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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to thank Council members and my colleagues for entrusting me to serve as the AFPC President for the 2004-2005 term. It is an honour and a pleasure to work with such an enthusiastic team and to build on the strong foundations led by my predecessors. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work of the Past President, Susan Mansour, as well as the contributions of Council members and Faculty colleagues who have devoted their time and shared their expertise with AFPC. I am also very grateful to our Executive Director, Dr. Frank Abbott, for his strong leadership, commitment, guidance and support.

At our Annual General Meeting of last June, in Vancouver, the good work of AFPC was clearly evident from the reports of standing and task force committees by addressing the key issues that will shape the future of pharmacy education over the next decade.

Specific examples are provided by the extensive report of the task force on *Structured Practice Experiential Programs* (SPEP) chaired by Fred Rémillard (University of Saskatchewan). Among 35 recommendations in the report, the task force

prioritizes the development of preceptor training programs, SPEP training throughout the pharmacy curriculum, the creation of a national advisory SPEP board, an increase in pharmaceutical care (PC) sites, the development of a funding strategy for PC rural sites and evidence of student contributions to SPEP programs and patient outcomes. Ingrid Price (UBC), will chair the Education Committee, whose mandate will include implementation of some of the recommendations of the SPEP report.

The report of the SPEP Task Force arrived in a timely manner considering the work of AFPC to develop the educational outcomes for the Entry-level Pharm. D degree for Canadian Faculties of Pharmacy. The educational outcomes are a requirement of the accrediting body, CCAPP to begin to set the educational standards for this degree. The Task Force committee on the Educational Outcomes consisted of Tom Brown (University of Toronto), Claude Mailhot (Université de Montréal), Susan Mansour (Chair, Dalhousie University), Sharon Mitchell (University of Alberta), Anne Marie Whelan (Dalhousie University) and myself. The task force envisioned the future pharmacy doctorate as having strong general abilities including professionalism and ethical behaviour, scientific reasoning, critical thinking, problem solving, communication, teamwork, self-directed learning and leadership. In addition, future pharmacy practitioners will be expected to practice pharmaceutical care, assume legal, ethical and professional responsibilities, provide drug information and educate about drugs, and promote health. Other duties will be to coordinate drug distribution and service delivery, understand and apply practice management principles and understand/apply research methodology.

An important effort of AFPC council to move towards a more action-oriented path has been the planning session facilitated by Roy Dobson (University of Saskatchewan) in February 2004, which led to the revision of AFPC mission and goals, and to draft a five-year strategic and business plan that was presented at the AGM by Susan Mansour. Roy Dobson is to chair the Strategic Planning and Management Committee that will assist Council with implementation of the strategic plan. For the years 2004-2005, AFPC Council will prioritize actions that will assist the

## Sylvie Marleau

President, AFPC

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Fall means that our Universities are back in full swing for another year. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. It appears that only British Columbia enjoyed an exceptional summer this year but regardless of the weather, I am sure that it was nice for most of you to have some time away from the routine. AFPC had a good start to the summer with a great Conference and Annual Meeting in Vancouver in June. In case you missed it, a summary of the conference and the meetings should have been distributed to you in the June/July update from this Office.

For your reference, the entire conference program has been archived on the AFPC web site with the abstracts of the Teacher's Conference, the Award winners, the Pharmacy Practice Research Symposium, and the Poster presenters are also posted.

(<http://afpc.info/news/abstracts.php>).

Awards Banquet photos can also be viewed. (<http://afpc.info/photogallery/2004/banquet/index.html>).

Poster presenters were recently informed that their abstracts have been published on line in the Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, May to August 2004 issue. AFPC is most grateful to the editor of JPPS for agreeing to publish our research and educational presentations. To access the Journal see

Faculties in delivering high quality pharmacy education and leadership in pharmaceutical practice programs, and will also focus on major external efforts that include fund raising and membership recruitment.

As the German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once said «*Willing is not enough; we must do*». I am looking forward to doing the work along with Council, other faculty members, and the Deans in order for AFPC to communicate our successes in the near future.

[http://www.ualberta.ca/~csps/JPPS7\(2\)/AFPC%20Abstracts.pdf](http://www.ualberta.ca/~csps/JPPS7(2)/AFPC%20Abstracts.pdf).

