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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Across the country, it has been a year of wildly unpredictable weather. From unseasonably high temperatures and no snow in Central Canada to an (almost) record-shattering rainy season in BC and a variety of wild winter storms in the East, we are all, it seems, getting used to things not being stable and predictable – in the weather department!

Learning to cope with change and uncertainty is an important part of everyday life, never more so than today. For many years, academia seemed to offer a refuge from the rest of the world, an island of seeming tranquility in a turbulent sea. Across faculties of pharmacy in Canada, there have been significant changes, and for many of us it seems we hardly have time to catch our breath before the next change hits.

Pharmacy is a dynamic, evolving field. The opportunities we have as a profession today are

unprecedented, and for the practitioners, educators, and researchers involved in trying to capitalize on these opportunities there are considerable risks and rewards. For years, we have “talked” about what pharmacists can do, what pharmacists should do, if only “they” would give us a chance to prove ourselves. It seems “they” – governments, physicians, patients, other health care providers – have listened. With primary care reform firmly ensconced throughout the country, with health system restructuring continuing to evolve, stakeholders outside pharmacy are beginning to challenge us to “walk the talk” and prove what pharmacists can do to improve health care outcomes, optimize medication use, and help patients lead better lives.

As a profession, pharmacy needs to work as never before to ensure we are up to this challenge. Despite the risks, the uncertainty, and the complexity of wading into uncharted territory, this is truly a unique time in the evolution of our profession. AFPC is working closely with other stakeholders in pharmacy and outside of it to ensure the important contributions of academic pharmacy – in teaching, in research, and in administrative service – are recognized and valued, and that we are contributing meaningfully to helping pharmacy evolve.

For some of us, this means weathering a storm or two as change occurs rapidly and unpredictably. For all of us, however, there is a promise of a brighter future for our students, one in which their roles as health care professionals are valued as never before.

Zubin Austin

AFPC President, 2005-2006

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Spring is in the air and the end of another hectic but productive year is in sight. Before you make plans for the summer, I urge you to consider attending this year's AFPC Conference and Meetings to be held in Edmonton June 2-4, 2006. Sharon Mitchell and her conference planning committee have been very active and creative in setting the program for the conference. The CPhA annual conference (June 3-6) is also in Edmonton and we have planned a joint research day on June 4 that is shaping up to be one of our better programs. The Teacher's Conference on June 3 will feature Dean Dick Gourley from the University of Tennessee and Dean Franco Pasutto from the University of Alberta who will speak on the theme of preparing pharmacists for the future. For more information on the program please refer to the online information at

<http://afpc.info/content.php?SectionID=3&ContentID=16&Language=en>.

The call for abstracts is just past and in addition to the oral sessions we should have over 40 posters on display. The Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy student research poster winners will be vying for the top prize and graduate students will be competing for the new Whit Matthews best poster award. On Friday evening June 2, AFPC will showcase the award winners for 2006. Competition has been keen this year for the major faculty and student awards and we can be assured of some outstanding presentations. Early registration for the Conference is available until April 15, 2006 at:

<http://afpc.info/content.php?SectionID=3&ContentID=18&Language=en>

In other news, AFPC and the Association of Deans of Pharmacy of Canada (ADPC) are partner organizations in the CPhA led Pharmacy Human Resources Study that was recently funded by HRSDC and the Foreign Credential Recognition Program. The management committee has been meeting on a regular basis and a full Advisory/Management meeting is planned for April 10-11. Zubin Austin (AFPC) and Dean Dennis Gorecki (ADPC) are the official management committee representatives.

At the AFPC midyear meeting in Toronto on February 4-5, 2006 it was decided to fund a third

meeting of the SPEP coordinators group now called Pharmacy Experiential Programs (PEP) Canada. The meeting is scheduled to take place in Edmonton on June 1-2 just prior to the start of the Annual Conference. Representatives from key pharmacy stakeholder organizations will also be invited to attend. A strategic plan for the organization is to be completed and approved. The group will focus on developing standardized guidelines for PEP activities in Canada and work to create a national resource center that could be used to disseminate and share PEP resources. The intent of the activities is to enhance PEP nationally through a strong collaborative network.

