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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AFPC held its mid-year council meeting, January 27 and 28, 2001 in Richmond, British Columbia. It is customary for this meeting to be held at this time of the year but Council usually meets in Ottawa. However, due to the fact that 7 of the 14 people attending this year's meeting reside in BC, Alberta or Saskatchewan, it was decided to hold the meeting on the West Coast. Council business on the Saturday was confined mostly to reports and updates on AFPC on-going projects and activities. Sunday's entire meeting was devoted to future planning activities. The following are some highlights of our discussion.

Sylvie Marleau reported on the discussions between AFPC and Bristol Myers Squibb concerning the BMS Faculty teaching awards and the AFPC/BMS National Award for Excellence in Pharmacy Education.



Zubin Austin and Fred Remillard have been very active planning this year's AFPC Conference to be held in conjunction with the Canadian College of Clinical Pharmacists from June 15 to 17 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ottawa. The theme of this year's Teachers' Conference (a joint session with CCCP) will be mentorship. This will be held on Friday morning. A poster session will be held from 12:00 to 2:00 pm this day as well. Following the poster session, there will be a joint AFPC/ CCCP session focusing on Practice Research. This is a follow-up to the very successful practice research conference held last year at the AFPC Conference in Saskatoon. Saturday's program (for

Revised selection criteria are being developed that, among other things, would provide greater recognition of the award winners and the sponsorship of BMS.

David Hill has been reviewing and editing the AFPC By-Laws with a view to making them compatible with the change in our membership structure. It is anticipated that revised By-Laws will be proposed at our Annual General Meeting in June.

Simon Albon, John Bachynsky and Rebecca Law have been reviewing the communication strategy of AFPC and exploring ways to integrate the newsletter and the web site materials. They have also been exploring ways to update our web site. Many interesting possibilities have been proposed. Their feasibility is to be explored and recommendations brought to our meetings in June.

The Education Committee (Fred Remillard, Susan Mansour, Simon Albon, Zubin Austin and David Fielding) continues to explore ways that Faculties can improve / refine their student assessment and program evaluation activities. As well, data is being gathered to report on the extent that the AFPC Educational Outcomes Statements are being used across Canada. This committee is also trying to investigate the desirability of developing national curricula for the standardized practice experience component of the pharmacy program.

AFPC attendees) will have the theme, "Aligning Teaching, Learning and Assessment". The AGM will be held from 12:00 – 2:00 pm and the presentation by this year's award education and research award winners will be from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. The Banquet (this year to be held with CCCP) is scheduled for Saturday evening. In addition to AFPC and CCCP, the CSPS will be meeting in Ottawa at this same time. This fortuitous event provides even a greater opportunity for discussions related to Canadian pharmacy academic and scientific matters. Please try and join us.

Council has decided that the 2002 meeting will be held in Winnipeg at the same time as the CPhA meetings (May) and that we would try to organize a joint meeting with CSPS in 2003 at a location yet to be determined.

In closing, on behalf of all members of the AFPC Council, I would like to wish you all the best in the year 2001. May all your students be brilliant, may all your grants be fully funded and your salary doubled.

David W. Fielding, President



THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

It has been a very busy fall and winter in the AFPC office and I am pleased to provide brief comments on three specific activities.

AFPC Proceedings 1999 & 2000

We were behind in the publication of the 1999 Proceedings, but I am pleased to announce the copies of AFPC 1999 Proceedings were distributed to Deans, Councillors and Pharmacy Libraries at the respective pharmacy faculties in December.

The AFPC Proceedings 2000 have been forwarded to the same individuals during this past week and it will be placed on our AFPC web site within the next month. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the contents of the Proceedings, the document includes documentation of AFPC officers and award winners; details concerning the annual conference including the program, conference speaker abstracts and poster abstracts; minutes of Council and Annual meetings; AFPC committee and representative to other association reports, financial statements and AFPC discussion papers. If any member wishes a printed copy of these documents, please contact the AFPC office.

CCCPF/AFPC History Book: The First Fifty Years

All chapters of the *CCCPF/AFPC History Book: The First Fifty Years* are now at the printers and the text will be available for distribution at our annual meeting

in June. Editors Bernie Riedel and Ernst Stieb, along with the chapter authors, have put together a very interesting account of the first half century of our association along with reference to the history of pharmacy education in Canada.

