

# **CSHP NL BRANCH/ PANL JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

## **Annual Report CSHP NL Branch AGM 2004**

### **Background**

As you are likely aware, the Joint Education Committee was established this past year through efforts of PANL and CSHP NL Branch to partner with each other in areas such as advocacy and continuing education. The committee structure was felt to be key to the success of the committee with the need to ensure that there was representation from pharmacists across the province and into Labrador from both hospital and community practice settings. I am pleased to report that we have been successful in recruiting pharmacists to serve in this role.

### **Activities**

Two meetings have been held as well as on-going phone and e-mail contact focusing on the following areas:

Undertook a preliminary review of the recent draft study paper on Continuing Pharmacy Education Needs Assessment conducted by NPhA through Dr. Debbie Kelly.

Establish a Pharmacist's Speaker's Bureau. The Committee recognizes that often the most valuable and useful educational programs are ones that are developed by pharmacists for pharmacists. The belief is that we have an untapped resource of pharmacists within the province that have either experience or interest in a particular area that they could share with others. Please consider putting your name forward.

Compile a Pharmaceutical Industry contact list. Establishing such a data base will enable the committee to identify potential industry sponsors to support particular continuing education events in a more timely and coordinated fashion.

Assume responsibility for organizing the educational component of the annual PANL conference in the fall. This responsibility was previously assigned to the Host Committee for the conference. This change mirrors the direction of CSHP where Nationally the Education Committee coordinates the educational component of Professional Practice Conference (PPC) and the AGM.

Investigate alternate forms of continuing education delivery (eg: videoconferencing) that may be used to support our educational needs.

Organize educational programs for spring 2004. During this period four continuing education events were coordinated with three of those being held in St. John's and the fourth in Grand Falls Windsor. Two of these four events were held in conjunction with PANL regional meetings. In the latter, we did a "trial run" utilizing audio and video-

conferencing to ensure broad program delivery. If you participated via these alternative means, your feedback would be greatly appreciated. Areas of practice addressed in these events included psychiatry, oncology, infectious diseases and cardiology. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank the pharmacists (as all were delivered by pharmacists!) who took the time to share their knowledge and experience with us.

On behalf of CSHP NL Branch and PANL, I would like to thank our industry partners over the past year who have helped to make these continuing education events possible: Astra Zeneca, Merck Frosst, and Schering Canada Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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