AFPC wishes to recognize the contributions from pharmacy organizations that choose to help make a difference in academic pharmacy in Canada.

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Resignations

Dr. Danette Beechinor has resigned, effective June 16, 2006.

Individual Faculty News

Dr. Pollen Yeung has been appointed a member of the Editorial Board for the Reviews on Recent Clinical Trials, Bentham Science Publishers Ltd., San Francisco, CA, USA.

New Grants/Grant Renewals

Researchers from Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy have received funding through Health Canada’s Interprofessional Education for Collaborative Patient-Centred Practice initiative. Title: “Seamless Care: An Interprofessional Education Project for Innovative Team-Based Transition Care.” Karen Mann, Judith McFetridge Durdle, Co-Principal Investigators. Co-investigators: Joanne Clovis, Blye Frank, Susan Mansour, Ruth Martin-Meisener, Richard Rowe, Helen Ryding, Joan Versnel, Lucille Woodstock.

Research Corner

The Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) has recently released two casebooks in the area of knowledge translation: *Evidence in Action, Acting on Evidence* <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29489.html>, CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research, and *Moving Population and Public Health Knowledge into Action* <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29489.html>, CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health. These online publications contain a collection of cases which demonstrate how research evidence gets used in strengthening Canada's health care system and improving the health of Canadians.

Two of the cases selected for inclusion in *Evidence in Action, Acting on Evidence* are

authored by faculty members from the College of Pharmacy, Dalhousie University. The cases are: “Adopting medication reconciliation and seamless care services”, submitted by Neil MacKinnon and “A multidisciplinary, multi-sectoral alliance to improve drug use in Nova Scotia”, submitted by Ingrid Sketris, College of Pharmacy, Dalhousie University; and co-authors, Dawn Frail, Nova Scotia Department of Health; Pam McLean-Veysey, Capital District Health Authority; George Kephart, Dalhousie University; Charmaine Cooke, Dalhousie University; Michael Allen, Dalhousie University; Wayne Putman, Dalhousie University; and Susan Bowles, College of Pharmacy, Dalhousie University.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Grants

Christine Allen, PhD, Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, along with David Jaffray (University Health Network) are Co-PIs who have received a CIHR POP grant of \$150,000 for 1 year for “Development of a multi-modal imaging contrast agent platform”.

Jana Bajcar¹, Linda Wilson-Pauwels² (co-PIs), Tom Paton³, Dr. Ed Etchells³, Marilyn Batchers³, Jodie Jenkinson², Meaghan Brierly², David U⁴, Brian Sutherland⁴ received a grant for \$51,131 from *Greenshield Canada Foundation* for the project “Evaluation of an innovative technology-based medication organizer for patients and their health-care providers to reduce adverse events following hospital discharge”.

Awards

Kwan Y, **Fernandes O**, Nagge J, Wong G, Huh J, Hurn D, **Bajcar J**.

The following poster presentation was awarded second prize out of over 500 posters for the top poster presentation at the *2005 Annual Meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy* in San Francisco in October 2005: “Implementation and randomized controlled evaluation of pharmacist medication assessments in a surgical pre-admission clinic.” The study was conducted as part of Yvonne Kwan's Residency Project at the University Health Network.

Jim Mann, Associate Professor, was nominated and has won one of five awards for teaching excellence at the University of Toronto. The Students' Administrative Council and the Association of part time Undergraduate Students annually support the nomination of instructors who they feel have demonstrated teaching excellence. Jim was selected for teaching in his course on Institutional Practice Management. The award will be presented on April 10th at the University.

Micheline Piquette-Miller, PhD, Associate Professor at the University of Toronto, has been

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³Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Center

⁴ISMP Canada

⁵OISIE, University of Toronto

Jana Bajcar, Tom Einarson, Wayne Hindmarsh received a grant for \$30,000 from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care to conduct a Systematic Literature Review to identify Pharmacist-sensitive Patient Outcomes as part of the Ministry's "Health Outcomes for Better Information and Care initiative".

selected by the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (ASCPT) to receive the 2006 Leon I. Goldberg Young Investigator Award. Dr. Piquette-Miller's lecture titled, “Regulation of ABC Drug Transporters in Health and Disease and Implications on Drug Response,” will be presented on March 10, 2006 at the ASCPT annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. The Leon I. Goldberg Young Investigator Award recognizes and encourages young scientists who are active in clinical pharmacology.