AFPC/CCCP Conference 2001

As President David has indicated, please reserve the dates of June 15 - 17 to attend the AFPC/CCCP Conference 2001 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ottawa. In addition to the joint conference program as David has outlined, the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences are also meeting in the same hotel from June 14 - 16, so this is an excellent opportunity for attendance at some components of three conference programs. You will be receiving more details concerning the AFPC/CCCP Conference Program and Call for Abstracts within the next two weeks.

AACP Annual Meeting

You should also be aware that the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy is holding their Annual Meeting at the Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto, July 7 - 11th. We also encourage Canadian faculty members to attend this conference.

Jim Blackburn
Executive Director



FACULTY NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Appointments and Promotions

Dr. Lavern Vercaigne received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor.

Successful Grant Applications

Dr. Brian Hasinoff received a CIHR grant of \$494,726 to conduct a research project entitled Molecular Mechanisms of Oxygen Free Radical Damage and Its Prevention by Antioxidants.

Dr. Brian Hasinoff received a CIHR grant of \$39,160 for the project entitled Determination of the Metabolic Profile of the Cardioprotective Drug DEXRAZOZANE, using In Vitro and In Vivo Models.

Dr. Colleen Metge is a primary investigator on a CIHR-Regional Partnerships Program project called, "First Nations Bone Health Study" (\$265,104). The study will examine the burden of osteoporosis among First Nations people by using methodology developed by the Canadian Multicentre Osteoporosis Study (CaMOS) and the Manitoba First Nations Regional Health Survey.

Dr. Colleen Metge is a Principal Investigator on the Manitoba Appropriate Anti-inflammatory Utilization project (\$350,000). This is a unique partnership between government, industry, academia and the professions to ensure appropriateness of use of all NSAIDs for the most cost-effective care of Manitobans.

Dr. Colleen Metge has been appointed a member of the Canadian Institutes for Health Information National Drug Utilization Advisory Group has been appointed the principal investigator by the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and Evaluation for the analysis of pharmaceutical use by Manitobans, 1996-2000.

Dr. Colleen Metge is a co-author with Principal Investigator Dr. Ingrid Sketris (Dalhousie) and Dr. Jim Blackburn (Saskatchewan) on two Health Transition Fund reports on "Comparing Medication Use in Pharmicare Programs: Anti-infectives in Seniors and the General Population" and "A Canadian Guide for Drug Utilization Studies using Administrative Pharmacy Claims: Focus on the WHO ATC System and Defined Daily Dose".

Awards

Ruby Grymonpre and Julie Mistri will receive the Parke-Davis Award at the CSHP (Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists) Annual Professional Practice Conference, on February 5, 2001 in Toronto for their paper entitled "The development of a strategy for benzodiazepine withdrawal in elderly patients with chronic insomnia".

Kareena Schnabl was awarded the AFPC/Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy National Student Poster Award.

Tom Janus was the Faculty Winner for the University of Manitoba in the 2000-2001 CAPSI/Apotex PACE Student Literary Challenge.

THE DOUGLAS STEWART MEMORIAL AWARD

The Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto has established the "Douglas Stewart Memorial Award" to honour the memory of Prof. Stewart who passed away on May 5, 2000.

Prof. Stewart was a faculty member from 1963 until his retirement in 1984. During his early years with the Faculty, he was also the Director of Pharmacy at the Toronto General Hospital. In 1967 he established a hospital pharmacy residency program at TGH and initiated a clinical pharmacy service, before the term was being used in Canada. He worked quietly in the background with hospital administrators to facilitate these innovative changes. At the Faculty, Doug was instrumental in the development of the first undergraduate clinical pharmacy course in Canada and impacted many careers through the Hospital Pharmacy Administration course. As well, he played a key role in hospital pharmacy residency program accreditation through the Canadian Hospital Pharmacy Residency Board.

The "Douglas Stewart Memorial Award" will be allocated to a fourth year Pharmacy student at the University of Toronto who is pursuing a hospital pharmacy residency. The value of the Award will be based on the annual interest accrued on an endowment.

Donations would be gratefully received by the Faculty. Please make cheques payable to: Douglas Stewart Memorial Fund, and forward to the attention of Heather Ditzend. Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto, 19 Russell Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2S2.