An updated version of the Awards Book has been sent out to Council Members for distribution and the details are also posted on the AFPC web site <http://afpc.info/awards/index.php>. Please begin to think of whom to nominate for the many awards available.

A large thank you to Dean Wayne Hindmarsh from the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto for bringing greetings from AFPC to the annual AACP Annual Meeting and Seminars held in Salt Lake City, Utah in July.

The Deans of Pharmacy will be holding their annual meeting in Quebec City on October 2-5. Past president, Susan Mansour, will represent President Sylvie Marleau at that meeting to discuss details of the strategic and business plans, the task force report on the educational outcomes for the entry level Pharm D degree, and the report of the Task Force on Structured Practice Experiential Programs (SPEP).

As always we recognize our affiliate members in the Communications Newsletter but we now include these sponsors, with links to their corporate web sites, on the AFPC web page.

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Frank Abbott  
Executive Director

## Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy

As shown in the accompanying photo, the new Leslie Dan Pharmacy Building began as a joint dream assembled by the Faculty, the University and the Architectural team. The project was considered a substantial challenge in that it required a skilled, coordinated design of laboratories, lecture rooms and administrative space within a small surface footprint. Furthermore, it presented elements of rather unique engineering and difficult construction at a busy Toronto intersection. It was gratifying finally to move the extensive planning to the official ground breaking ceremony on April 28, 2003. Yet, it was more exciting finally to observe the truckloads of dirt being removed to expose a gaping hole that would contain the foundation and belowground structure (see the photo from the fall, 2003). The excavation went down about 60 feet to provide the needed depth and space to accommodate both a 300 and 250-seat lecture theater. Bringing a building out of the ground is generally the most challenging part of construction, and this project was no exception. Things moved rather slowly for quite some time as the shoring gradually lead to foundations, steel rebar and innumerable concrete trucks. July, 2004

was particularly significant in that the pouring of the ground floor atop the underground structure finally served as the long-awaited harbinger that the "real building" was to become visible. And it certainly has appeared rather quickly since that date, as seen in a recent photo. The western part of the building (seen at the back in the photo) first began rising floor by floor. To passersby the visible building appeared rather small, simply because the eastern section (seen as the front in the photo) had not yet been started. However, in subsequent weeks the pillars began appearing. They presented a substantial engineering and construction challenge because they needed to be poured using a technique of concrete under pressure introduced at ground level and rising in steel forms to yield a column 60 feet in height. Eventually all columns materialized, standing like graceful but lonely sentinels, seemingly without purpose. However, it soon became evident that the columns played an important role in supporting the eastern side of the building. Giant steel girders were recently hoisted to their tops to form an intricate rigid grid that tied them together and permitted the eastern sixth floor to be poured.

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In total, the building will eventually reach a height of 12 stories. The eastern part of the area between the columns will offer transparent views to a light-flooded atrium that will contain two large "pods". The larger of the two, visible in the recent photo, will eventually be raised and suspended from the supporting columns and the sixth floor. This pod will contain a 60-seat lecture room, while its top will become an open quiet study area for students. The other smaller pod will be inserted later on the right (in the photo) to provide another smaller teaching room and create an open space for a faculty lounge on the top.

The daily progress is quite mesmerizing. The building is to reach its designed height by Christmas. Although services and other features are already appearing in the underground and lower levels, the completion of the shell will go into high gear when the building is capped.

The projected completion is still scheduled for June, 2005. That will enable students to enter a new Faculty home in the fall of 2005.

We feel honoured to have been granted the privilege of constructing both a new facility and positioning it in the heart of an emerging discovery district. The 15,600 gross square metre (167,000 sq.ft.) Pharmacy structure will be an integral part of the health sciences district which includes the Medical and Related Sciences (MaRS) Discovery District and U of T's affiliated teaching hospitals and research facilities, including the Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research also currently under construction. The expectation is that Pharmacy at the University of Toronto will forge new directions in research in the pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy practice.

