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### **AFPC Update for July 2007:**

Dear faculty, students, associate members, stakeholders, and honorary members:

It is again time for the AFPC summer update. Here in Vancouver, summer did arrive with some astonishing 30-degree weather for a few days but we are now back to our normal mixed bag of wet and sun. In any case it is certainly a good time to be on vacation and I hope that many of you are taking the opportunity for a well-deserved break.

### **AFPC Meetings and Conference, Montreal, May 30 - June 2, 2007:**

The 64<sup>th</sup> AFPC Conference and Meetings was held jointly with the 10<sup>th</sup> Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences Annual Meeting and the 18<sup>th</sup> International Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Analysis Annual Meeting in the elegant Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal. From all reports this conference format proved to be highly successful with a full joint opening plenary session on the first day plus considerable cross interaction in the exhibits and plenty of activity during the posters sessions. Posters were held on two days with a total of 154 posters of which 55 posters were from AFPC participants, which is somewhat of a record for AFPC. There was an excellent turn out of posters from graduate students of the Université de Montréal and we thank them for helping create this successful conference for AFPC.

**The local program committee** of Daniel Thirion (Chair), Dean Pierre Moreau (Finances) Sylvie Marleau, Line Labbé, Sophie Brisebois, Lyne Levesque, Leila Andraos, Michelle Savoie, and Gisèle Gagné are to be highly congratulated for a job well done. Mo Jamali from the University of Alberta was the co-chair from CSPA and a strong supporter of the joint conference.



Dan Thirion is shown welcoming everyone to the AFPC Conference at the opening dinner on Wednesday evening, May 30.

The opening dinner featured this year's award winner presentations and again the University of Toronto continues to dominate with three of the award winners coming from the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy.

### **2006 Major Award Winners:**

*AFPC/Bristol-Myers Squibb, National Award for Excellence in Education:*

**Louise Mallet** from the Université de Montréal gave an excellent presentation of her experience in teaching and facilitating learning in geriatrics.

*AFPC/AstraZeneca New Investigator Research Award:*

**Zubin Austin** of the University of Toronto received this award for his leading research in pharmacy education and Zubin gave a thought provoking presentation on social values research in pharmacy education.

*AFPC/GlaxoSmithKline Graduate Student Research Award:*

**Patrick Ronaldson** of the University of Toronto gave an informative presentation on his research work of the inflammatory response to an HIV-1 envelope glycoprotein that won him the best publication by a graduate student during the past year. Reina Bendayan is the co-author and supervisor for Patrick. The winning publication is:

“Ronaldson PT and Bendayan R., HIV-1 viral envelope glycoprotein gp120 triggers an inflammatory response in cultured rat astrocytes and regulates the functional expression of P-glycoprotein. *Mol Pharmacol*, 70: 1087-1098, 2006”

*AFPC/Pfizer Research Career Award:*

**Thomas Einarson** of the University of Toronto gave an overview of his career in pharmacy administration and his input to quantitative analysis including meta-analysis to evaluate drug use and other aspects of pharmacoeconomics.

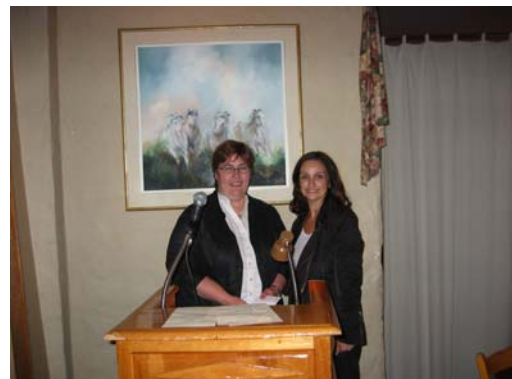
Congratulations are in order to all the winners.

The actual award presentations were made during the Awards Banquet on Friday evening June 1 in the beautiful restaurant H  l  ne de Champlain.



AFPC Executive Director Frank Abbott presents Patrick Ronaldson, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto with the GlaxoSmithKline Graduate Student Research Award on behalf of Rav Kumar of GSK.

Marie Pineau, B.Pharm., M.Sc., Director, External Affairs at Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada (on the right) presents the BMS National Award for Excellence in Education to Louise Mallet of the Facult   de pharmacie, Universit   de Montr  al.





Pierre Vézina, Regional Pharmacy Marketing Manager for AstraZeneca Canada presents the AstraZeneca New Investigator Research Award to Zubin Austin (right) from the University of Toronto



AFPC President Anne Marie Whelan presents Thomas Einarson of the University of Toronto with the Pfizer Research Career Award.

