research Fund for the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 for his project entitled, "Investigating the Mechanisms driving binding of E5564 into High-Density Lipoproteins".

David Fielding, Marc Levine, Mary Ensom, Bruce Carleton, James McCormack, Judy Soon and Elan Paluck received funding from the David Collins Dawson Endowment Fund, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences for a two-year period commencing September 1, 2000. The project is entitled, "Centre for Outcomes Research and Evaluation".

Simon Albon, Felicia Lo and Kishor Wasan received funding from the David Collins Dawson Endowment Fund, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences for the period September 1, 2000 to September 1, 2001. The project is entitled, "Research into the Development of a Hybrid Media Resource for Pharmaceutical Sciences".

Brian Rodrigues received \$67,000 from the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC for the period, July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, for his project entitled, "Cardiac metabolism during insulin resistance and obesity".

John McNeill, Sid Katz, Kathleen MacLeod and Brian Rodrigues, received \$35,400 from the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC, Major Equipment Grant for the period, July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001, for his project entitled, "Simultaneous calcium and contractility measuring equipment".

John McNeill and Chris Orvig received \$20,301 from MRC for the period, April 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000, for his project entitled, "Vanadium compounds as insulin mimetics in the treatment of diabetes".

John McNeill received \$34,842 from MRC for the period, April 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000, for their project entitled, "Mechanisms involved in the insulin-like actions of vanadium".

Tom Chang received \$105,000 from NIH for the period, July 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001, for his project entitled, "Effect of ginsenosides on cytochrome p450".

Gail Bellward received \$58,920 from MRC for the period, April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001, for her project entitled, "Mechanisms of control of the hepatic cytochrome P-450 drug metabolizing enzymes".



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Appointments: Jacques Turgeon, B.Pharm, Ph.D.

Dr. Turgeon is the newly appointed Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Montreal. He received his Bachelor degree in Pharmacy in 1983 from Laval University in Quebec City followed by an M.Sc. Degree in pharmacokinetics and a Ph.D. degree in drug metabolism from the same institution in 1984 and 1987, respectively. He completed post-doctoral studies from 1988 to 1990 in the department of Clinical Pharmacology, Vanderbilt University in Nashville, USA, under the supervision of Dr. Dan M. Roden. He joined the Faculty of Pharmacy of Laval University in 1990 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to the rank of associate professor in 1993 and full professor in 1998. From March 1999 to May 2000, he was Senior Director of the Pharmacokinetic Department at Phoenix International Life Sciences.

Research interests of **Dr. Turgeon** have always been directed towards the study of factors responsible for intersubject variability in drug response. More specifically, he has developed expertise in the role of pharmacogenetics in cardiovascular drug actions. Among his favorite topics were the study of pharmacokinetics drug interactions leading to pharmacodynamic modulation of antiarrhythmic drug action. **Dr. Turgeon** has integrated in his research approaches *in vitro* (patch-clamp technique, *in vitro* metabolism and molecular biology) models as well as designed and performed studies in healthy volunteers and patients. He has published more than 67 referred articles and more than 160 abstracts. **Dr. Turgeon** had received numerous prizes for his research activities as well as recognition by the students for his teaching skills. He is a member of numerous societies and has been acting on the committee of several granting agencies for several years. **Dr. Turgeon** was until recently Director of the Quebec Cardiovascular Network of the FRSQ and Research Director of the Quebec Heart Institute, Laval Hospital.

New Grants:

Dr. Johanne Collin received a grant from the CRSHC for her project entitled « L'observance comme concept à réinterpréter: analyse multidisciplinaire des facteurs sociaux liés aux comportements des patients face à leur médication ».

Dr. Patrice Hildgen, Dr Antonio Nanci et coll. Received a grant from the FCI for their project entitled "Pharmacologie de la maladie parodontale".

Dr. Jean-Christophe Leroux is a recipient of an FRSQ scholarship for his project entitled "Systèmes polymères

sensibles au pH et à la température pour la libération contrôlée et le ciblage de médicaments".

Dr. Pierre Moreau received a grant from the CIHR for his project entitled " In vivo signaling for hypertension induced cardiovascular remodeling".

Dr. Fahima Nekka received a grant from RGPIN for her project entitled « Lacunarity and multifractality : mathematical foundations and application to textural analysis ».



CPHA REPORT

CPHA Board of Directors

The CPhA Board of Directors met June 23-24, 2000 before CPhA's annual conference in Saskatoon. A most productive Board meeting preceded a successful conference in terms of educational sessions and social programs. Conference coverage will appear in *Impact* and *CPJ*, and the discussion and decisions at the Board meeting will be presented in this newsletter.

CPHA Board of Directors for 2000/2001:

President: Garry King, (Hospital Pharmacy Practice)
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Garth McCutcheon, Saskatchewan
Ian McKeigan, Nova Scotia
Melanie Rantucci, Ontario
Keith Simons, Academia
Shelley Stepanuik, Manitoba

Marian Kremers, Manitoba, and Ken Ramsay, Prince Edward Island, retired from the Board. Past President Garry Cruickshank also retired from the Board. A by-election is underway in Ontario to fill the Board position vacated by Ron Elliott when he became President-Elect.

Board of Directors Meeting:

Third-Party Payer Issues

It is recognized that pharmacists are spending an excessive amount of time dealing with claims reimbursement with third-party payers. This is having a significant impact on working conditions, and administrative burdens are proving an impediment to patient care. As a result, a small working group was established to develop an action plan and meet with third-party payers.