Fall, 2003:

Architectural Dream:



September, 2004:



## Part-time Distance Doctor of Pharmacy Program

The Doctor of Pharmacy Program at the University of Toronto is pleased to announce that the first class enrolled in the Part-Time Distance Education Program, started courses in September 2004. The Pharm.D. Program is now being offered in two formats, the first being a continuation of the two year full-time format and the second being the implementation of a part-time distance education format, which can be completed in up to four years. Both programs are offered as a post baccalaureate degree, with the part-time format maintaining the same academic rigor as our traditional full-time program. The part-time format has been divided into two phases, the first phase consists of on-

line courses, delivered through web-based interactive courseware and the second phase consists of eleven one month rotations, which can be scheduled over one to two years.

The use of web-based interactive courseware permits flexibility for students in terms of time and space. Students are able to combine work with studies and are able to participate in courses at a time and location, which is convenient to them. Dedicated faculty members are committed to the part-time format and to ensuring the maintenance of educational standards.

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## Cross Border Internet Pharmacy Symposium

Cross Border Internet Pharmacy: Public Policy Implications

The Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto in partnership with the Center for Medications Use, Policy & Economics, University of Michigan convened a one-day symposium "Cross Border Internet Pharmacy: Public Policy Implications" in Toronto on March 9, 2004. Dr. Jillian Cohen, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy and Director of the Comparative Program on Health and Safety, was instrumental in making this symposium happen. Participants came from across Canada and the United

States. The Symposium helped foster the policy discussion on the issue by providing an opportunity for policy makers, academics, consumers and industry to debate complex questions which the Internet pharmacy trade is raising. This included: What are the costs/benefits of the trade and for whom? What are its legal and economic implications? And, how does it impact consumers?

Presentations and abstracts are available for view. ([www.utoronto.ca/pharmacy/importationconference/](http://www.utoronto.ca/pharmacy/importationconference/) ) Select papers based on the Symposium will be published in an upcoming volume of the Journal of Pharmaceutical Marketing & Management.

## FACULTY NEWS

## UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

### New Grants

Ruby Grymonpre is the principal investigator of a CIHR operating grant from 2004-2006. The title of her project is: "Prescription medication adherence among older Manitobans: Aging in Manitoba, 1996-2001".

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## Université de Montréal

### New Grants

Dr. Louis Cartilier, in collaboration with Drs. N. Abatzoglou and P. Gaudreault obtained a CRSNG cooperative research and development grant for their project entitled: « Optimisation of the efficacy of V type blenders for pharmaceutical granular systems », in collaboration with Wyeth-Ayers Canada Inc. and Mathis Instrument Ltd. for 3 years.

Dr. Johanne Collin, in collaboration with Drs. M. Prévaille, R. Boyer, P. Cappeliez, C. Ducharme and collaborators obtained a CIHR grant for their project entitled: « Research program on severe psychological distress episodes and factors associated with the use of health care services and the use of psychotropes in the elderly » for 6 years.

Dr. Suzanne Giasson obtained a CRSNG equipment grant for her project entitled: "High sensitivity force measurements setup for aqueous complex fluid systems".

Dr. Giasson also obtained a CRSNG grant for 5 years for her project entitled: "Investigation of molecular interactions in nanostructured thin complex fluid".

In addition, Dr. Giasson also obtained a grant for 2 years for her project entitled: "Physical and chemical properties of asphaltenes at interfaces", from the Institut français du pétrole.

Dr. Sylvie Marleau, in collaboration with Dr. P. Borgeat obtained a CIHR grant for their project entitled: "Leukotrienes, lipoxins and platelet-activating factor: assessment of biological significance in neutrophil trafficking", for 5 years, plus an equipment grant.

Dr. Lucie Blais in collaboration with Marie-Josée Martel, Dr. Marie-France Beauchesne and Dr. Sylvie Perreault obtained a CIHR grant for their project entitled: "Asthma during pregnancy and the incidence of asthma in the offspring", for 3years.

Dr. Sylvie Perreault in collaboration with Drs. Anick Bérard, Lucie Blais, Lyne Lalonde obtained a CIHR grant for their project entitled: "A population-based analysis of the effect of lipid lowering drug non-compliance on the health care system", for 3 years.

