

CSHP 55th Annual General Meeting and Educational Sessions

August 2002 was a warm and sunny month in Vancouver, British Columbia, the spectacular stage for CSHP's 55th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Educational Sessions. More than 300 participants enjoyed both the educational program coordinated by Heather Kertland and the Educational Services Committee (ESC) and the tremendous hospitality of Vancouver's Host Committee, chaired by Ken McGregor and Louanne Twaites.

AGM 2002 proved a popular destination for CSHP's individual and corporate members, with a total of 242 registrants, 25 speakers, 16 poster presentations, 34 exhibitors, 84 corporate representatives, 72 golfers, and 2 breakfast satellite symposiums.

More than 100 CSHP members attended the Society's Annual General Meeting. During the meeting, CSHP Branch delegates and members of the Society's Executive reviewed the work, challenges, and successes of CSHP's 2001/2002 year.

Chief among the themes of this year's reports were accolades for CSHP's continued participation in national and regional advocacy efforts and the work of the Branch volunteers in promoting an expanded role for hospital pharmacists. Congratulations were also extended to the national office staff who, under the direction of Jim Mann, continued to offer new and increasingly high-quality services to the Society's members throughout 2001/2002.

Concerns regarding CSHP's financial performance and the termination of the Executive Director's contract were raised. In response, President Margaret Gray outlined a comprehensive plan through which the structure and processes of CSHP will be reviewed by an internal Governance Task Force, chaired by Dr Tom Paton, Director of Pharmacy at Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre. The Task Force will review the Society's governance structure and will submit its final recommendations to CSHP Council at the midterm meeting in March 2003.

Finance Director Ron Swartz reviewed the CSHP's financial statements and provided a summary of the Society's performance commitments in this area. These assurances included the following:

1. That CSHP's Finance Committee will examine the current CSHP balance sheet and determine the level of net assets that CSHP should maintain (i.e., a minimum reserve) to meet its obligations.
2. That, beginning in 2003/2004, CSHP Council will submit annual budgets with a minimum surplus (to be determined on the basis of item 1 above) to restore CSHP's net asset base to the minimum target level determined by the Finance Committee within 5 years.
3. That communication regarding the financial performance of the Society will be communicated quarterly to the members of the Society.

The installation of presidential officers and new Council members also occurred during the AGM, including Mike Gaucher as CSHP President, Neil Johnson as President Elect (External Liaison portfolio), and Anita Richard as Manitoba Branch Delegate. The Society also expressed its gratitude to outgoing members Linda Poloway (Past President), Nick Honcharik (Manitoba Branch delegate), and Mike LeBlanc (New Brunswick Branch delegate) for their commitment and contributions to CSHP during their terms.

Throughout the conference, the contributions of the Vancouver Host Committee offered registrants a special brand of welcome and energy. Dinner at the University of British Columbia's Museum of Anthropology, complemented by a trolley tour of Vancouver's highlights, introduced almost 200 diners to the rich cultural history of the west shore.

The next evening's Past Presidents' Dinner, held at the Westin Bayshore, was also attended by close to 200 people. CSHP's very own Council singing troupe provided a musical tribute to outgoing President Margaret Gray. The Sister-Act-turned-John-Denver odyssey, complete with foot stomping, highlighted both the fun and the laughter that Margaret brought to her term as President.

CSHP offers its thanks to the Vancouver Host Committee and its volunteers for their exceptional work in organizing all of the social events and for their unbridled enthusiasm throughout the conference.

Fun and energy were also on tap throughout CSHP's 2002 golf fundraising event. This sixth annual tournament, held at British Columbia's beautiful Swan-E-Set Resort and featuring the largest turnout of golfers yet, raised approximately \$4000 for the CSHP Research and Education Foundation. The Foundation would like to thank the following sponsors for their contribution to the event's success: Alaris Medical, Apotex, AstraZeneca, Baxter, CPDN, Eli Lilly, Faulding, Genpharm, ICN, Leo Pharma, Merck, Novopharm, Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada, Pharmacia, Pharmascience, and Sabex. Congratulations to all participants, and a special thank-you to Randy Hughes (of Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada) for once again organizing this fabulous event on behalf of the Foundation. Next year's tournament will be held on August 16, 2003, at the Wilds Resort in St John's, Newfoundland — we look forward to seeing all of you there.

CSHP members and staff applaud the efforts of Heather Kertland and the ESC for their organization of

3 days of first-rate workshops and presentations. Once again, the ESC team provided registrants with an exceptional faculty of speakers and an impressive range of topics highlighting both technical competency and a vision of the future.

CSHP members commend the office staff for their tremendous efforts in organizing and planning the AGM, as well as their exceptional on-site support of the meetings and educational events.

Moving forward, the success of AGM 2002 propels the Society into another year of hard work. As always, CSHP aims to provide leadership in all aspects of hospital pharmacy throughout Canada and high-quality services to its members. We hope that 2002/2003 proves to be another year of professional achievement for our members and a strong year of growth and development for our Society.

We invite you to join us for AGM 2003 in St John's, Newfoundland. See you there.

York Central Hospital Announces New Director of Pharmacy Services

York Central Hospital is pleased to announce the appointment of **Ms Ming Lee** as the Director of Pharmacy Services.

Ming brings to York Central Hospital a varied background. Her extensive experience includes her most recent position as Director of Pharmacy Services at Rouge Valley Health System. She has also worked at Centenary Health Centre, where she held the positions of Director of Pharmacy Services and Drug Distribution Manager.

Ming earned her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree at the University of Toronto and is currently Past President of the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

New Director for U of T's PharmD Program: Dr Tom Brown

The Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program at the University of Toronto's Leslie Dan Faculty of

Pharmacy celebrates its 10th anniversary this fall with the appointment of a new director, **Dr Thomas E.R. Brown**, who took over the role in September. Dr Brown earned his own PharmD at Wayne State University in Detroit, after completing a BSc in pharmacy at U of T. He also held a postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Illinois. In addition to the new challenge of heading the PharmD program, Dr Brown intends to continue his important research in the areas of innovative pharmacy practice and women's health at the Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre in Toronto. One notable current project involves the dispensation of emergency contraception under the direct supervision of pharmacists, without the need for the patient to see a physician. The pilot project, supported by a \$380,000 grant from the Ontario Women's Health Council, is now in its second phase.

The U of T PharmD program, which is self-funded through industry sponsorship, also collaborates with Toronto-area hospitals, which are the practice sites for many second-year PharmD students and where several of the program's faculty members maintain clinical practices.

