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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe this is my last President's report. My how time flies. I am not sure if it was because I was having such a good time or because we are all too busy and time flies by us!

I guess in any position there are highs and lows. And with that introduction, I regret to announce that Dr. Jim Blackburn, our Executive Director, has submitted his resignation effective June 30, 2002. I am sure I speak for all the AFPC Members in expressing my sincere appreciation to Dr. Blackburn for all his hard work, dedication and commitment to AFPC. We were certainly fortunate to have him as our Executive Director for those short few years and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Since my last newsletter, the AFPC Executive and Members of Council held its midyear meeting (February) in Ottawa. As usual it was very productive. This year we had a joint meeting with the Pharmacy Deans (ADPC). Although this was a first,

I am sure there will be many more such meetings in the future. Both groups also met with representatives from the following external organizations: Rx and D, CDMA, CPhA, CSHP and NAPRA. I still cannot believe that the Canadian men's hockey team decided to play the gold medal game at the same time as our meeting. Oh well, I think we can forgive them.

AFPC continues to deal with a number of pressing issues and activities. Although these will be reported in detail at our Annual General Meeting, I would like to make mention of a few items. David Hill, Monique Richer and Jim Blackburn continue to work extensively on the report to be sent to the Romanow Commission. Unfortunately our application to make a presentation at the public hearings in British Columbia was denied, but we will try again when the hearings continue in Alberta. Simon Albon has worked diligently on our new AFPC website re-design project. Representatives from AFPC and ADPC met recently to finalize plans for our Task Force Committee on Experiential Education. Among the many issues agreed upon were members of the committee.

As has been previously announced, Dr. Lavern Vercaigne has everything in place for another exciting and fulfilling Annual Conference, to be held in Winnipeg May 11th-13h. I hope all of you can attend.

Voilà mon dernier report comme président. C'est avec regret que j'annonce la résignation de D. Jim Blackburn, notre Directeur Exécutif, effective le 30 Juin. J'amairais donner Jim un grand merci et aussi lui souhaiter bonne chance. J'espère de vous voir à notre Conférence à Winnipeg.

Fred A. Remillard

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

AFPC is very fortunate to have the pharmaceutical industry and national pharmacy organizations provide significant support to the programs, awards and conferences of our association. The listing below identifies those companies/organizations who have committed to support AFPC for the 2002 year. You will note that several pharmaceutical companies provide support in all three categories of contribution. This list is as of April 12, 2002.

Please take a moment to review this list and the next time you meet with a representative of that contributor, please express our sincere appreciation for their support to Canadian pharmacy education at the national level.

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AFPC AWARD RECIPIENTS 2002

AstraZeneca New Investigator Research Award

Kishor Wasan
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

Bristol-Myers Squibb National Award for Excellence in Education

Claude Mailhot
Faculté de pharmacie
Université de Montréal
Montréal, QC H3C 3J7

Janssen-Ortho Pharmaceutical Research Award

Thérèse Di Paolo Chenevert
Faculté de pharmacie
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AFPC/ADPC Graduate Student Research Award

Erica Rosemond
Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy
University of Toronto
Toronto, ON M5S 2S2

Merck Frosst Postgraduate Pharmacy Fellowships

Julien Braun Award

Christine Hamel
Faculté de Pharmacie
Université de Montréal
Montréal, QC H3C 3J7

James E. Frosst Awards

Nigel Dagenais
Faculty of Pharm. & Pharm. Sciences
University of Alberta

Tony Kiang
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

**Undergraduate Pharmacy Students from Canadian Pharmacy Schools chosen for Merck Company
Foundation National Summer Student Research Program for 2002.**

**Dr. Kishor M. Wasan
National Director
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences
University of British Columbia**