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### Awards and Honors

M. Jean-François Bussièrès was recognized Personality of the week by La Presse newspaper in July 2004.

M. Jean-François Bussièrès was also recognized by the Quebec Chamber of Commerce as the Young Entrepreneur of the year.

Drs. Louise Mallet and Pierre Moreau were chosen as "Pharmaciens de Coeur et d'action" by L'Actualité Pharmaceutique in the categories of Teaching and Research pharmacists respectively.

Drs. Patrice Hildgen, Jean-Louis Brazier, Ema Ferreira, Jean Lachaine and Ms. Christiane Mayer received teaching awards from the graduating class of 2004.

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# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## General Faculty News

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Alberta is pleased to announce that “The Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy program of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of Alberta has been granted Full Accreditation Status by the Canadian Council for

Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs for a six-year term, 2004-2010.”

Students have entered the first year of the new integrated BSc Pharmacy curriculum in September 2004.

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## Academic Appointments

Dr. Nese Yuksel has joined the Faculty in a full-time Clinical tenure track position after serving the Faculty for many years in the role of a Clinical cross-appointment. Dr. Yuksel received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Alberta and Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D.) from State University of New York at Buffalo, New York. Nese has twelve years of experience with the Capital Health Authority as a Clinical Coordinator and Clinical pharmacist, most recently at the Mature Women’s Clinic and the Osteoporosis Clinic at the Grey Nuns Hospital. Nese’s research interests lie in studying the role of the pharmacist in patients with osteoporosis.

Dr. Scott Simpson has been appointed to a full-time Clinical tenure track position. Scott received a Bachelor of Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan, Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Toronto and a Master of Science from the University of Alberta. Scott spent the past four years as a research associate at the Institute of Health Economics in Edmonton, Alberta. Scott’s area of interest in research is the study of the role of the pharmacist in working with patients with diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

Matt Tachuk has joined the Division of Pharmacy Practice for a one-year term. Matt received a Bachelor of Pharmacy at the University of Alberta. He has worked in community practice and will be teaching in the areas of Pharmacy Practice and Jurisprudence.

## New Grants and Grant Renewals

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Alberta has received a grant from the Capacity Fund, sponsored by Alberta Health and Wellness for the ACT program (Accelerated Clinical Training). The goal of the Capacity Fund is to increase the capacity of sites for experiential learning. ACT is a collaborative program between the Alberta College of Pharmacists, the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Capital Health Authority and Shoppers Drug Mart. Cheryl Cox, Greg Eberhart, M. Ackman and Bill Bright are the chief investigators.

Dr. Nese Yuksel has received a grant from the Institute of Health Economics in Alberta for the Osteo-pharm project a project studying the role of the pharmacist in patients with osteoporosis. Nese hopes that this project will start next year.

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# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## General Faculty News

On Thursday, September 23, 2004 an Induction into the Professional Community of Pharmacy event was held for U of T's Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy class of 2008 at the Isobel Bader Theatre. After being welcomed and registered by Lucy Gabinet and her team, 200 Year 1 students (our largest class ever) received a White Coat donated by the Ontario Pharmacists Association (OPA), a name Tag, the Ontario College of Pharmacists' (OCP) Code of Ethics, and the students' Pledge of Professionalism.

Assistant Dean Lesley Lavack was the Master of Ceremonies who welcomed the students. They were then addressed by a panel of pharmacy leaders: Deanna Williams, Registrar of OCP; Anne Resnick, practising pharmacist and past chair of OCP's Standards of Practice Committee; Akeel Jaffer, practising pharmacist and Board Member of OPA; Wayne Hindmarsh, Dean;

and Nadia Facca a graduate of the class of 2004 and an individual who played a pivotal role in launching our Induction for Year 1 students in 2003. Pharmacists read the Code of Ethics. Lesley explained the symbolism of the "white Coat". Pharmacist speakers and readers helped some student volunteers on with their white coats. The rest of the class then donned their white coats, assisted by classmates and all pharmacists present. The students stood and faced pharmacists and guests as individual members of the class read sections of their Pledge. All class members read the final statement in unison. Lesley announced that members of the Class of 2008 were now officially inducted into the professional community of pharmacy. The ceremony was followed by a reception sponsored by Novopharm with support from David Windross, Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. Students were invited to sign the official Pledge Book.

