

A farewell message from the Chair.....



I have completed my term as Chair for 2011 (and 2010 and part of 2009!), so it has been a while since anybody wrote a farewell message. It is with mixed emotions that I move on. I got quite comfortable in that position and I have to admit, the year, actually the 3 years, went by faster than I expected.

2011 was a great year. Our evening chapter meetings hosted a variety of excellent speakers. We started the year with Dr. Joe Schwarz: "Current Fears, Facts and Myths of the Cosmetic Industry" and our student scholarship winner, Carolyn Yuan was presented with a \$1,000.00 Scholarship. She gave a poster presentation on "Biocompatible Microemulsion Gels for the Delivery of Actives". Carolyn also presented her poster during the Mid-Year meeting of the SCC in Las Vegas. In May, Phil Cotrell of Innospec Active Chemicals spoke to our members about "Meeting the Challenges of Formulating High Performance Sulfate Free Products", which was followed by our Education Day in September. That meeting had four speaker and the topic was "Skin: What we know and what we should know about it". Philip Ludwig of Arch Personal Care presented "Using Human Genomic Microarrays in Personal Care". Dr. Linda Rhein of Bayer spoke on "Mechanisms and Future Therapeutic Stratgies". Anna Gripp of ISP was the next speaker with her talk on the "Status and content of the monograph and latest sunscreen trends". Anna won the best speaker award from the Ontario Chapter for this talk. To close out the day, Dr. Sam Shefer of Salvona Technologies Inc. spoke about "Solutions to Acne Prone Skin". Our last evening meeting of the year was in November and we enjoyed a talk by Tony O'Lenick on "Oil Soluble Silicones".

2011 was not all about education, we also had some fun. Our Annual Golf Tournament took place in July at Caledon Woods Golf Club. We had almost 120 participating golfers. The Shotgun tournament was followed by a fantastic dinner and was accompanied by giveaway of many prizes.

The year ended with our annual Holiday Dinner Dance which was attended by over 200 guests. As every year, the food was great and the company was even better. We also gave away many prizes, which was a nice end to a great year.

So now my responsibility of the day to day running of the Chapter is over and I am looking forward to being able to enjoy the meetings and events planned without the added responsibility, but I will remain on the board and be available to help out if needed. Starting a new year as Chair, or continuing for so many years is always exciting and you always wonder if it will be a success, but this year truly was a great success. I could not have done this without the help of many great people on the board. I would like to give a great Thank You to: Gary Baker, Catherine Blackhall, Rob Castillo, Janice Cukier, Chetan Desai, Zohreh Fakhim, Andy Halasz, Gagan Jain, Shahin Kalamtari, Nadia Lunn, Kashif Mazhar, Monika Melao, Marilyn Patterson, Elizabeth Peitsis, Rob Quinlan, Mary Seifi and Dennis Zuccolin. Very hard work of all of those volunteers needs to be acknowledged to really get the full picture of what it takes to run a successful chapter.

Mary Seifi takes on the responsibility of Chair for the Ontario SCC and I know she will do a fantastic job. I wish Mary all the best.

I would also like to wish all of the Members and supporters of Ontario SCC a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2012.

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