### Other Award Winners:

The Merck Frosst Canada Ltd. Graduate Pharmacy Fellowship Award for 2007 went to **Vivian Leung** of the University of British Columbia. This is her second year as recipient of this award.

**AFPC Pharmacy Student Research Poster Awards:** Shown in the photo: Back row, left to right: Sébastien Fortin (Laval), Stephanie Lucas (Dalhousie), Ranjith Garlapati (Memorial), Nedzad Pojskic (Toronto), Robert Hardy (Manitoba). Front: Erin Boyd (Saskatchewan), Welson Wang (Alberta), Pavan Dhillon (British Columbia). Missing: Mukandila Mulumba (Montréal)



Best poster awards from the group went to Sébastien Fortin (Laval) and Stephanie Lucas (Dalhousie) shown here with Anne Marie Whelan on the left.



**AFPC Whit Matthews Graduate Student Poster Award:** Because of the two days of posters and a very tight competition the Whit Matthews poster award was supplemented and divided to provide awards for three recipients, all from the Université de Montréal. Shown with Sylvie Marleau are Kim Bujold in the photo on the left and Nola Rene-Henri and Diala Harb in the photo on the right.

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM:**

On Thursday, May 31, the conference got off to a great start with two excellent speakers in a joint plenary session: Julie Ducharme from AstraZeneca R&D Montréal (Drugs on the Horizon) and Patrick DuSouich, Université de Montréal, (Today's Challenges in Pharmacotherapy). The plenary was then followed by the first poster session and the AFPC annual general meeting.

In the afternoon, the AFPC **Pharmacy Practice Research** session was chaired by Dean Pierre Moreau of the Faculté de pharmacie, Université de Montréal. Topic of the session was the impact of recent legislation on pharmacy practice, curriculum changes and pharmacy practice research. Speakers from Quebec (Jean-François Bussièrès), Ontario (Nancy Waite, Lalitha Raman-Wilms), and Alberta (Greg Eberhart) spoke on developments in their respective provinces. Lyne Fortin, Vice President of Sales and Marketing (Unit #3) for Merck Frosst Canada Ltd. spoke on expected competencies of students in preparation for the biopharmaceutical industry. All in all it was a very interesting afternoon.

## **Teacher's Conferences I and II on Friday June 1:**

The morning session was a lively one with a workshop on mentoring and leadership facilitated by Laurel Taylor, Hema Patel and Saleem Razack from McGill University.

In the afternoon, Nancy Winslade of McGill University gave a presentation on the fundamentals of evaluating cross curricular competencies followed by a workshop led by Gilles Leclerc (Université de Montréal) on tools for assessing cross curricular competencies. This session generated a great deal of fruitful discussion and ideas for delegates to take home.

The formal session of the conference was completed with a presentation from Pharmacy Experiential Programs Canada with speakers Annie Lee (Toronto) and Cheryl Cox (Alberta) on developing a national pharmacy preceptor development strategy.

After a stimulating morning and afternoon of conference program, delegates finished the conference with a delightful awards dinner at the restaurant Hélène de Champlain near the Expo 67 site and the St. Lawrence River.



## Highlights from the AFPC Council and Annual General Meetings in Montreal, May 31-June 2, 2007:

1. ***New Council and Executive for 2007-2008:***

Executive: Simon Albon, President  
Anne Marie Whelan, Past President  
Roy Dobson, President Elect  
Linda Hensman (ADPC) and Frank Abbott, Ex Dir

Council: John Hawboldt, Memorial  
Mary MacCara, Dalhousie  
Jean Lefebvre, Laval  
Daniel Thirion, Montreal  
Lalitha Raman-Wilms, Toronto  
Nancy Waite, Waterloo  
Payal Patel, Manitoba  
Bev Allen, Saskatchewan  
Nese Yuksel, Alberta  
Ingrid Price, British Columbia

2. ***Educational Outcomes for Entry-level Pharm D:***

This document, approved in 2006 was given final editing and was approved for posting on the AFPC web site. The document can be found at

[http://afpc.info/downloads/1/Entry\\_level\\_PharmD\\_outcomes\\_AFPCAGM2007.pdf](http://afpc.info/downloads/1/Entry_level_PharmD_outcomes_AFPCAGM2007.pdf)

The levels and ranges that were proposed for the educational outcomes are still a work in progress.