The first step has been to collect and document specific problems being encountered by pharmacists in dealing with third-third party payers in their daily practice and the amount of time required to resolve these problems. If you have documented examples, please send them to Janet Cooper, Director, Professional Development, (jcooper@cdnpharm.ca) at the CPhA office. Further strategies are being developed for approval by the Board.

Pharmacy Human Resources

Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) has begun funding an initial phase of a major labour sector study on pharmacy manpower. This phase will be conducted through a literature search and key informant interviews to identify gaps in the available data.



CPhA/CSHP Task Force on Seamless Care

CPhA and CSHP are working together on a Task Force on Seamless Care, which will report to the CSHP Council and CPhA Board. Collaboration on this issue began in 1996. CSHP had instituted a national task force with CPhA representation, which is being formally changed to a joint task force. Ron Elliott, CPhA's President-Elect is the task force co-chair.

A Seamless Care Workshop will be held in Val Morin, Québec, Sept. 29 to Oct 1, 2000. Its goal is to facilitate the development and implementation of seamless care strategies for pharmacists with a focus on models and tools that work. A brochure on the workshop was included in the August *Impact*.

Restructuring CPhA's Committees

In the next step in restructuring CPhA's committees, the Board approved committee profiles and terms of reference for all CPhA committees. There are three types of committees: Standing Board Committees that work on behalf of and report to the Board; CPhA-Facilitated Task Forces, Partnerships or Coalitions; and Advisory Committees to the various CPhA departments, whose work is reported through the Executive Director to the Board.

The ultimate goal of the pharmacy manpower study will be to develop a model to accurately forecast pharmacy human resources in the future.

Privacy and Personal Health Information

In light of the passage of Bill C-6 (Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act), CPhA is working with other health care groups to develop a consensus position on the principles that should underlie the privacy protection for personal health information. The initial draft principles have been forwarded to Health Canada. The working group is also focusing on implementation issues.

"Fight Flu" Toolkit

CPhA and the Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores are developing a "Fight Flu: Toolkit as part of the Canadian Coalition for Influenza Immunization national awareness campaign. Pharmacists have an important role to help increase Canadians' awareness of the importance of receiving a flu shot. A broadcast fax will be sent to all pharmacies in August, and the kit will be distributed to all pharmacies across Canada in September. The toolkit will include a poster, a flu-vaccine reminder pad, an eight-page booklet with tips on promoting flu shots identifying high-risk individuals and ideas for holding a flu clinic.

New advisory committees were being considered including a new practitioner advisory committee and an e-commerce advisory committee to advise on CPhA's e-commerce strategy and assist in website development.

In addition, the Board approved a model profile for CPhA editorial boards or panels. These editorial boards or panels for a specific publication or project, develop content and select authors, review content, develop format and presentation of content, and provide feedback on marketing or business plans.

CPhA appoints many CPhA members as representatives to external committees and groups. The Board will look at guidelines for these appointments including roles, responsibilities and terms of appointment. Posters thanking these representatives and all committee members were displayed in the registration area at the Saskatoon conference.

CPhA Awards Program

At recent meetings, the Executive Committee reviewed the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review CPhA Awards. An essential part of this work has been to develop a list of goals and principles for the CPhA awards program, which was approved by the Board in June. Work will now begin on revising the awards program.

Other News:

Campus tours are now in progress. All Faculties/Schools of Pharmacy will be visited by either the CPhA president, president elect or past president and hopefully the local Board member. Student membership is growing, and if the enthusiasm is maintained following graduation, the profession of Pharmacy will be in good hands.

Publications: (Leesa Bruce)

Since its release in March, *Herbs: Everyday Reference for Health Professionals* has been enjoying tremendous success. In addition to pharmacists (pharmacies), VONs, holistic medicine practitioners and nursing homes have been purchasing copies. If this is not a required Pharmacy text, your Pharmacy School Library should have a copy.

The 7th edition of *Compendium of Nonprescription Products* and the 3^d edition of *Therapeutic Choices* are now available. Both of these publications have been well-received by pharmacists and related health care professionals and sales have been exceptional. Pharmacy School libraries should have copies of these publications.

CPhA is also in the process of upgrading the CPhA Website. At this time, three companies have been shortlisted from the Request for Proposal process to develop a “state of the art” website.

Government and Public Affairs: (Noëlle-Dominique Willems)

A number of Pre-Budget Briefs are in progress:
Health Action Lobby (HEAL): CPhA will present a brief to the first minister’s meeting asking for the cash portion in the Canada Health and Social Transfer to be increased.
RRSP Alliance: CPhA presents an annual brief to the Finance Committee and this year the focus is to recommend parity with RPPs. This is in conjunction with other professional associations such as CMA, CDA etc.

A number of Media Calls have been met for CBC, Globe and Mail, National Post etc. that demonstrate the role of CPhA to represent Canadian Pharmacists.

Professional Affairs: (Jim Mann)

A number of issues are in progress including, Emergency Contraception and the Pharmacists’ “Fight Flu” Toolkit.

Editor’s Note: “Faculty Spotlight” will return in the next issue with two “Spotlight” articles.

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Janet Cooper and other members of the National Information Program on Antibiotics (NIPA) met with the Health Minister’s representatives to discuss major health issues such as pharmaceuticals and biotechnology and to describe NIPA’s role in public education activities.

CPhA representatives also attended a 21/2 day Workshop on Product Monographs presented by the Therapeutic Products Program along with numerous health and disease organizations.

If there are any issues of concern which should be brought to the attention of the Board, or if more information about any of the topics described in this newsletter is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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