General Faculty News

The first stage of our Professional Practice Laboratory redevelopment has taken place with network computers and installation of Nexsys System as our dispensary management software.

The Local Toastmasters International Club are providing ASpeechcraft Program@ to our first year students as part of our Professional Practice course.

The 14th Annual Pharmacy Awards ceremony was held on September 28, 2000, followed by a reception

Individual Faculty News

Dr. Mohamedtaki Kara attended the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Workshop on Biopharmaceutics in the New Millenium held in Washington, D.C. in September, 2000. He was also in attendance at the 2000 American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientist meeting held in Indianapolis in October, 2000.

Dr. Deborah Kelly attended the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, 2000 held in Toronto, ON in September, 2000.

On October 11, 2000, Dr. Kelly presented a Continuing Education event in Moncton, NB for the New Brunswick Pharmacists Association on ASymptom Management of Osteoarthritis: The Role of the Pharmacist@.

On December 18, 2000, Dr. Kelly with other members of the HIV Clinic Team, presented a Continuing Education event in Corner Brook on AHIV - Is the treatment worse than the disease?@.

Dr. Rebecca Law attended the American College of Clinical Pharmacy Annual meeting held in Los Angeles, CA in November, 2000.

Dr. Hu Liu attended the 4th International Symposium on Liver Cancer in China in October, 2000.

Dr. Nigel Rawson was invited to give a seminar on "New drug approval in Canada, the USA and three other industrialized countries: time required and the human resources available" at the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research of the Food and Drug Administration in Rockville, MD last November as part of the Center's "Foreign Regulator Seminar Series." He was also able to meet with Dr Janet Woodcock, the Director of the CDER, and some of her senior staff.



Major Visitors

During the weekend of January 20-21, 2001, Drs. Michael Maddox and Tom Zlatic from St. Louis College of Pharmacy presented a workshop to the faculty and instructional staff on AImplementing Ability-based Education=. The workshop explored opportunities for curricular reform and identified some new and innovative ideas.

New Grants

Dr. Kelly and the HIV Clinic team at the Health Care Corporation of St. John=s received the APurple Award@, an institutional award granted to teams to reward and promote team building. This award will be used to conduct HIV Clinics in Corner Brook, NF, four times per year.

Student News

Megan Turner, a final year student, was the recipient of the Pharmacy Practice ACommitment to Care Award for Student Leadership=.

Megan Turner and Beth Durant have been awarded the AGlaxo-Harlow Award=. This award enables the two final year students to travel to Harlow, U.K. and complete one of their six weeks clerkship rotation in Princess Alexandra Hospital in Harlow.

The Memorial University Pharmacy Society=s Premiere Exhibition Program ACareer Fair= took place on October 19, 2000. Eighteen pharmaceutical companies participated in this event. It was an exciting time as the students received a chance to learn about some new products and career opportunities that are available to them.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Promotions, Appointments, Resignations

Dr. David Wishart was granted tenure and promotion.

Dr. John Mercer, a joint appointment with the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, was granted tenure and promotion.

The following faculty members were promoted to Clinical Associate Professor: Sheila Kelcher, Sharon Mitchell, Margaret Ackman

Dr. Pat Mayo was hired as a Joint Appointment (0.5 FTE), jointly with Capital Health Authority

Dr. Y.K. Tam resigned from the Faculty effective 31 December, 2000 to devote full time to Kinetana Inc.

Dr. Steve McQuarrie was awarded a Sabbatical Leave in 2001-2002.

New Grants

In the last newsletter, we indicated that a group, mainly from Pharmacy, had been awarded a CFI grant for a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) facility. Now, there is an equipment grant from AHFMR for \$860,000 to the group of McEwan (Med), Mercer, McQuarrie, Wiebe, Suresh (Pharm).

Prof. John Samuel of the Faculty with Dr. Warren Finlay (Dept of Mechanical Engineering) were awarded an NSERC Strategis grant for \$450,000 over 3 years for a project to investigate aerosol delivery of nanoparticle vaccines and cytokines. This award was featured in the daily paper with pictures of the research team.