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## Awards and Recognition

Dr. Lakshmi Kotra received the Premier's Research Excellence Award (PREA) (2004-9) with for graduate student support for the project on the "Development of Novel Strategies to inhibit Proteases in the Postgenomic Era". Dr. Kotra, Ph.D., Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Design, is an Assistant Professor at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy and is cross-appointed to the Department of Chemistry at the University of Toronto. He is the current Director and a founding Executive Committee member of Molecular Design and Information Technology centre at the University of Toronto. (MDIT, <http://www.phm.utoronto.ca/mdit>)

Dr. Paul Grootendorst is also a recipient of the Premier's Research Excellence Award (PREA). Dr. Grootendorst, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, adjunct associate professor in the Department of Economics, McMaster University in Hamilton, and an associate member of the Centre for Evaluation of Medicines, Hamilton. His research interests are in health economics and applied micro-econometrics. In particular, his interests include the various aspects of pharmaceuticals use, insurance and reimbursement, and methods for program evaluation using observational data.

Dr. Christine Allen received the Rx&D Health Research Foundation / Canadian Institutes of Health Research

career award. Dr. Allen joined the Faculty of Pharmacy in July of 2002 and is cross-appointed to the Departments of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering and is the Associate Director of the Molecular Design and Information Technology Center. Her research is focused on the rational design and development of new materials and technologies for the delivery of anti-cancer agents. Currently, she teaches physical chemistry and pharmaceuticals at the Faculty. Previous to joining the Faculty, she was with Celator Technologies Inc. of Vancouver, a company that grew out of the B.C. Cancer Agency, where she worked as the Assistant Director of Materials Research.

Dr. Heather Boon is the recipient of a Canadian Institutes of Health Research career award. Dr. Boon is an Assistant Professor in the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy who studies complementary and alternative medicine from a health services and policy perspective. Her current projects include an investigation of how Canada's new natural health products regulations are affecting different stakeholder groups (e.g., health care practitioners, industry, the public) and several studies exploring how complementary and alternative medicine is (or is not) being integrated into the Canadian health care system.

## **New Appointments**

Dr. Ping Lee, a former faculty member, returns to our Faculty as the GlaxoSmithKline Chair in Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery. In addition to teaching and doing research at the Faculty, Dr. Lee has extensive experience in industry. As Chair, his focus will be on achieving better time-released drugs, improved absorption of poorly soluble drugs and effective delivery systems for new drugs that treat a wide range of diseases, including AIDS and cancer. One of Dr. Lee's personal goals is "to make the Faculty a centre of excellence in the area of drug delivery".

Annie Lee has recently joined the Structured Practical Experience Program (SPEP) at the Faculty. Annie joins the Faculty with over 17 years of experience as a pharmacist in hospital and community practice, academia and research settings. Most recently she served as Clinical Pharmacy Manager at William Osler Health Centre and has been an instructor in the Bachelor of Health Sciences Program at McMaster University. She brings in a wealth of practice, clinical, management and teaching experience to the Faculty.

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## **DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY**

John J. Ryan, a Nova Scotia pharmacist was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, during the Spring 2004 Health Professions Convocation at Dalhousie University.

Erika Jones (Supervisor: Neil MacKinnon)  
Patient and health professional perceptions of medication errors: identifying contributing factors and solutions.

### **General Faculty News**

The sixth annual poster session of summer research projects was held on September 28, 2004.

The three awards were selected as follows:

1. The AFPC Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy National Student Poster Award-  
Derek Roberts (Supervisors: GJ Anger, RW Gilbert, GS Robertson)  
Nrf2 deficiency increases susceptibility to hypoxic ischemic brain injury in the neonatal mouse.
2. The Wyeth Award of Excellence in Pharmacy Research

3. BioMedica Diagnostics Award  
Phil Doiron (Supervisors: C Josephson, N Giacomantonio, J Turple, A Lavoie D Beechinor)  
An assessment of achievement of evidence-based clinical parameters for cardiovascular risk reduction-a retrospective chart review.
4. Honorable mention  
Kent Hayes (Supervisor: Anne Marie Whelan)  
Natural health products in the management of osteoporosis: development of an evidence based presentation for pharmacists.