Name of Recipient	Supervisor(s)	Title of Project	University
<i>Ms. Catherine Cheung</i> 3 rd Year Pharmacy	Dr. Thomas Chang	Interaction between Natural Health Products and Drug Metabolizing Enzymes	University of British Columbia
Mr. Frederic Normand 2 nd Year Pharmacy	Dr. Patrice Hildgen	Étude des propriétés d'un vecteur actif nanoparticulaire pour le traitement du cancer par inhibition de l'angiogénèse.	Universite de Montreal
Mr. Chad Parsons 2 nd Year Pharmacy	Dr. Mohsen Daneshtalab	Chamomile: A potential source for discovery of anti-infectious agents.	Memorial University
Mr. Daryl Fediuk 3 rd Year Pharmacy	Dr. Xiaochen Gu	Effects of Temperature and Moisture content on Transdermal Absorption of Sunscreen/DEET products.	University of Manitoba
Mr. John-Michael Gamble 1 st Year Pharmacy	Dr. Fakheddin Jamali	Pharmacokinetics of glucosamine: Site of metabolism in the rat.	University of Alberta
Mr. Rene Doucet 1 st Year Pharmacy	Dr. David Jakeman	Synthetic Chemistry/Enzyme Cloning.	Dalhousie University
Ms. Francesca Ting-Yan Cheung 2 nd Year Pharmacy	Dr. Peter O'Brien	Molecular Cytotoxic Mechanisms of Drugs.	University of Toronto
Ms. Kimberly Ann Hogh 3 rd Year Pharmacy	Dr. Adil Nazarali	The role of Hoxa2 Gene in Multiple Sclerosis.	University of Saskatchewan
Mrs. Jessica Fortin 2 nd Year Pharmacy	Dr. Pierre M. Belanger	The metabolism of m-Chlorophenylpiperazine, the active metabolite of the anti-depressive agents, Nefazodone and Trazodone.	Laval University

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Research Leader at Memorial University of Newfoundland

Dr. Chris Loomis, former Director of the School of Pharmacy, MUN, has been appointed Memorial University's vice-president (research and international relations).

Dr. Loomis joined the School of Pharmacy of Memorial University as an associate professor in 1988. Dr. Loomis' teaching area is Pharmacology. He twice received the Bristol Myers-Squibb Award for Teaching Excellence. Since 1984, Dr. Loomis has been funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, formerly the Medical Research Council (MRC) for his research on the spinal pharmacology of pain. Dr. Loomis is the author of many papers and presentations on this subject. In 1998, Dr. Loomis was appointed Director of the School of Pharmacy.

In addition, Dr. Loomis is a former member and officer of several MRC/CIHR peer-review committees, and was Memorial's first MRC regional director. He has served as a member of the College of Reviewers for the Canada Research Chairs Program, and also as president of the Association of Deans of Pharmacy of Canada. Dr. Loomis is currently a member of the Rx&D Health Research Foundation Advisory Council.

As vice-president (research and international relations), Dr. Loomis will be responsible for promoting and enhancing the university's broad range of research activities.

FACULTY NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Individual Faculty News

A retirement party for Dr. John Bachynsky will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2002. Please contact Terry Legaarden for further information at tlegaarden@pharmacy.ualberta.ca.

Dr. Len Wiebe received a grant (2002-2003) from Alberta Cancer Board.

Ayman Elkadi received a FOUR-year NSERC grant (Effect of metals on aryl hydrocarbon receptors regulated genes).

David Wishart received a FOUR-year NSERC grant (NMR without NOE's).

Graduate Student Affairs

Ms. Lee received AFPC Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy Poster Travel Award

Sebastien Gittens was successful in being awarded an Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship. Sebastien is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. degree program under the supervision of Drs. Loebenberg (Pharmacy) and Dr. H. Uludag (Chem and Mat. Eng.)

Ebrahim Naimi was successful in being awarded a Province of Alberta Graduate fellowship for the coming year. Ebrahim is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. degree program under the supervision of Drs. E.E. Knaus and L.I. Wiebe.