Individual Faculty News

Dr. Len Wiebe was on the organizing committee and a speaker at the Symposium on Radionuclides for Therapy (Pacifichem 2000). He was also an invited speaker at the Radiochemistry-Radiopharmacy Work group, German Chemical Society, PET Radiopharmaceuticals seminar at Therapeutic Products Branch Health Canada, the Annual Research Meeting of the Prairie Provinces Chapter, Society of Nuclear Medicine, and a seminar on molecular biology and gene therapy imaging at the Rossdorf Nuclear Research Centre in Germany.

Student News

In the Fall convocation, a Ph.D was awarded to Ken Kulmatycki (supervisor Dr. Jamali). M.Sc. degrees were awarded to:

Xiao-Hong (Jennifer) Yang (supervisor Dr. L.I. Wiebe), Agatha Ching (supervisor Dr. Y.K.Tam), Donald Husereau (supervisor Dr. M.R. Suresh), Ping Li (supervisor Dr. D. Wishart).

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Individual Faculty News

Peter O'Brien was an invited speaker at the Second Conference of the International Coenzyme Q10 association in Frankfurt.

Peter Wells presented at the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics Symposium on Glucuronidation and UGTs in drug therapy and disease in Boston.

Don Perrier has been invited to serve as an external reviewer of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Queensland.

New Grants

Several Faculty members were successful in receiving grants from the most recent CIHR competition. David Hampson received funding for 5 years along with an equipment grant. Peter Wells and Tigran Chalikian received three years' funding.

JD Jasper and Tom Einarson received a two year grant from the Ontario Women's Health Council to study "determinants of women's decision making regarding the use of antidepressants during pregnancy".

Zubin Austin in conjunction with the Ontario College of Pharmacists received a grant from the Access to Professions and Trades unit of the provincial government to further develop the University of Toronto's International Graduate Program. This program will offer educational programs to assist foreign-trained pharmacists in meeting Canadian standards of practice.

Awards

Micheline Piquette Miller was recently chose as Mentor of the Millennium by the Alberta Women's Science Network.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Appointments and Awards

Dr. Ingrid Sketris of Dalhousie University was the only Atlantic Canadian and one of only 11 individuals across the country to receive a Research Chair in health services and nursing research. The chair is jointly funded by the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation, and Dalhousie University. Dr. Sketris and her team are focusing on shaping drug policy, both provincially and nationally, in an effort to manage costs. The Chair has a value of more than \$1.1 million

over three years. Dr. Sketris will also work with graduate students to develop an elective course in applied health services research and will create a graduate student placement program to allow students and their supervisors to work together with decision-makers.

Neil MacKinnon has been cross-appointed to the School of Health Services Administration, Faculty of Health Professions, and the Department of Community health and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University.



Individual Faculty News

The Dalhousie College of Pharmacy hosted the first Atlantic Canadian Conference on Pharmacoeconomics and Drug Benefit Management October 13-15, 2000. The invitational-only conference included 40 participants and 9 speakers from across Canada and the United States. **Neil MacKinnon** coordinated the conference and **Ingrid Sketris** and **Rita Caldwell** were speakers.

MacKinnon NJ. Pharmacy Report Cards: A Survival Guide. Lawtons Drugs Stores and Sobeys Pharmacies Head Office Staff Meeting, Dartmouth, NS, Sept 2000.

MacKinnon NJ. The Buck Stops Here: Applying Pharmacoeconomics and Performance Measurement to Community Pharmacy. Pharmasave National Work Well Training 2000, Mississauga, Ont, June 2000.

MacKinnon NJ. Problems With The Medication Use Process And Suggestions For Improvement. Invited guest lecture, Merck Frosst, Patient Health Management Department Meeting, Montreal, PQ, June 2000.

MacKinnon NJ. Using New Technology in Teaching: A Mission Impossible? Canadian Teachers of Pharmacy Administration Annual Meeting, Charlevoix, PQ, June 2000.

MacKinnon NJ. The State of Medication Use Performance Measurement in Canada. Canadian Association of Population Therapeutics Annual Meeting, Montreal, PQ, May 2000.

Dr. Pollen Yeung was elected member-at-large for the Canadian Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences (CSPS) from 2001 - 2002.

Dr. Pollen Yeung is serving as external examiner for the Ph.D. thesis defence of Mr. Robbin Bruce Burns of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, August 2000 (Thesis title: A Sensitive and specific chromatographic methods for the pharmacokinetic evaluation of carboplatin in pediatric patients@ Supervisor: Dr. Leanne Embree).