Anna Taddio, PhD, is the recipient of the Young Investigator Award in Pediatric Pain, selected by the Special Interest Group on Pain in Childhood, International Association for the Study of Pain. This prize is awarded every three years at the International Symposium on Pediatric Pain (ISPP) and recognizes an individual who is within ten years of completion of his/her last academic degree, and has demonstrated independence in scholarly work in the field of pain research (basic or clinical) and an international reputation based on this body of work. Anna Taddio will be honored at the ISPP-2006 in Vancouver, Canada, by presenting a plenary lecture and receiving a cash prize.

UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL

Grants

Professor Yola Moride received a *Conseil du Médicament*/FRSQ grant for 80 000\$ as primary investigator for the project “*Profils d’utilisation d’antidépresseurs au Québec: Facteurs associés à la non-persistance et impacts économiques*”. Professor Sylvie Perreault is co-investigator on the project.

Professor Yola Moride received a Health Canada grant for 104 000\$ as primary investigator for the project “*Programme de gestion thérapeutique fondé sur des données probantes pour optimiser l’utilisation d’antidépresseurs*”. Professors Sylvie Perreault, Johanne Colin, and Lyne Lalonde are co-investigators on the project.

Professor Yola Moride received a CIHR grant for 70 000\$ as primary investigator for the project “*Antidepressants & Canadian Youth: 1996-2005. Uncovering the patterns and determinants of usage.*”

Professor Sylvie Perreault is co-investigator on the project.

Professor Lucie Blais received a *Conseil du médicament*/FRSQ grant for 185 050\$ as primary investigator for the project “*Impact de l’usage non optimal des thérapies d’entretien sur la morbidité et les coûts des services de santé dans le traitement de l’asthme*”. Professors Sylvie Perreault, and Marie-France Beauchesne are co-investigators on the project.

Canada Research Chairs have renewed **Professor Jean-Christophe Leroux’s** Chair in Controlled Drug Delivery.

Other News

The Apotex classroom in the Jean-Coutu pavilion was inaugurated March 20th. This classroom has been conceived for different learning styles, and can receive up to 106 students, or divided into 2 classrooms of 53 seats.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Appointments

Dr. Peter Jewesson was recently appointed as a representative of the faculty to the SPEED UP (Special Provider Engagement Expert Delegates - Upcoming Professionals) committee, co-chaired by Drs. Kendall Ho and Jonathon Burns (Faculty of Medicine), who are both members of the provincial e-Health Steering Committee. This multi-disciplinary committee has been formed to address the engagement of students in e-health initiatives aimed at optimizing educational and health care initiatives in this province.

Dr. Kishor M. Wasan has been appointed to the editorial advisory board of Pharmaceutical Research, from January 1st 2006 to December 31st 2008. Pharmaceutical Research is the "flagship" journal of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences (AAPS) and is the highest rated Pharmaceutics Journal based on Impact Factor.

Congratulations to **Dr. Kishor M. Wasan**, who has been elected to the CSPS executive as an member-at-large. His term will be from January 1st, 2006 to December 31st, 2009.

Dr. Kishor M. Wasan has been appointed to the editorial advisory board of *New Directions in Endocrine Treatment of Breast Cancer*.

Dr. Peter Loewen has been appointed to UBC’s Conflict of Interest/Conflict of Commitment (COI/COC) Committee. As mandated by Policy #97, this newly formed committee is charged with auditing COI/COC declarations and conflict management strategies approved within faculties, and with adjudicating difficult-to-resolve conflict situations.

Details of the new COI/COC processes for faculty members at UBC are available at: <http://www.universitycounsel.ubc.ca/coi/>

Dr. Larry Lynd has been appointed to the Scientific Advisory Committee on Respiratory and Allergy Therapies to Health Canada. He has also been re-appointed for a second 3-year term to the National Drug Scheduling Advisory Committee of the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities (NAPRA).