Nigel Dagenais has been selected to receive one of the two James E. Frosst Postgraduate Pharmacy Fellowships being awarded in 2002. Nigel has been admitted into the Doctor of Philosophy Prov Cand program beginning his graduate studies September, 2002 under the supervision of Dr. F. Jamali.

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

General Faculty News

Glen Brown has been awarded the CSHP Distinguished Service Award for 2002. This award recognizes "*significant ongoing contributions to hospital pharmacy practice and to the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists at the national, branch and local levels*". The award was presented at the Professional Practice Conference in Toronto February 4th, 2002.

Curtis Harder received the Schering Award for Pharmacokinetic or Hospital Pharmacy-Industry Relations Research from the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists for his project entitled, "*A Comparison of two dosage regimens of Intravenous ancomycin in hemodialysis patients*". The award was presented at the Professional Practice Conference in Toronto February 4th, 2002.

Kishor Wasan received the 2001 Just Desserts Award from the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society.

Wayne Riggs and David Fielding have been selected as the Faculty Co-Advisors to the

Pharmacy Undergraduate Society for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Alan Low has recently been conferred Fellow status (FCSHP) by the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists for noteworthy service and excellence in the practice of pharmacy in an organized health care setting. This prestigious national award was presented to Alan at the Professional Practice Conference held on February 2-6th, 2002 in Toronto.

Catherine Cheung, under the supervision of Thomas Chang, was awarded the Merck National Summer Student Research Program summer studentship for her project entitled, "*Interaction between Natural Health Products and Drug Metabolizing Enzymes*".

On Thursday March 14, 2002, Suzana Cindric and Helen Burt organized and held a Pharmaceutical Sciences Research Café to showcase recent work of the researchers in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.



Stelvio Bandiera was promoted to Full Professor effective July 1, 2002.

Tom Chang was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure effective July 1, 2002.

Lynda Eccott was promoted to Senior Instructor with tenure effective July 1, 2002.

James McCormack was promoted to Full Professor effective July 1, 2002.

Mona Kwong, under the supervision of Kishor Wasan, was awarded a 2002 Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research MSc Trainee

Award (Biomedical) for her research project entitled, "*The influence of Lipid Transfer Protein I on the Binding and Transfer of Cyclosporine A between lipoproteins.*"

Dr. Robert Sindelar has accepted the position as Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC, and will be joining us on September 1st 2002. Dr. Sindelar comes to us from the University of Mississippi, where he serves as Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Research Professor. Dr. Sindelar's positive attitude, enthusiasm, his strong commitment to excellence in all areas of the profession will be a tremendous addition to our faculty.

New Grants February-March 2002

Peter Soja has recently received Canadian Foundation for Innovation grants for the projects entitled, "ICORD (*International Spinal Cord Center*) and *Biomedical Imaging micro PET scanner for small animals*".

Stelvio Bandiera and Thomas Chang received funding from the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation of B.C. & Yukon for their project entitled, "*Endocrine disruptors, cytochrome P450 gene expression and breast cancer*".

R. Sunderji (CSU Pharmaceutical Sciences, VHHSC) and co-investigators A. Fung (Division of Cardiology, VHHSC), K. Gin (Division of Cardiology, VHHSC),

K. Shalansky (CSU Pharmaceutical Sciences, VHHSC), and C. Carter (Division of Hematopathology, VHHSC), have received 2002/2003 Grant-in-Aid funding from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. & Yukon, for their project entitled, "*A randomized trial of outpatient self-adjusted versus physician-managed oral anticoagulation*".

Grant Renewals February-March 2002

Haydn Pritchard and Kishor M. Wasan have received a grant renewal from the Forbes Medi-Tech Inc. Research Fund for their project entitled, "*Novel Biological Activities of Sterols: Structure Function Relationships for Phytosterol Analogue*".



MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

Individual Faculty News

Dr. Chris Loomis has been appointed as Vice-President (Research & International Relations) effective Feb. 1, 2002.