Dr. David Yung was honored by the Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy as the recipient of the Pillar of Pharmacy Award in November, 2000. This prestigious award is given to those who have given many years of service, excellence and commitment to pharmacy practice in Canada. The award has only been presented to three other people since its inception in 1997.



General Faculty News

Pharmacy Library Renewal

Pharmacy students found a bright and shiny new library when they returned to school in September. Over the summer the Pharmacy Library received a much-needed facelift. The old carpet was removed, an archway was created between 2 adjoining rooms to expand the library space and walls, doors and trim

were painted. New furniture was purchased including tables, chairs, computer desks, portable study carrels and a circulation desk. The renovations and upgrading were made possible by a grant received by the College from the Faculty of Health Professions and also by the proceeds of both the 1999 and 2000 College of Pharmacy Golf Classics.

Undergraduate Student Poster Session

The College of Pharmacy Second Annual Poster Session of Summer Studentship Projects was held during the evening of September 26th. This session was intended to give the students an opportunity to showcase the results of their work in a formal setting. More than 100 students, faculty and interested pharmacists viewed posters prepared by 16 pharmacy students. Three prizes were awarded to recognize students who excelled:

1. Association of Faculties of Pharmacy (AFPC) Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy National Student Poster Award - Stephanie Campbell: *Navigating the Internet: tools for finding drug information* (supervisors: Elizabeth Foy, Mary MacCara and Iain Smith)
2. Wyeth Award of Excellence in Pharmacy Research - Pauline Tran-Roop: *Herbal-drug interactions: you can't count on one source for the latest info!* (supervisor: Elizabeth Foy and preceptor: Rita Caldwell)
3. BioMedica Diagnostics Award - Cynthia Richard: *Evaluation of factors affecting the immunostimulating properties of echinacea* (supervisors: Tim Lee and Tannis Jürgens)

The poster session and publication of an abstract book were sponsored by Sepracor Canada Ltd.

New/Updated Internet Resources

Drug Information: You Can Find It on the Internet is a new interactive module developed to help pharmacists learn how to use the Internet to find drug information. This online-module uses 17 scenarios to demonstrate use of the Internet for drug identification, to find professional information, to locate information on drug interactions, clinical practice guidelines and consumer health/disease topics and to perform literature searches using PubMed. *Drug Information Resources: A Guide for Pharmacists*, first launched on the Internet in 1996, was recently updated with the latest bibliographic information or direct links to recommended print and Internet sources in 28 categories of interest to pharmacists.

Both of these resources are readily accessible from the Dalhousie College of Pharmacy homepage (<http://www.dal.ca/~pharmwww/index.html>) and were made possible by a Pharmacy Endowment Fund Studentship granted to Dalhousie fourth year pharmacy student, Stephanie Campbell, for the Summer of 2000. Please have a look at these resources; the Internet learning module is a first-time effort. Stephanie and her co-authors, Elizabeth Foy, Mary MacCara and Iain Smith, would appreciate your feedback regarding its usefulness, ease of navigation, suggestions for additional scenarios, etc.



UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL

Appointments and Leaves

Dr. Michel Dorval has been appointed assistant professor of pharmacoepidemiology in November 2000. Michel is a psychologist by training. He obtained a Ph.D. in epidemiology and recently completed a two years post-doctoral fellowship at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute of Harvard University. His research interests are in the study of psychosocial factors involved in the genetic screening of cancer and other multifactorial diseases. Michel is currently a FRSQ scholar.

Dr. Jean-Pierre Grégoire left the Faculty in November 2000. Jean-Pierre has been appointed Director of the Department of Health Economics at Merck Frosst in Pointe-Claire.

New Grants

Dr. Chantal Guillemette: For a project entitled "Study of Estrogen Metabolism in Menopausal Women". The proposal was approved for 291 981 \$ for 3 years from the CIHR.

Dr. André Castonguay: For a project entitled "Immunomodulatory Effects of a Tobacco Carcinogen, NNK, on Alveolar Macrophages and Bronchial Epithelial Cells". The proposal was approved for 210 000 \$ for 3 years from IRSC.