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### **Individual Faculty News**

David Gardner received the 2004 CCCP-Merck Frosst Meritorious Service Award. Canadian College of Clinical Pharmacy.

Susan Mansour was the 2004 recipient of the Faculty of Health Professions, Dalhousie University Teaching Excellence Award

titled: "Does the current method of evaluating anti-dementia drugs meet the needs of patients, caregivers and treating physicians".

### **Major Visitors**

Dr J. Robert McNeill, Department of Pharmacology, University of Saskatchewan is spending Aug-Dec 2004 on sabbatical the Evidence-Based Natural Health Products Research Group headed by Drs. T Jurgen and AM Whelan.

### **New Grants**

Bowles S, Rockwood K, have been awarded a grant from the Alzheimer Society of Canada for the project

# UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

## General Faculty News

The Division of Pharmacy in the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan has just concluded its Accreditation Site Visit (September 27 to 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004). We anticipate receiving the On-Site Evaluation Report in early 2005. Thanks to everyone involved during this very busy time.

## The Golden Suppository Golf Classic

The College's 19<sup>th</sup> annual "fun-raising" event was held on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The proceeds are used to support the College's Research Trust Fund to assist graduate student and new faculty research projects. This year's tournament raised more than \$24,000. The College wishes to acknowledge and express its appreciation to

the various companies and individuals who have helped make this tournament the fun and success it is.

## Individual Faculty News

Dr. Linda Suveges has been appointed Acting Dean for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 while Dr. Dennis Gorecki is away on administrative leave.

Dr. Marianna Foldvari has been appointed Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Affairs), effective July 1, 2004.

Dr. Fred Remillard has been appointed Assistant Dean (Undergraduate Affairs) for a one-year period.

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## Graduate Student Awards and Honors

Mrs. Danette Nicolay has been awarded a CIHR Fellowship, for a two-year period. A research allowance is also included with the Fellowship.

Ms. Joan Bobyne successfully defended her Ph.D. Thesis entitled, "Nutritional Influence on Oxidative Stress in Global Ischemia", October 2003 (Supervisor, P.G. Paterson).

Ms. Karen Mosier has successfully defended her M.Sc. thesis entitled, "Dose-Staggering Reduces Drug-Drug Interaction between Clozapine and Fluvoxamine" on March 18, 2004 (Supervisor - Dr. J. Fang).

Mr. Chris Arnold has successfully defended his M.Sc. thesis entitled, "Parenteral Nutrition-Associated Cholestasis: The Prevalence and Examination of the Role of Aluminum Contamination" on April 28, 2004 (Supervisor - Dr. G.A. Zello).

Ms. Julia Ewaschuk has successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis entitled, "Mechanism and Treatment of Acidosis in Neonatal Diarrhea" on June 22, 2004 (Supervisor - Dr. G.A. Zello).

Ms. Louise Wolf successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis entitled, "Hoxa2 in the Developing Murine Forebrain and Neural Retina" on July 30, 2004 (Supervisor - Dr. A.J. Nazarali).

Ms. Mandy DeJong has successfully defended her M.Sc. thesis entitled, "Satisfaction with Clinical Pharmacy Services Provided to Special Care Homes in Saskatchewan" on August 16, 2004 (Supervisor - Dr. S.L. Neubauer).

Ms. Zeynep Akin has successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis entitled, "Isolation and Cloning of In Vivo Downstream Target Genes of Hoxa2" on September 17, 2004 (Supervisor - Dr. A.J. Nazarali).

Mr. Fawzy Elbarby was one of the top two prize winners for the Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy Research Poster Award which was held in conjunction with the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada Conference in Vancouver BC in early June. The title of his poster was "Postnatal Maturation of Cytochrome P-450-2E1 and Glutathione-s-transferases, Pharmacokinetic Model Validation" (F. Elbarby and J. Alcorn).

# MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

## General Faculty News

The Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy program of the School of Pharmacy has been granted Full Accreditation Status by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs for a six-year term, 2004-2010.