Dr. Linda Hensman continues to serve as Acting Director. Search for a new Director will soon begin.

Dr. Deborah Kelly has been voted the 2002 Bristol-Myers Squibb Professor of the Year.

New Grants

Dr. Deborah Kelly received a grant from the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research for her research project entitled "Profiling Prescription Medication Utilization in Newfoundland and Labrador: Optimizing the Quality of Drug Therapy". Other investigators are Dr. Doreen Neville, Division of Community Health, MUN, Mr. Don MacDonald and Ms. Margot Priddle, NF and Lab Centre for Health Information, Ms. Colleen Janes, Pharmaceutical Services Division, Dept of Health and Community Services and Ms. Melanie Healey, Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association.

Education Corner

This year's HIV interdisciplinary education program was concluded on March 28, 2002. This teaching module was developed in 1996 and has since been

offered to students from Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing and Social Work in the winter semester. It is a case-based teaching module. Students, divided into small groups facilitated by tutors, are presented with a real case of an HIV patient. Efforts are made to ensure that there are students from all disciplines in each group. Over the course of the learning experience (four weeks), the students work collaboratively to develop an interdisciplinary care plan. The purpose of this program is to introduce health professional students to clinical concepts and issues surrounding HIV/AIDS and at the same time facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration values and attitudes. At the end of the program, the students are asked to prepare a pamphlet focused on the management of HIV/AIDS. The pamphlets are displayed for a day for other students and the tutors to view, with the best pamphlet selected by a panel of judges. Dr. Rebecca Law, Dr. Lili Wang and Ms. Kimberley Duggan participated this year as planners/tutors.

Opportunities

Memorial's School of Pharmacy is currently inviting applications for two tenure-track assistant/associate professor positions. One position is in the area of pharmacoepidemiology and the other is in Medicinal Chemistry. Applications should be submitted to Dr. Linda Hensman.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Individual Faculty News

David Jakeman has been awarded a prestigious Izaak Walton Killam postdoctoral fellowship for Ray Syvitski for two years to study the structure of membrane proteins by NMR spectroscopy.

Neil MacKinnon has been named to the Editorial Board of *Geriatrics Today* (the Journal of the Canadian Geriatrics Society).

Neil MacKinnon chaired the conference, "Managing Drug Safety for Commercial Success", held in Toronto on Dec 6-7, 2001.

Four residents recently completed their Drug Use Management and Policy Residencies under the supervision of Dr. Ingrid Sketris: Susan Bowles, Christine Brenckmann, Charmaine Cooke, and Ryan Sommers.

Ingrid Sketris served as an external examiner for the Ph.D. thesis defense of Carlyn Volume of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Alberta under the supervision of Jeff Johnson.

Pollen Yeung served as an external examiner for the Ph.D. thesis defense of Dr. Micheal Guirguis of the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, in January 2002 (Thesis title: The effect of inflammation on propranolol pharmacokinetics

and pharmacodynamics, Supervisor: Dr. Mo Jamali).

Pollen Yeung was re-appointed as a Member of the Board for BioNOVA for a second 2-year term(2002 - 2004).

Grants

Dr. David Jakeman has been awarded a one year \$20,000 operating grant from Cancer Research and Education in Nova Scotia to initiate research into 'Glycosyl transferases: New methodologies for novel anti-cancer agents.'

General Faculty News

The College is continuing to work on its recruitment strategies. Faculty and students made presentations at all universities in the Maritime Provinces. Students also presented at some of their local high schools. A cable television advertisement was repeated this year and ran for four weeks in all three Maritime Provinces. New recruitment posters were developed and placed in the majority of pharmacies in the Maritime Provinces. The College will be continuing to work with the pharmacy associations and the Maritime pharmacies to promote the profession of pharmacy, as a career. Applications for the undergraduate program continued to rise in the spring of 2002 by an additional 25%.