New Portfolio

Dr. Peter Loewen has accepted the position of Regional Coordinator of Education & Research for Vancouver Coastal Health Authority/Providence Health Care's Pharmacy Shared Services. In his new role Peter will be responsible for integrating and coordinating a regional hospital pharmacy residency program, (a UBC/CSHP/Health Authorities partner-ship), coordinating education of staff across the region, interfacing between the university and the hospitals for student training-related issues, and coordinating and facilitating research activities region-wide. We wish you the best in your new position, Peter.

Resignation

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of **Dr. Peter J. Jewesson** from his position of Professor and Acting Chair, Division of Clinical Pharmacy, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, effective June 2, 2006. Dr. Jewesson has served our Faculty exceptionally well in the 20 years that he has held an academic position with us and has

worked tirelessly with his gifted colleagues to contribute to the overall growth and development of our programs. We will certainly feel the loss of Dr. Jewesson's energetic presence from our Faculty in the years ahead, but certainly wish him well as he takes up his new role to direct the first pharmacy program to be initiated in the country of Qatar! He is excited at this wonderful opportunity to explore a new country and a different culture, to provide leadership at a university in its early stages of development, to undertake a unique professional challenge, and to be a part of the growth of the pharmacy profession in a foreign land. With that in mind, we of course enthusiastically support his choice as he embarks on this new life adventure with his beloved wife, Barbara. We can't think of anyone more capable or prepared to take this on and have every confidence he will serve with great distinction in his new role!

We wish Peter all the best in his new role.

Awards

The Award of Excellence in Community Pharmacy was awarded to **Mona Kwong**, who manages an independent pharmacy in Vancouver. Well done, Mona!

Dr. Fawziah Marra received the 2005-2006 Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists, Hoffman La Roche Award for Specialties in Pharmacy Practice for her project, "Per capita antibiotic consumption: How does a North American jurisdiction compare with Europe?"

In January 2006, **Dr. James Kim** earned the designation of Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist (BCPP) from the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties (BPS).

Dr. Rubina Sunderji and **Dr. Carlo Marra**, were the recipients of the 2005-2006 Sanofi-Aventis Award for Specialty Practice in Cardiology from

the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists for the project entitled, "The cost-effectiveness of patient self-managed vs physician-managed oral anticoagulation: A Bayesian approach.

Ms. Kiran Sidhu, Dr. Rubina Sunderji, and Dr. Nilufar Partovi, were the recipients of the 2005-2006 NovoPharm Award for New Programs in Patient Counseling, from the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists for the project entitled, "Randomized evaluation of patient medication teaching by videotape in a cardiac unit".

Dr. Peter Zed and **Dr. Richard Slavik** were awarded the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists Fellow (FCSHP), during the 2006 Professional Practice Conference which was held in January, 2006.

Dr. Peter Zed, Leslie Jo Samoy, Dr. Kerry Wilbur, Dr. Robert M. Balen, Dr. Riyad B. Abu-Laban, and Dr. Mark Roberts, were the recipients of the 2005-2006 Bristol-Myers Squibb Award for Clinical Pharmacy Programs, from the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists for the project entitled, "Drug-Related Hospitalization to a Tertiary Care Internal Medicine Service: A Prospective Study".

Ms. Kiran Sidhu, Dr. Rubina Sunderji , and Dr. Nilufar Partovi, were the recipients of the 2005-06 Maria Machado Memorial Award for Education Programs for Patient's Medication Counseling.

from the B.C Branch of Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists for the project entitled, "Randomized evaluation of patient medication teaching by videotape in a cardiac unit".

Dr. Peter Zed was the recipient of the 2005-2006 Pharmascience Award for Patient Care Enhancement, from the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists for the project entitled, "Clinical Outcomes and Patient Satisfaction of a Pharmacist-Managed, Emergency Department-Based Outpatient Deep Vein Thrombosis Treatment Program: 6-Year Results".

Grants

Drs. **Kishor M. Wasan** and **Ellen K. Wasan** have received a new Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Operating Grant for \$282,567 over 3 years (April 1st 2006 to March 31st 2009) for their project entitled, "*Intestinal Lymphatic transport of water-insoluble drugs.*"

Dr. Kishor Wasan, J. Frohlich, J. Hill and K. Sachs-Barrable have received a three year CIHR grant for the project entitled, "The role of serum lipoproteins in optimizing amphotericin B therapy", in the amount of \$290,526.

