

Newsletter Committee Report
Newfoundland and Labrador Branch CSHP
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The leadership of the newsletter committee experienced a change this past year. Renelle Bishop, editor of at least six issues of Branch Out since 2005, resigned in 2007 to pursue a career change. I graciously accepted the position offered to me after her resignation.

Since assuming the role of newsletter editor in the fall of 2007, one issue of Branch Out has been published. This issue was published in the spring of 2008. Jennifer Donnan of Eastern Health contributed two articles to this issue, "Pain Killers Turn Breast Milk Toxic" and "Human Factors in Health Care". Jennifer was the winner of the Bayer/CSHP NL Travel Grant to the 2007 CSHP Annual General Meeting. This issue also included a message from the newest CSHP NL President, Dr. Leslie Phillips. In keeping with the theme of her message, the newsletter also included the six major goals of the CSHP National initiative, CSHP 2015, "a strategy for promoting and guiding practice excellence to the year 2015", in the words of Dr. Phillips. Finally, this issue contained the regular features of upcoming events, awards and announcements.

Work is currently underway on the next issue of Branch Out, which will be published shortly. The main feature of this issue will be an article from Natasha Farrell from Central Health who attended the 2008 Professional Practice Conference in Toronto on the Apotex/CSHP NL Travel Grant. Her article is titled "Breast Feeding and Urinary Tract Infections: What are your options?" The remaining content of this issue will include the usual Branch news and information.

Previous issues of Branch Out have included a profile on a CSHP NL member. Unfortunately, this has not been a part of the last issue or the upcoming issue. However, I would like to see this feature reinstated for the next issue. The goal is to publish one more issue before the end of this year and begin next year with quarterly published editions of Branch Out. All branch members are reminded that articles submitted for publication are welcomed. Also, please contact me if you have any ideas for new topics or features to included in the newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

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