Dr. Michel Dorval: For a project entitled "Interdisciplinary Health Research International Team on Breast Cancer Susceptibility". The proposal was approved for 500 000 \$ for 5 years from CIHR.

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Appointments and Promotions

Dr. Jane Alcorn has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, effective July 1, 2001. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Kentucky, studying cell systems to screen for active transport into milk. Jane has had the opportunity at Kentucky to gain research and teaching experience in pharmacokinetics, biopharmaceutics and drug metabolism, areas in which she will specialize here.

Dr. Ed Krol has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, effective July 1, 2001. His teaching responsibilities will be in the areas of medicinal chemistry and natural products. Ed's research interests involve the study of naturally occurring polyphenols, which may confer protective health effects in humans.

General Faculty News

Years one and two of the revised pharmacy curriculum were implemented in 2000-2001 with years three and four being implemented over the next two years. New admission criteria, including a critical thinking skills essay and personal profile, will be used to admit candidates for the first time in 2000-2001.

Pharmacy students at the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition hosted the 2001 Professional Development

Week, January 31-February 3 in Saskatoon SK. Feedback received indicated a very successful event was held.

New Grants

Dr. Adil Nazarali (PI) and Dr. Ron Doucette (co-applicant) have been awarded a 3 year CIHR Operating Grant and an equipment grant for the project entitled, "Expression of Homeobox Genes in Myelinating Cells *In Vitro* and *In Vivo*".

Dr. Jeff Taylor received \$4048 from the Rx&D Health Research Foundation 2000 Summer Research Program to study "The Effect of a Coaching Technique on Patient-Questioning Behaviour during Medication Counselling".

Dr. Jeff Taylor and Dr. Shannan Neubauer received a Lilly Educational Grant for "a Comparative Trial of Pharmacist Consultation vs a Decision-Making Information Kit on Peri- and Post-Menopausal Patient Satisfaction and Adherence".

Dr. Shannan Neubauer, Dr. Bill Semchuk, Mr. Glen Kuz and Dr. Jeff Taylor received a \$10,000 program development grant from Glaxo Wellcome for "Zyban and Pharmacists in a Community Practice Trial".



UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

General Faculty News October 2000- January 2001

David Hill was appointed by BC Minister of Health, Mike Farnsworth, to the Board of the BC Transplant Society for a three-year term commencing September 2000.

Judith A. Soon has been appointed as an Assistant Professor, Part-time, in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences to work with the proposed Centre for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORxE).

Hilary Watson was elected President of the UBC Pharmacy Alumni Association commencing January 1, 2001.

Brian Rodrigues was appointed Associate Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology September 1, 2000.

Tom Chang was appointed Assistant Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology September 1, 2000.

Mary Ensom received the UBC Killam Teaching Prize for 2000.

David Hill received the BC Pharmacy Association Certificate of Recognition for distinguished service as a member of its Board of Directors for eight years and the College of Pharmacists of BC Certificate of Honour acknowledging his service to the pharmacy profession in BC at the provincial, national and international levels.

Sid Katz was awarded the Janssen-Ortho Pharmaceutical Research Award by Mr. Walter Masanic, Director of Public Affairs for Janssen-Ortho Inc.

David Hill was awarded the Bristol-Myers Squibb Past President's Award from Jean-Guy Cyr, Director of Submissions and Policy Development, Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Group at the AFPC Banquet on June 26, 2000, in Saskatoon.

Kishor Wasan was elected the new treasurer of Canadian Society of Pharmaceutical Scientists from 2000-2002. He will be taking over from Dean, Frank Abbott who has been elected member-at-large from 2000-2002.

Mary Ensom, Penny Ballem, Gina Chong, Edwina Houlihan, and Mary Stephenson received the BC Branch CSHP's 2000 Fizer Pharmacy Practice Award for Best Poster.

Luciana Frighetto, Carlo Marra and Peter Jewesson were presented with the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists (British Columbia Branch) Annual Publication Award at the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists British Columbia Branch Annual General Meeting on November 18, 2000 in Vancouver, BC.

Kishor Wasan, with financial support from the Merck Foundation (US) has established a National Undergraduate Summer Student Research Program to commence January 2001.