Opportunities

A workshop on "Implementing the WHO ATC/DDD System for Drug Classification" is planned for June 14 and 15 in Halifax. This workshop features two speakers from Norway's WHO Centre for Drug Statistics Methodology - Hanne Strom and Hege Salvesen-Blix.

Major Visitors

Dr. Sue Tett is on sabbatical and a Visiting Professor to the College of Pharmacy and

IMPART (Initiative for Medication Management, Policy Analysis, Research and Training) from January 1, 2002 - July 1, 2002. She is Professor and Head, School of Pharmacy, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. Her research interests include: quality use of medication; pharmacokinetics; pharmacodynamics; optimal dosage prediction; mapping quality use of medicines initiatives across Australia; and rural pharmacists as points of contact for organization of care.

Université de Montréal

Academic appointments, promotions, resignations, retirements

In 2002, the Faculty has offered a tenure track position to four of its staff members: Jean-Louis Brazier, Ph.D. was integrated at the rank of full professor, Johanne Collin, Ph.D. was integrated at the rank of associate professor while Sylvie Perreault Ph.D. and Céline Fiset Ph.D. were integrated at the level of assistant professors.

Three candidates were also recruited during the year: Lyne Lalonde, B.Pharm., Ph.D. was offered the researcher position associated with the Aventis Pharma endowment chair on ambulatory care.

General Faculty News

In Fall 2000, the Université de Montréal and its affiliated schools (Hautes Écoles Commerciales and École Polytechnique) launched a 3-year fund raising campaign with an overall objective of 125 million dollars. The campaign is going very well and with more than a year to go, the final objective has been surpassed: more than 140 million dollars have been accumulated.

The Faculty is also very active in this campaign. Robert Goyer, previous dean of the Faculty, acts as president and leads a group of very dedicated individuals on the campaign cabinet. The members are: Normand Dumoulin, Merck Frosst; Jean-François Bussières, CHU Ste-Justine; Carole Desrosiers, Pfizer; Jacques Gauthier, Institut de Recherches Cliniques de Montréal; Morris Goodman, Pharmascience; Do-Thi Kim, Association de pharmaciens vietnamiens du Québec; Claude Lafontaine, pharmacist; Christine Larivière, Pfizer; Jean-Paul Marsan, Aventis Pharma; Christiane Mayer, pharmacist; Richard Mayrand, Groupe Jean Coutu; Michel Saucier, Sabex; Benjamin Shara, Ordre des pharmaciens du Québec. Mrs Claude Mailhot, vice-dean academics, Mr Huy Ong, vice-dean research, Mrs Claudine Laurier, Faculty secretary and Mrs Hélène Veronneau also play a major role in this campaign and offer an extremely valuable support to the dean. Since the beginning of the campaign, the Faculty has received support

Daniel Thirion, Pharm.D. and Marc Perreault, Pharm.D., were both recruited as clinical professors. Dr Thirion has specialized in internal medicine while Dr Perreault is a well respected clinician in intensive care.

Individual Faculty News

Dr Claude Mailhot has been selected as the 2002 recipient of the AFPC Bristol-Myers Squibb National Award for Excellence in Education.

Mrs Diane Lamarre has been selected as the recipient of the International Leadership Award of the APhC.



from several partners: Technilab and Jean-Guy Sabourin's family have announced a donation of \$650,000 for the creation of an endowment chair *Chaire en santé des femmes*; AstraZeneca and its president Mr. Gerry McDole have confirmed an additional investment of \$250,000 in the endowment chair *Chaire pharmaceutique en santé respiratoire AstraZeneca*; Merck Frosst and Aventis have confirmed each a donation of 1 million dollars in a collaborative project with the Faculty of medicine to create a Centre in therapeutic management.

