

*Newsletter Committee Report
Newfoundland and Labrador Branch CSHP
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Corner Brook - September 2002*

In July of 2001, I accepted the position as chair of the Newsletter Committee for our branch when Owen Osmond resigned. We thank Owen for his hard work and dedication to the branch and wish him well as he continues to practice Pharmacy in North Carolina.

We have published two issues of *Branch Out* in 2002. Included in these issues have been therapeutic information articles. An article discussing new therapies in Psoriatic Arthritis was written by Corey Hunt (Class of 2001) while on a clinical clerkship rotation at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital. Two winners of awards given by the Awards Committee of our branch have also supplied articles based on presentations from conferences they attended. Shawn Layman wrote an article about Amphotericin B formulations from a talk he attended while at the CSHP Annual General Meeting in August 2001. From the PPC Conference in February 2002, Elizabeth Reelis wrote a timely article on the topic of Bioterrorism, focusing on Smallpox and Anthrax. Our issues have also included updates from CSHP committees, a message from Lisa Bishop (branch president) about the CSHP National visit in May 2002, and an informative article regarding the recently published CSHP Information Paper: "Role of the Pharmacy Technician".

We hope to publish another issue of *Branch Out* this fall. Our aim for the upcoming year is to publish at least three issues yearly. Our publication costs have remained relatively low and Pharmaceutical Supplies have generously funded our last two newsletters.

I have enjoyed my role as Chair of the Newsletter Committee over the last year. I would like to encourage any member who wants to contribute to *Branch Out* to please contact me - I would love to have you on board!

Respectively submitted,

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