3. ***Program Evaluation Task Force Update:***

This committee now under the chairmanship of Ingrid Price (UBC) began its work in 2006 with the objective to prepare a methods guide book and tool kit to assist the Faculties in conducting evaluation of their various programs. Program evaluation is becoming an essential element of a successful accreditation and David Hill Executive Director of CCAPP has agreed to be an active participant on the committee. In spite of a slow start, the work of the committee is now well underway with information being collected and shared by the working group of Faculty representatives. A workshop on program evaluation for the benefit of the Deans is planned for the annual meeting of ADPC in October. A substantial report of this committee is anticipated for the next annual meeting of AFPC to be held in Chicago in July of 2008.

4. ***Steering Committee: Conference on Improving the Quality of Pharmaceutical Care in North America:***

Anne Marie Whelan (Dalhousie), Past President of AFPC has served on the steering committee for this conference since 2005. Academic and hospital pharmacy representatives from Mexico, USA and Canada primarily make up the steering committee. The conference is now scheduled for October 4, 2007 in Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico. Anne Marie will speak on the education and training of pharmacists in Canada.

5. ***CPhA Centennial Awards:*** AFPC took an active role in nominating individuals from academia for the centennial awards in honor of the hundredth birthday of CPhA. Not surprisingly, academic pharmacists have played a major role in shaping the profession and approximately one third of the 100 award recipients were from academia. The complete list can be found at:  
[http://www.pharmacists.ca/content/about\\_cpha/who\\_we\\_are/centennial/centennial\\_event.cfm?centennial\\_id=2&event\\_id=14&error=no](http://www.pharmacists.ca/content/about_cpha/who_we_are/centennial/centennial_event.cfm?centennial_id=2&event_id=14&error=no)
6. ***CIHR Clinical Scientist Training Award:*** AFPC has been working with faculty members to lobby CIHR to include Pharm D degree holders as eligible for the clinical scientist training award. At present this award is limited to medical and dental degree holders.
7. ***Awards:***  
A new award for students was approved in Montreal and will be described in detail in the awards book come this fall. The **Wal-Mart Canada/AFPC Future Academic Leader Award** is designed to attract pharmacy students at all levels to seek an academic career in pharmacy. Wal-Mart Canada in association with AFPC will sponsor five students from across the Country to attend and participate in the annual conference and meetings. Winners will be selected from an application pool of up to two student applications from each of the ten Faculties. A faculty member sponsor should accompany each of the individual award winners to the conference. The inaugural presentation of this award to five Canadian Pharmacy students will occur at the joint AFPC-AACP Conference in Chicago in 2008 where over 50 US students will be similarly honored by Wal-Mart in the USA.
8. ***Bylaws:***  
Bylaws changes that were circulated to faculty members prior to the Annual General Meeting were approved at the AGM in Montreal. These changes will now be submitted to Corporations Canada for approval.
9. ***Research database of pharmacy faculty members:***  
Communications chair Simon Albon (UBC) is pleased to announce that the AFPC directory of pharmacy faculty in Canada is now live and can be accessed through the AFPC web site at: [http://afpc.info/directory/search\\_researchers.php](http://afpc.info/directory/search_researchers.php) . The search mechanism is robust and relatively easy to use. Search by name, university, discipline, research area or by key word. Combine these for specificity or keep general for more information. For example if you choose a University, all research individuals in that Faculty are listed with links to their respective web site information.

Everyone is urged to visit the site and send constructive comments to:  
Frank Abbott [fabbott@telus.net](mailto:fabbott@telus.net) with copies to John Hawboldt [hawboldt@mun.ca](mailto:hawboldt@mun.ca) and Payal Patel [patelp@cc.umanitoba.ca](mailto:patelp@cc.umanitoba.ca) . John and Payal are co-chairs of the Research Committee and they are interested in having the directory of researchers kept up to date and as efficient as possible to use.

Any errors, additions or deletions to the directory should be sent to [fabbott@telus.net](mailto:fabbott@telus.net) for correction.

Please note that a separate but integrated teaching database for pharmacy faculty is being compiled during this summer and fall.

10. ***Conference Planning Committee 2008:***

Dean Marilyn Speedie of the University of Minnesota and President of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy brought greetings from AACP at the AGM in Montreal and spoke of the anticipation of meeting with AFPC in 2008. Toronto and Waterloo will be the host Faculties for the Chicago meetings in 2008. Lalitha Raman-Wilms (Toronto), Andrea Cameron (Toronto), Zubin Austin (Toronto) and Nancy Waite (Waterloo) are responsible for programming and Zubin and Rob MacGregor (Toronto) will assist with fund raising. AACP Vice President Lucinda Maine attended the AFPC conference in Montreal and helped create an initial program that integrates AFPC activities with those of AACP. Further progress on developing the program was made by AFPC attendees during the AACP meetings held July 14-18, 2007 in Orlando. As a result, the 2008 Chicago meeting is shaping up to be an attractive conference venue for AFPC.