Mary Ensom was appointed to the Advisory Board of the University of Kentucky Women's Health Educational Initiative. This project, funded by the U.S. Department of Education through a 3-yr \$800,000 grant, will design, implement, evaluate and disseminate the first Multidisciplinary Instructional Model for Women's Health Education.

Ronald Reid was elected to serve as Chair, Division of Pharmaceutical Chemistry for the term ending June 30, 2002.

Kishor Wasan was elected to serve as Chair, Division of Pharmaceutics & Biopharmaceutics for the term ending June 30, 2002.

David Fielding was elected to serve as Chair, Division of Pharmacy Practice for the term ending June 30, 2002.



New Grants October 2000- January 2001

Kishor Wasan received funding from Forbes Medi-Tech Inc. for the period, October 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Fast-Track Screening of Novel Sterol Formulations for Cholesterol Absorption in Rats*".

Tom Chang received funding from CIHR for the period, October 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Metabolic effects of nutraceuticals*".

John McNeill received funding from CIHR for the period, October 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001, for his project entitled, "*Mechanisms involved in the insulin like actions of vanadium*".

Kishor Wasan has received funding from Forbes Medi-Tech Inc. for the period, October 1, 2000 to February 28, 2001 for the project entitled, "*Assessing Plasma and Hepatic Lipid Levels and Hepatic Toxicity Following Chronic Oral Administration of VP4 to Gerbils and Obese Zucker Fatty Rats*".

Michael Pungente and Kishor Wasan have received funding from Tilak Technologies for the period, February 1st, 2001 to August 31st, 2001 for the project entitled, "*Synthesis, Characterization and Application of Novel Cationic Lipids as Transfection Reagents*".

Grant Renewals October 2000- January 2001

Kishor Wasan received funding from the National Cancer Institute of Canada for the period, May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001 for his project entitled, "*The influence of letrozole on serum lipid concentrations in women with primary breast cancer who have completed five years of adjuvant tamoxifen*".

Helen Burt received funding from NCE/CAN for the period, April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001, for her project entitled, "*CAN: Development of Intra-Articular Drug-Delivery Systems*".

Helen Burt received funding from Angiotech Pharmaceuticals Inc. for the period, August 1, 2000 to July 31, 2001, for her project entitled, "*Development of Parenteral Polymeric Drug-Delivery System for Anti-Invasive Factor*".

Kishor Wasan received funding from Forbes Medi-Tech Inc. for the period, December 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*".

Existing Grants October 2000-January 2001

Helen Burt received increased funding from various sources for the period, April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001, for service contracts.

Frank Abbott received increased funding from Rx&D/CIHR Summer Research Studentship-Medicine/Pharmacy for summer students, Evan Kwong and Vincent Pillay, for the period, April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001.

Thomas Chang has received increased funding from NIH for his project entitled, "*R21 project: Effect of ginsenosides on cytochrome p450*".

Kishor Wasan has received increased funding from Forbes Medi-Tech Inc. for the period, October 2000 to February 2001 for the project entitled, "*Assessing Plasma and Hepatic Lipid Levels and Hepatic Toxicity following Chronic Oral Administration of VP4 to Gerbils and Obese Zucker Fatty Rats*".



CPhA REPORT

CPhA Board of Directors

I am pleased to report on the many activities of the CPhA Board of Directors and the issues addressed on your behalf at the CPhA Board of Directors meeting in Ottawa, October 28-29, 2000.

Strategic Planning

Before its October meeting, Board members and some staff reviewed CPhA's 1998 strategic plan to determine its relevancy in 2001 given the rapidly changing health care environment. Overall, the Board was pleased with the strategic plan and how it is meeting the needs of CPhA and its members.

One area, e-business, was identified as an important new activity for CPhA as a means to improve communication and to better respond to members' needs. As technologic changes accelerate and influence the pharmacy environment, CPhA will be working to enhance its services for members and the health care community.

Also, workshop participants felt that CPhA should move to become more involved in advancing pharmacists' reimbursement for cognitive services.

CPhA Website

On the heels of the strategic planning exercise, Board members reviewed a proposal and approved funding for phase one of CPhA's next-generation website. As identified in the strategic plan, to be competitive and current demands a reliable forum for pharmacists to communicate and receive information and practice tools. This is an enormous and complex task, but we are nearing the final stages and expect to hire a company specializing in e-business strategy and website development shortly.