New Grants

Dr. Marc Servant, FRSQ research scholar, obtained an operating grant from CIHR and a scholarship from the FRSQ for his project entitled «Rôles des facteurs de transcription Interferon Regulatory Factors (IRFs) et NF-kappaB dans les maladies cardiovasculaires »

Dr. Françoise Winnik, professor, obtained an operating grant from CRSNG for her project entitled "Hydrophobically-modified polymers: towards an understanding of the fundamental properties dictating their assembly in water".

Dr Fahima Nekka, research scholar, obtained a scholarship from the APU program of CRSNG. Drs. Lyne Lalonde and Sylvie Perreault obtained a scholarship from the FRSQ (Junior 1 and 2, respectively).

Student News

Three students of the Faculty, Vanessa Arseneault, Suzanne Atkinson and Sébastien Dewez, have been selected as recipients of the «*Prix Force Avenir* de l'Université de Montréal» for organising consulting days on medication for elderly people.

The second «Brown bag day» with elderly people at the Faculty of Pharmacy (professional

practice lab) has been held on March 21. Students (4th year) were accompanied by a 1st year student for the analysis of the pharmacotherapy of elderly people. Students were supervised by clinical pharmacists and professors. This day allowed students to develop professionalism, responsibility and social engagement.



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

In Memoriam

Dean F. Normal Hughes passed away in February 2002. He was the first Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto. He is being honoured with his own Great Minds banner. These banners, going up around the downtown core, pay tribute to those individuals who, over the past 175 years, have built the University of Toronto into the renowned academic institution of today. The banners are part of the University of Toronto's 175th Anniversary Campaign.

In memoriam donations are being received and will be added to the existing Dean F. Normal Hughes Award. This is a bursary given to a 4th year student who demonstrated the greatest financial need and has achieved high academic standing.

General Faculty News

On January 25, 2002, President Professor Robert J. Birgeneau announced the naming of the Faculty of Pharmacy as the Leslie L. Dan Faculty of Pharmacy. This is in honour of Dr. Dan who, arriving penniless from Hungary in 1947, has become an exceptional Pharmacy graduate and a true Canadian success story. In connection with this, the new Leslie L. Dan pharmacy building being built is moving toward the architectural stage.

Individual Faculty News

Professor Jack P. Utrecht is the latest recipient and the first in the Faculty of Pharmacy to receive the Canadian Research Chair Award. This is in recognition of his phenomenal research accomplishments. The focus of his research is to understand the mechanisms of idiosyncratic drug reactions.

Peter Zawadzki presented "The role of the health care professional" at the Consumer Healthcare Forum at Queen's Park in December 2001.

Professor Peter O'Brien presented "Quantitative structure-toxicity relationships by accelerated cytotoxicity mechanism screening" as an invited speaker at the 2nd International Conference on Early Toxicity Screening: in silico, in vitro and high throughput screening approaches in Washington DC. in December 2001.

Olavo Fernandes presented "Thromboprophylaxis in the medical patient population" and "Managing acid based disorders" at the Professional Practice Conference of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists in February 2002.

Professor Peter O'Brien was the Research Seminar Speaker for the Department of Physiology, University of Western Ontario in February 2002. His talk was entitled "The role of glutathione in maintaining cell functions and viability." He was also the external examiner for a PhD candidate John Seubert of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

Professor Micheline Piquette-Miller presented "Analysis of IL-6 mediated changes in expression of ABC-transporters in HEPG2 cells using RT-PCR and CDNA microarrays." At the Molecular Recognition of Drug Response symposium during the ASCPT annual meeting in March 2002.

A special congratulation goes out to Zubin Austin who is now Dr. Zubin Austin!

Student News

Georgy Hartman, a graduate student, has received a Presidential Training Award from the American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (ASCPT).

Yad Bhuller, Julia Kennedy, and Connie Chen received an award for travel expenses to present abstracts of their research at the 2002 annual Society of Toxicology (SOT) meeting.

Winnie Jeng has been selected as a finalist in the SOT Doctoral Fellowship Award Competition. As a finalist, Winnie receives an award to attend the 2002 annual SOT meeting and present her research plan to the award selection committee.



