

54th Annual General Meeting and Educational Sessions

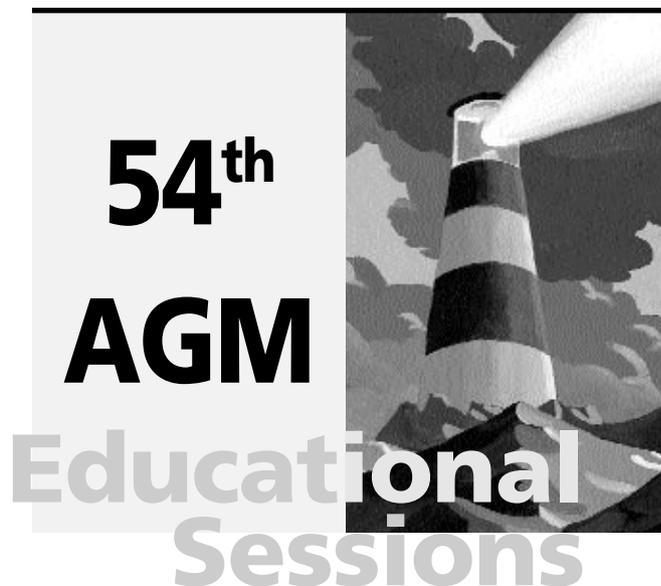
This past August, CSHP welcomed its Executive, Council, and members to the fair city by the sea, Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the Society's 54th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Educational Sessions. Befriending lobsters and breathing ocean air, our elected delegates and members from across Canada came together to take in 3 days of first-rate workshops and presentations by colleagues recognized as leaders within our profession.

A total of 280 participants, including 170 registrants, attended this year's conference. The annual meeting featured 32 speakers, 3 breakfast satellite symposiums, a residents' mentorship program, and an exhibit hall, where 29 companies and over 100 exhibitors showcased a wide variety of industry-developed programs and services and product-based exhibits.

This year's Annual General Meeting was attended by over 100 members, who took advantage of the opportunity for an update on not only their new Council, but also the successes of the past year. In addition, the Vancouver delegation extended an invitation to all members to visit their balmy shores for the 2002 AGM. Members were introduced to their new Executive and Council and heard reports from the Society's officers and branches.

During the AGM, Margaret Gray was installed as CSHP President and President Elect Mike Gaucher was welcomed to the Internal Liaison portfolio and his role as a presidential officer. Sherry Coutts, Susie Dallaire, Catherine Doherty, Valerie Fong, John McBride, Doug Sellinger, and Vicki Sills were welcomed as the newest additions to CSHP Council in their roles as branch delegates. The Society expressed its gratitude to outgoing members Donna Wheeler-Usher (outgoing Past President) and Charlene Blair, Luciana Frighetto, Cynthia Jackevicius, Lise Gauthier, and Dennis Leith (outgoing branch delegates) for their commitment and contributions to CSHP.

Attendees were treated to Nova Scotian adventure and hospitality with evening outings to both York Redoubt — a harbour fort, where revellers participated in a war games exercise — and Pier 22. The Past Presidents' Dinner and Dance, held at the historic pier, was attended by over 200 people, including 11 past presidents. The evening's entertainment, a tribute to outgoing President Linda Poloway, provided a light-hearted glimpse at the future of CSHP, Society fashion and dance therapy. Council's performance was complemented by an evening of East Coast music and dancing.

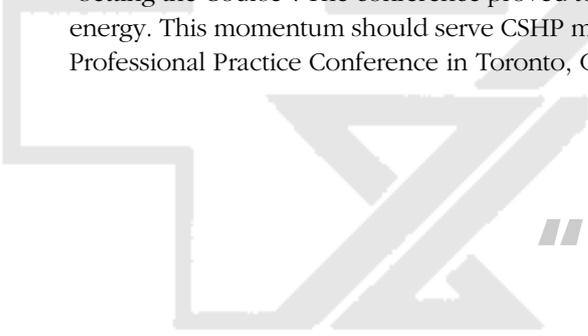


Success was also evident on the fairways, and this year's fundraising golf event raised over \$3500 for CSHP's Research and Education Foundation. Congratulations to all participants and the winning teams (5 under par best ball!), who all claim to hold down full-time jobs, despite the competence they showed on the course. Our thanks go to Randy Hughes (of Pharmaceutical Partners of Canada) and the host committee for organizing this event on behalf of the Foundation.

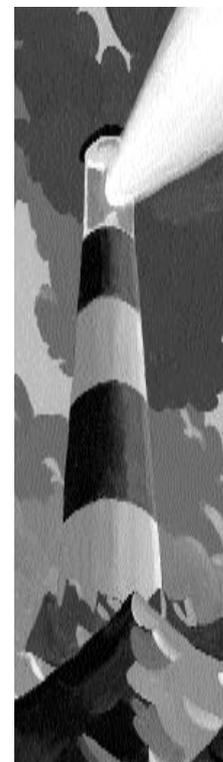
CSHP's past presidents were recognized more formally this year with the inaugural Past Presidents' Breakfast, during which Council members had the chance not only to dine with the people who have made history in the CSHP, but also to discuss timely issues, such as the current pharmacist shortage, and to take advantage of the expertise of the Society's past leaders.

While we're celebrating, rousing applause is extended to this year's host committee. Thanks go to Judy McPhee's Halifax team for the fabulous hospitality they offered and the warm welcome they extended to all. "Two thousand and one" congratulations on a tremendously successful AGM and conference.

The success of AGM 2001 has set the stage for another impressive year of the Society "Setting the Course". The conference proved to be a gathering place for much enthusiasm and energy. This momentum should serve CSHP members well, as all eyes now turn to February's Professional Practice Conference in Toronto, Ontario. We look forward to seeing you there.



"Setting the
course..."



Report of the Infectious Diseases Practice Specialty Network

The Infectious Diseases Practice Specialty Network (ID PSN) was officially formed in 1999 at the CSHP Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Over the next year, executive positions, terms of reference, and goals and objectives were established, and officers of the PSN began their terms at the 2000 AGM in Winnipeg:

Chair: Sandra Taylor, Toronto, Ontario

Chair-elect: Yvonne Shevchuk, Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan

Education Coordinators: Carmine Stumpo, Toronto,
Ontario; Alison McNaught, Red Deer, Alberta

Research Coordinators: Sheryl Zelinsky, Winnipeg,
Manitoba; Susan Freyters, Edmonton, Alberta

Publications Coordinator: Kathy Slayter, Halifax,
Nova Scotia

The ID PSN is an active, dynamic group. Members have been using an e-mail listserv to discuss clinical questions and topics for educational events. The ID PSN

hosted educational sessions at the 2000 and 2001 AGMs, as well as the 2001 Professional Practice Conference. It was the first PSN to publish a continuing education (CE) unit in *CJHP* (in Spring 2001) and is now preparing a second CE unit, to be published in 2002. Members of the ID PSN are now being surveyed to gather information about their practice areas, fields of current research, and research interests.

The 2001 annual meeting of the ID PSN was held on Tuesday, August 14, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. At that meeting, the new Executive took office:

Chair: Yvonne Shevchuk, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Chair-elect: Linda Dresser, Toronto, Ontario

Past-chair: Sandra Taylor, Toronto, Ontario

Many issues were discussed and goals were set for an exciting year ahead. If you would like to join the ID PSN or receive more information about the group, please contact Yvonne Shevchuk by e-mail (shevchuk@duke.usask.ca) or by phone (306.966.6330).