Drs Kishor Wasan and Ric Procyshyn have received funding in the amount of \$26,000 from the Riverview Hospital Research Foundation for the project entitled "Investigating Risperidone's Influence on Clozapine's Plasma Protein and Lipoprotein Distribution."

As the co-PI on a recently awarded NSERC Research Tools and Instruments grant, **Dr. Urs Hafeli** will have free access to the micro Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV) system acquired with the grant funds (\$106,182). Boris Stoeber from the MEMS and Nanotechnology Department in Mechanical Engineering is the PI on the grant. A microPIV system allows for the observation of the movement of microparticles in flow channels and

under the influence of external forces such as magnetic fields. The microPIV system will be connected to a new fluorescent microscope.

Dr. Sylvia Ng has received a TFF Research Grant for New Investigators entitled, "the role of cancer associated fibroblasts in mediating treatment response in pancreatic cancer". It is a three year grant from 2006-2009 in the amount of \$145,622 per annum. Dr. Ng also received a one year TFF equipment grant in the amount of \$37,915.

CIHR has awarded a five-year grant in the amount of \$820,000 to Dr. Jean Shoveller (PI: UBC HCEP), **Dr. Judith Soon** and multidisciplinary co-investigators from UBC Nursing, University of Northern BC, BC Centre for Disease Control, Queen's University and Dalhousie University. The title of the Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement Grant for Reducing Health Disparities and Promoting Equity for Vulnerable Populations is, "Rural and northern youth sexual health team: Building interdisciplinary research capacity to reduce health and social disparities".

Dr. Kishor Wasan is a co-applicant on a group grant from NCIC totaling \$5.8M over five years, for the project "Terry Fox/NCIC program on prostate cancer progression".

UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL

General Faculty News

The sixth Annual Research Meeting of the Faculty of Pharmacy of Laval University (“Journée de la recherche”) was held at the Pavillon Desjardins on campus site on April 3rd, 2006. More than 60 graduate and undergraduate students were invited to present their research work done under the supervision of a Faculty member, either by poster or during an oral session.

Pfizer Canada was the major sponsor of the event with a total amount of 4 000 \$ awarded to the winners of the following categories:

- B.Pharm. degree (summer research program): Danny Laliberté

- Hospital pharmacy residency: Jean-Philippe Côté and Valérie Lauzière
- M.Sc. degree : Véronique Rivest and Olivier Bernard
- Ph.D. degree : Jenny Kaeding and Carl Julien

Mrs. Véronique Rivest (supervisor : Dr Frédéric Calon) will be the representative of the Faculty of Pharmacy to the Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy Research Poster Award to be presented during the upcoming AFPC Annual Conference in Edmonton.

Annual Alumni Wine Reception

Three hundred graduates, partners and members of the Laval University community gathered to attend the fifth edition of the Annual Alumni Wine Reception of the Faculty of Pharmacy held at the Château Frontenac in the old City of Québec on March 25th, 2006. Under the theme “The Old Continent and the New World” the guests discovered the charms of wines from the Old Europe but also from the United States, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and South Africa. A delightful array of hors d’oeuvres was served with the selection of 17 different wines, which were tasted in a jazzy atmosphere. Among others, the Chardonnay Cervaro della Sala 2002, the Shiraz

Eilen Hardy 1998, the Bacio Angelico 1999 and the wine of Constance 1999 were particularly appreciated by the tasters.

The Alumni Wine Reception is a fund-raising activity held annually for the *Fonds d’enseignement et de recherche*. This fund has been created to help postgraduate students and junior researchers of the Faculty. A record profit of 56 000 \$ was generated by this year’s event. Dean Monique Richer hosted the ceremony and was thankful for the generous donators and the volunteers who made the event a tremendous success.

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Grants

Silvia Alessi-Severini received a grant in the amount of \$5,778 for her research project “Use of antipsychotic agents in Manitoba: Prescribing and effectiveness.”

Hasinoff, Brian - Title: Molecular mechanisms of oxygen free radical damage and its prevention by antioxidants. Sponsor: CIHR/RPP. Type: Operating Grant. 2 yrs; \$100000.