## Appointments

Dr. John Hawboldt, BSP (Saskatchewan), Pharm. D., (Washington) has been appointed Assistant Professor. He will be teaching therapeutics, clinical pharmacy and sterile products. He will also be practising with Dr. Hutchinson as an infectious disease specialist.

Dr. Elizabeth Kozyra, B, Sc.(Hon), B.Sc.(Pharm.) (Memorial), Pharm.D. (Toronto) has been appointed Assistant Professor. Dr. Kozyra is joining us as a new faculty member this year. She will be teaching therapeutics and clinical pharmacy. She will also be practising in the renal transplant clinic and as consultant to the nephrology unit.

Dr. Gerry Mugford Ph.D. (Memorial) has been appointed Assistant Professor. Dr Mugford has held a variety of positions with Memorial University since 1996 and joined the School of Pharmacy in 2004. He currently holds joint appointments to Pharmacy, Medicine, and Psychiatry. He teaches in the area of Social/Administrative pharmacy. He is a clinical epidemiologist, certified medical and analytical hypnotherapist and psychotherapist. He provides psychotherapy to HIV patients seen at the HIV clinics at St. Clare's Hospital. His research interests are in managing psychological dysfunction through psychotherapies and improved prescribing/usage patterns for benzodiazepines.

Dr. Husam Younes has been appointed as a member of the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC).

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## Promotions

Dr. Mohsen Daneshtalab, Pharm.D., (Teheran), Ph.D. (Tohoku, Japan), was promoted to the rank of Professor.

## Individual Faculty News

Dr. Mohsen Daneshtalab was selected Teacher of the Year by the graduating class of 2004.

Dr. Rebecca Law presented a talk entitled "Diabetes and Pharmacy/Drug Use Concerns" at a symposium on "Diabetes and Multicultural Issues" held in St. John's, May 7-8, 2004. The symposium was organized by the Newfoundland and Labrador – Health in Pluralistic Societies and funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Dr. Rebecca Law presented a research paper entitled "Effecting changes in elder health care based on identified healthcare needs of ethnic seniors" at the Third International Conference on Elder Care: "Older People Deserve the Best! Building a Policy Framework and Innovative Services for Elder Health & Elder Care" held in Toronto, September 22-23, 2004. The conference was organized by the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.

## Recent Research Grants

Dr. Gerry Mugford, along with colleagues from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have just been awarded a CIHR grant under the Social and Behavioural Research Issues in HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Teams Grant Program. He says this is a tremendous boost to HIV/HCV initiatives for Atlantic Canada and will be geared towards a unified Atlantic approach to improving care to persons living with HIV and HCV.

Dr. Husam Younes received an NSERC grant for 4 years for his research project entitled "Chemical tailoring of UV crosslinked amphiphilic elastomers for controlled protein delivery and biomedical applications".

## Student News

Ryan Snelgrove, a final year undergraduate student and active student member of CSHP, has been chosen as the National Student Delegate to CSHP.

Jerry Wang, a M.Sc.Pharm. student, was awarded the Cedarlane Laboratories Award of Excellence for the Best Poster at the Canadian Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences annual meeting in Vancouver, 2004.

## TAKING NOTE

### **The Canadian Diabetes Association is changing its meal planning system!**

The introductions of new medications and new methods for the management of diabetes have prompted changes in diabetes education. To meet these new needs, the Canadian Diabetes Association has been working on revising its meal planning system to make it more compatible with *Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating* and with the systems used in Québec and the US. The biggest change will be in food groups containing carbohydrate (e.g. grains and starches, vegetables, fruits, and milk), where one serving of a food in all of these groups will contain 15 grams of carbohydrate.

At present time, the feedback on the first draft of the proposed new system has been consolidated and a second draft of the system is being readied. An "almost final" version will be presented at the CDA/CSEM professional conference in late October, with the final basic version expected in January or February 2005. A larger, more detailed, manual will be ready about one year later.

Consumers may notice that the Association's Food Choice Values and Symbols will no longer appear on food packaging. New labelling regulations will provide more nutrition information that can be used to make good food choices.

For more information, contact Ms. Sharon Zeiler or go to the Association website at [www.diabetes.ca](http://www.diabetes.ca)

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