11. ***PEP Canada:***

Pharmacy Experiential Programs Canada held a successful meeting of all the experiential coordinators from across Canada in Montreal during the annual Conference and we are thankful for the support of the Deans of Pharmacy to help make this happen. PEP Canada is now considered to be a special interest group of AFPC and Nancy Waite, chair of the Education Committee will be the formal AFPC representative to PEP Canada. Annie Lee (Toronto) and Harriet Davies (Dalhousie) have stepped down as the inaugural chairs of PEP Canada. Kelly Brink (Manitoba) and Cheryl Cox (Alberta) are the new co-chairs. High on the list of priorities is the creation of the PEP Canada website that can be accessed through the AFPC website. A web developer at the University of Toronto is working on the initial phase of the PEP Canada website and AFPC is anxious to have this activated before the end of the year.

12. ***Pharmacy Human Resources Project:***

This initiative, led by CPhA is supported by 8 pharmacy organizations including AFPC and ADPC. Zubin Austin (Toronto) is the AFPC representative and Dean Gorecki (Sask) the ADPC representative on the task force now called the Moving Forward Initiative. The June 2007 newsletter called "momentum" was available for the annual meetings and has been sent out to a large audience of pharmacy stakeholders. The newsletter contains a summary of the "National Study on Pharmacy Technician Workforce" that was completed in March of 2007. If you failed to receive a copy of the newsletter, please contact Frank Abbott [fabbott@telus.net](mailto:fabbott@telus.net) for the information.

Next steps of the Moving Forward Initiative are to gather qualitative and quantitative data from those involved in the pharmacist education and training system. Details will soon follow.

13. ***Blueprint for Pharmacy Task Force:***

AFPC members were in attendance at the town hall meeting on the blueprint that was held in Ottawa on June 2, 2007. Terri Schindel, the AFPC representative to the

blueprint task force presented at the June 2 meeting. The draft document has been distributed to the Faculties and feedback is requested by no later than August 15, 2007.

14. ***CPhA Proposed Position Statement on Pharmacist Prescribing:***

President Simon Albon and executive director Frank Abbott sent in a response to the call for comments on the position statement for pharmacist prescribing.

**Other News:**

1. CCAPP has asked for feedback on the **Draft CCAPP Standards for Accreditation of Pharmacy Technician Programs**. The document was distributed to the Faculties and a response to CCAPP is requested by August 15, 2007.

2. ***AACP Meetings in Orlando, July 14-18, 2007:*** President Simon Albon brought greetings from AFPC to the House of Delegates meeting on Sunday morning and it was readily apparent that AACP members are quite excited about the joint meeting next year in Chicago. The AACP meetings in Orlando provided an excellent opportunity for council members Lalitha Raman-Wilms, Nancy Waite, Simon Albon and Frank Abbott to plan for the integration of the AFPC program in 2008.

3. ***Sad News:***

Mary MacCara reports that John Ryan, one of AFPC's Honored Life Members and recent recipient of a CPhA Centennial Pharmacist Award passed away on Sunday evening, July 8<sup>th</sup>. He had been in poor health for several years, particularly so in the last six months. John was a well-known and respected figure in pharmacy, both in the Maritimes and nationally and his wisdom and friendship will be greatly missed.

Obituary in the July 10, 2007 Chronicle Herald: RYAN, Dr. John J. PHC, LLD (Hon) - John passed away in Veterans' Memorial Building, QEII on July 8, 2007. He was the son of late John Joseph and Rosa (Evans) Ryan, foster son of Alphon and Mary Walker. He was a 1950 graduate of the Maritime College of Pharmacy Dalhousie University. He served in the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. from 1951 - 1954 and saw service in Korea from 1952 - 1953. He was a well-known local pharmacist and an active participant in the pharmacy profession Provincially and at the National level. John received numerous awards for outstanding service to his community. John was an active volunteer with a number of organizations and since his retirement with senior organizations. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lorna (Jewers); daughters, Janice (Patrick) Fleming, London, Ont.; Donna Ryan McKee, Halifax; grandchildren, Ryan, Katie, Laura, Jeffrey Fleming, and Jennifer, Carolyn McKee. He was a special "Papa" to Jennifer and Carolyn. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Christopher Stuart Fraser McKee. Donations may be made in his memory to John J. Ryan Pharmacy Award, C/O Dalhousie University Office of External Relations, MacDonald Building, Halifax, B3H 3J5. On-line condolences at:

[www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com](http://www.atlanticfuneralhomes.com)

*Enjoy the rest of your summer.*

*Frank Abbott, PhD, Executive Director*