Gu, Xiaochen - Title: Study of toxicological profiles from concurrent use of the insect repellent DEET and the Sunscreen Oxybenzone (Fiona Parkinson). Sponsor: CIHR/RPP. Type: Operating Grant. 2 yrs; \$84670.

Awards

The Canadian Foundation Pharmacy Award selected Mutasem Rawas-Qalaji’s abstract entitled “Epinephrine for the Treatment of Anaphylaxis: Do al Sublingual Epinephrine Tablet Formulations have the Same Bioavailability?”

Mike Namaka’s student Aneri Gupta has received the 2006 Travel Award (Merck-Frosst).

Student News

Olga Norrie, (Advisor, Dr. Colleen Metge) passed her Ph.D. Candidacy Examination on Thursday, January 19, 2006. Thesis: “Determination of Consumer Preferences for Regulation of Natural Health Products (NHPs)”.

Graduate Awards 2005/2006:

Leslie F. Buggie Graduate Scholarship in Pharmacy - Olga Norrie
Pfizer Canada Inc. Centennial Pharmacy Research Award - Dana Turcotte
MPhA/William G. Eamer Graduate Scholarship in Pharmacy - Sreeneeranj Kasichayanula
Manitoba Graduate Fellowship – Dana Turcotte
Manitoba Health Research Council - Daryl Fediuk & Mutasem Rawas-Qalaji



The Faculty of Pharmacy kicked off the new year on Thursday, January 5, 2006, by holding a white coat ceremony for its first-year students. The ceremony was the first of its kind for pharmacy students at The University of Manitoba, but it’s an idea that has been catching on with pharmacy schools across North America. The ceremony recognizes pharmacy as part of the health profession.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

AFPC Conference

The AFPC Conference "Preparing Pharmacists for the Future" 2006 will be held June 2 to 4, at the MacDonald Fairmont Hotel and the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. The 2006 AFPC Conference and Meetings coincide with the CPhA Conference, June 3-6 in Edmonton. AFPC and CPhA will jointly host two research sessions on Sunday June 4, focusing on pharmacy practice. More information will be posted on the AFPC Web Site as it becomes available:

<http://afpc.info/content.php?SectionID=3&ContentID=16&Language=en> For information on the CPhA Conference please visit the CPhA website.

New Faculty Members

We are very pleased to have Lisa Guirguis join the Faculty in July 2006. Lisa completed her undergraduate degree in pharmacy at the University of Alberta in 1997 and obtained her Master of Science, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Alberta. Lisa continued to work as a research associate at the Institute of Health Economics with Dr. Jeff Johnson until 2000, when she moved to Madison Wisconsin. Lisa is currently completing a PhD in Social and Administrative Sciences in Pharmacy at the School of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her dissertation work is focused on pharmacy-student patient counselling.

New Grants and Grant Renewals

Dr. John Seubert has received a grant from CIHR to study the "Role of eicosanoids in the heart: Implications of arachidonic acid and its metabolites in regulating myocardial function and ischemic injury".

Dr. Ayman El-Kadi has received a three-year grant from the Heart and Stroke Foundation entitled "The role of cytochrome P450 family 1 enzymes in the development of cardiac hypertrophy".

Dr. Mavanur Suresh, \$112,000, "Production and Purification of Monoclonal Antibodies to Biothreat Agents for Incorporation in Suspension Arrays", PWGSC.

Awards

Stephanie Adamic received the Bristol-Myers Squibb Award (2005) for excellence in teaching.

Carmen Rigakis, pharmacy practice laboratory coordinator, received the John Bachynsky award for student involvement.

Graduate Student Awards

Hesham Korashy (Supervisor - Dr. Ayman El-Kadi) received a Dissertation Fellowship.

Hamid Montazeri Aliabadi (Supervisor - Dr. Afsaneh Lavasanifar), received the 2006 Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship (Doctoral)

John Clements (Supervisor: Dr. F. Jamali) received a TORCH scholarship: "Tomorrow's Research Cardiovascular Health Professionals" (TORCH)"

TAKING NOTE

CPHA REPORT



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Dear Colleagues,

CPhA's Board of Directors met March 3-4, 2006 in Ottawa. This newsletter will report on the meeting and recent CPhA activities.