We are excited about the possibilities the website presents, and look forward to a speedy implementation.

Third-Party Payers

Recently a CPhA working group met with third-party payer representatives to discuss the administrative problems facing pharmacists dealing with claims reimbursement. As a result, a workshop of pharmacy and insurance industry representatives (both professional and technical) will be held early in December. Participants will develop ideas and work to solve the administrative issues you have identified. The goal of the workshop is to prepare and administer a series of specific action plans.

Pharmacy Electronic Communication Standard (PECS)

Also, early in December, a CPhA information session will update pharmacy stakeholders and software vendors on our progress with PECS Version 4.0. The program will review PECS history and revisions, as well as the status of the National e-Claims Standard (NeCST) initiative and our release and implementation plans for PECS 4.0.

Federal Election

CPhA responded quickly to the federal election call with an election edition of *Impact* and a special broadcast fax sent to 6000 pharmacies. The goal was to support and encourage pharmacists' participation in the election, and to help bring our message to the future government.

As part of this effort, we hope to develop new contacts with politically active pharmacists. If you would like to be involved, please provide your name or the names of your politically active colleagues to Philip Newton, Senior Director, Marketing and Communications ([HYPERLINK](mailto:pnewton@cdnpharm.ca) <mailto:pnewton@cdnpharm.ca>)

Emergency Contraception

One of CPhA's target issues for the federal election is to increase access to emergency contraception (EC) to help reduce abortions and unintended pregnancies in Canada. The association believes all women have the right to know about EC before they need it, and to receive the product without delay when necessary. Pharmacists are the most accessible and convenient source of EC, and, as part of the National Advisory Committee on EC, CPhA is working with Health Canada to make the product available without prescription directly from community pharmacists.

Pharmacist Shortage

Another crucial election issue is the pharmacist shortage and the need for more funding for higher education. CPhA continues to work on short- and long-term solutions to the demand for pharmacist services, and initiated a pharmacy sector study with the Department of Human Resources Development

Canada. This effort will help us to better forecast the system's needs and provide strategies to meet them.

Pharmacy Technicians

As part of CPhA's strategy to advance the role of the pharmacist, Board members discussed roles, responsibilities and certification for pharmacy technicians. A plan for future activities involving pharmacy technicians is being developed for approval by the Board.

Financial Update

CPhA's financial situation is strong. Sales of our publications, particularly the *CPS*, have surpassed targets while production costs stayed within budget. We are particularly pleased with the success of our newest publications, *Herbs. Everyday Reference for Health Professionals*, a joint venture with the Canadian Medical Association, and *Therapeutic Choices* 3rd edition.



Post Board Meeting Items:

Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) - Pharmacist Shortage/Demand:

A situational analysis, including literature review and key informant interviews, has been completed by Peartree Inc. The report of this preliminary study should be available in the near future. Information in this report will serve as the basis to develop the future direction towards a comprehensive analysis of pharmacist Supply/Demand resources.

National Professional Coalition on Tuition (NPACT):

CPhA's representative on NPACT, Jim Mann, reports that the coalition continues to lobby for additional federal government funding for post-secondary education in order to alleviate some of the pressures driving tuition fee increases. This is accomplished through a process initiated through a House Standing Committee on Finance pre-budget submission as well as an election campaign in the fall of 2000. The coalition also plans to examine additional mechanisms in 2001, to address the issue of the inadequate supply of health care providers in many disciplines.

National Information Program on Antibiotics Coalition (NIPA):

CPhA is an active partner of NIPA and has been involved in the media coverage of the first annual National Antibiotic Awareness Week. Rogers Media, NIPA's media partner helps NIPA deliver its message to health care professionals and consumers across Canada. For more information, check out the NIPA website: <http://www.antibiotics-info.org>.

Medical Literature:

To see the article on the impact of the Quebec Drug Plan, see "Adverse Events Associates with Prescription Drug Cost-Sharing Among Poor and Elderly Persons, *JAMA* (January 24/31 2001) or check the website at: <http://jama.ama-assn.org/issues/v285n4/abs/joc00341.html>

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information about items presented in this Report or about any issues that should be brought to the attention of the Board. The next Board meeting will be February 17-18, 2001.

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Editor's Note: "Faculty Spotlight" will return in the next issue.