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

General Faculty News

Dr. Dennis Gorecki announced to the College faculty and staff his willingness to continue as Dean for a second term. A review committee has been established to review the performance of the Dean with a view to reappointment should the review prove satisfactory.

The Dial Access Drug Information Service and the Saskatchewan Consumer Drug Information Service have been merged into a single service entitled the Saskatchewan Drug Information Service (SDIS). This service will continue to run out of the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition.

The College website has a new look - visit us at www.usask.ca/pharmacy-nutrition/

Individual Faculty News

Dr. Linda Suveges has been elected to the Canadian Pharmacists Association Board of Directors as the representative of pharmacists in academia for a two-year term beginning May 2002. Linda has also been elected to the executive of PEBC.

Mr. Bev Allen has been elected as Vice-President of PEBC.

Dr. Yvonne Shevchuk, Mr. Loren Regier, Dr. Tessa Laubscher and Dr. Cornelius vanZyl have facilitated 5 PAACT (Partners for Appropriate anti-infective Community Therapy) workshops for physicians and pharmacists across the province.

TAKING NOTE

AACP EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Board of Directors has appointed Dr. Lucinda L. Maine as AACP Executive Vice President to succeed the retiring Richard P. Penna. Lucinda will join the AACP staff on Monday, May 13, 2002 and will begin her duties on July 1, 2002. AACP looks forward to the benefits of her vision, leadership, and energy.

CPhA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The CPhA Board of Directors Meeting was held Feb. 16-17, 2002 in Ottawa

Board Meeting:

The major item on the agenda was the approval of the Budget for 2002 and the auditors' report for 2001. The Board members were provided with a sample of the new website and the promotional literature.

Pharmacy Website:

The new version of the CPhA Website was launched during Pharmacy Awareness Week, March 4-8, 2002. Please take the opportunity to visit the site at www.pharmacists.ca. Feedback on the ease of use and effectiveness of the site to CPhA would be greatly appreciated.

Pharmacy Awareness Week (PAW):

Pharmacist Awareness Week, March 4-8, 2002 was very successful this year with a new multi-

media approach to inform Canadians about their pharmacists. A first 30-minute documentary was distributed to CTV and CBC stations for airing across Canada. A 6-page insert was prepared for the National Post and distributed coast-to-coast. Individual press releases were sent to major newspapers across Canada and many local pharmacies supported the media with events and stories of their own.

Meeting with AFPC and the Deans of Faculties of Pharmacy:

On February 25, Janet Cooper, Russell Milon and Jeff Poston attended a joint meeting of AFPC and the ADPC. Issues dealt with, primarily with AFPC, included the Romanow Report, pharmacy human resources, AFPC/CPhA Conferences, AFPC Task Force on Experiential Learning, and pharmacy practice research.



Summer Pharmacy Students:

The quality of the applicants this year has been very impressive. Twelve students were interviewed. Publications and Marketing & Communications each hire a student. In Professional Affairs, three students will work on research and practice development projects. Students selected this year are Carolyn Cheung (UBC 3rd year); Kaye Andrews (U of A 3rd year, CPhA Centennial Award winner); Tetyana Lysiak (Buffalo Pharm D 3rd year).

HRDC Pharmacy Steering Committee:

The Health Resources Development Canada (HRDC) steering committee met for the first time on the March 4 to initiate the manpower study. This collaborative effort with government and pharmacy stakeholders should pay dividends in demonstrating the future needs for the profession. Spearheaded by CPhA, and chaired by Kevin Hall,

the steering committee is comprised of representatives from Pharmacy National Organizations and Regulatory Associations, employee and employer pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and Health Canada. Academic pharmacists are represented by Dr. David Hill, AFPC, and Dean Dennis Gorecki, ADPC, and pharmacy students by Trevor Kidney, CAPSI.