Financial Update

At its February meeting, the Board reviewed the previous year's financial statements and approved the budget for the year ahead. Financial results for 2005 showed a year-end surplus close to \$697,028. This surplus will be reinvested in business development funds to work on e-publications and the website, building maintenance and CPhA's 2007 Centennial.

A celebration is in order with the mortgage on CPhA's building to be fully paid in 2006. However, with any 20 year-old building, ongoing maintenance is necessary. A plan has been adopted for major structural work to begin this year. Renovations to the office space were completed in 2004.

e-Business

The 2006 budget focuses on the need to develop revenue from the sale of digital products. e-Therapeutics is now available for purchase at a cost of \$225 per year for a single user licence. e-Therapeutics⁺, which includes the

full e-CPS application, costs \$389 per year per single user licence. CPhA membership will provide a 25% discount. e-Therapeutics⁺ includes all functionality through one access point and the bonus of a handheld companion providing selected drug information.

e-Therapeutics, funded from Health Canada's Primary Health Care Transition Fund until June 2006, provides point-of-care access to current, evidence-based Canadian drug and therapeutic information for primary health care practitioners. For further information, visit the [CPhA website](http://www.pharmacists.ca) (www.pharmacists.ca)

To help provide oversight of the financial risks related to the development and marketing of CPhA's digital products and to provide guidance on business strategy, the Board has established an e-Business Review Committee. Membership will include Board members, the Chair of the Audit Review Committee and one or two external members with expertise in information technology and the health care environment.

Blueprint for Pharmacy

Changes in the pharmacy profession are essential to achieving health care reforms, particularly with enhanced roles for pharmacists in primary health care. Although substantial resources have been committed by governments to health care renewal, and various projects and programs are now underway to assist in moving the profession forward, the profession has been lacking an overall high-level plan to guide and coordinate action over the next five to ten years.

In recognition of this, CPhA facilitated a workshop in Ottawa, December 2-3, 2005, for a small group of 25 pharmacists and leaders from across Canada to develop

a *Blueprint for Action for the Pharmacy Profession*. The Blueprint will identify structural, legislative, policy, program and funding requirements to support change in the pharmacy profession and will identify actions over the next five to ten years necessary to move the profession forward. Elements include: role change and pharmacy practice models; pharmacy human resources; pharmacy education and continuing professional development; information and communications technology; financial viability and sustainability; legislation, regulation and liability; and leadership for the profession.

A background paper prepared for the December workshop, which outlines where the pharmacy profession is today and where it must go in the future, has been updated to include deliberations from the workshop. A meeting is being planned for May or June 2006 when this draft will be shared with all pharmacy stakeholders for their input on the elements being addressed, actions to be taken and priorities. This will be followed by consultation with other stakeholders in health care and governments, hopefully leading to widespread endorsement.

CPhA and Provincial Pharmacy Voluntary Organizations

The Board approved principles developed at a February meeting with the Executive Directors and Chief Executive Officers of CPhA and provincial pharmacy voluntary organizations to build better working

relations. It was agreed to establish a new forum, to be called the Canadian Pharmacists Affairs Group, through which consultation and working together on key priorities can take place on a regular basis.

Term of Office

The Board has requested the Association Affairs Committee to prepare amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations to change the term of office for Board members representing a constituency, except for Students and New Practitioners, to three years, because of the learning curve for new members. Also, amendments to the Regulations have been requested so that two Board members elected from the same province, i.e. Ontario, will be elected in different years. Bylaw amendments will be presented to the Annual General Meeting June 4, 2006 in Edmonton.

CPhA Conference in Edmonton – June 3-6, 2006

Information on CPhA's conference has been mailed to all members with the *CPJ* and is available on the CPhA website (www.pharmacists.ca). You can register online; the early-bird deadline is April 21, 2006. This year's conference schedule begins on Saturday, June 3 and ends after lunch on Tuesday, June 6.

The CPhA Board will meet again immediately before the conference in Edmonton. Please contact me with any pharmacy issues that you think would be of interest to Board members. Also, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at linda.suveges@usask.ca or 306-966-6347.

I hope to see you at the Conference in Edmonton!

Linda Suveges
Board Member (Academia)

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