National Pharmacy Forum 2002:

Plans are well underway for the National Pharmacy Forum scheduled for the afternoon of May 12, 2002 during the CPhA Conference in Winnipeg. The Forum Planning Committee has selected the topic "Scope of Practice" and identification of speakers is in progress. Once the majority of speakers are confirmed, invitations for two representatives will be sent to national and provincial pharmacy organisations.

CPhA/AFPC Conference, 2002:

Final details of the joint CPhA/AFPC Conference, “**RISING FROM THE PLAINS**” Pharmacists Practicing Excellence, Winnipeg, May 12-14, 2002 are now nearing completion. Roy Romanow and David Suzuki, keynote speakers, will add to the exciting program. Looking forward to seeing a great contingent of AFPC members in Winnipeg. Plan now to attend!!!!!!!

Non-CFC Inhalers :

The amendment to the Ozone Regulations, which will lead to a ban of sale of salbutamol CFC inhalers on Jan 1, 2003, was published on March 13th in Canada Gazette II – see <http://canada.gc.ca/gazette/part2/pdf/g2-13606.pdf> (pages 71-80). These amendments propose to:

- abolish the current exemption for CFCs for both human and animal health care products, and
- establish a phase-out schedule for CFC inhalers.

The phase-out schedule will prohibit the use of CFCs in:

- (a) the production and the importation of MDIs containing salbutamol, effective July 1, 2002;
- (b) the sale of MDIs containing salbutamol, effective January 1, 2003;
- (c) the production and the importation of MDIs containing corticosteroids, effective Jan 1, 2004;
- (d) the sale of any other MDIs, effective January 1, 2005.

Environment and Health Canada have developed a series of products for health care professionals and associations to use in communicating with their colleagues and clients. Janet Cooper participated in a teleconference of the CFC Education Steering Committee to discuss communication issues. The April issue of *CPJ* will have a news article on the ban and the May issue will have a clinical article. Note that non-CFC inhalers are marketed as Airomir (3M), Ventolin HFA (GSK), and an Altimed generic version.



Emergency Contraception:

Meetings were held with the new Executive Director and staff of the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada, Jan 21, and with Palladin Labs Inc. Jan 22. Awareness programs and pharmacist training and advocacy were the issues in focus.

The application to Health Canada for removal of Plan B from federal prescription drug status is planned for submission in March. This is a joint application with Women’s Capital Corporation, Palladin Labs Inc, SOGC and CPhA. To support the application, a number of CPhA documents will be included, which give a good indication of the work completed to date on guidelines and training, as well as the counseling tools developed for pharmacists to use.

SOGC has launched a website as part of their Contraception Awareness Program (CAP),

www.sexualityandu.ca and CPhA has endorsed this site. There are sections in the site for teens, teachers, adults, parents and health professionals. Janet Cooper represented CPhA on SOGC’s Health Care Professional Working Group, to advise on expansion of the HCP site. A proposal has been submitted to SOGC for funding to develop a web-based ECP training program.

If you have any items of concern that you would like me to bring forward to the Board, please do not hesitate to contact me. The next Board Meeting will be May 9-10, 2002, right before the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
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Faculty of Pharmacy
The University of Manitoba
Tenure-track appointment in Pharmaceutics

The University of Manitoba, Faculty of Pharmacy is seeking applications for a full-time tenure-track faculty position at the assistant or associate professor level in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Applicants should possess a doctoral degree and have a strong background of, or excellent potential for, a nationally funded research program in areas such as pharmaceutics, pharmacokinetics, medicinal chemistry, or natural products.

Major responsibilities for this position include participation in the teaching of undergraduate students in the professional curriculum and in the Faculty's graduate program. Development of an active extramurally funded research program is expected. Significant opportunities exist for collaborative research within the Medical and Academic Campuses of the University of Manitoba. Commitment to collegiality and a proven ability to work with a richly diverse population of faculty, administration, and students is required.

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Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, brief outline of research and teaching interests, and three references to:

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