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## **President's Message**

Dear NYSCHP Members,

It may be cold and snowy outside, but the NYSCHP is heating up with a flurry of activity to make the 2015 Annual Assembly the best ever! There is already an overflow crowd for the Residency Program on Friday. The Cardiology Certificate Program was revamped and will be an amazing learning experience for those interested in expanding their knowledge base in cardiology pharmacotherapy. Many excellent topics are being covered in educational programming with expert speakers from around the state and country. The House of Delegates will no doubt be filled with healthy discussion and debate, as policies for the NYSCHP are crafted. Networking sessions, committee meetings, and other events will bring together New York pharmacy peers to meet and mingle in an exciting and fun-filled weekend at the beautiful Sagamore Hotel and Resort, April 24-26. It's a **CAN'T MISS** event for NYSCHP pharmacists, students, and residents! Register soon and make your hotel reservations before the rooms fill up! I look forward to seeing you all there.

*Elizabeth Shlom, PharmD, BCPS  
President, NYSCHP*

## Long Island Chapter Spotlight

The Long Island Society of Health-System Pharmacists continues to have 9 to 10 monthly educational meetings per year, which are all well attended by our membership.

While we struggle for sponsorship to cover the costs of these meetings, we have so far been successful in securing funding from the pharmaceutical industry for every one of our meetings. I would like to personally thank Caesar Alaienia, President Elect., LISHP, Robert Berger, Pharm.D., Immediate Past President LISHP and Fred Gordon, R.Ph., Past President for working so hard with industry to secure funds that allow us to continue to provide high quality dinner meetings without cost to our membership.

We continue to offer the “Residency Showcase Meeting” each year in March honoring Professor Anthony Buatti from St. John’s University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Professor Buatti taught at St. John’s and was an active member of our society up until the time of his death. Each year, pharmacy residents from across Long Island present their research projects at this meeting.

LISHP is in the planning stages of holding a joint meeting with the Long Island Pharmacist Society (LIPS). We are very interested in collaborating with LIPS and building a relationship with our fellow pharmacists who mostly practice in the community pharmacy setting. In meeting with the leadership of LIPS, it became clear that we need unity in pharmacy not separation. We hope this this joint meeting will help the pharmacists on Long Island to become a more collaborative and cohesive group.

The success of LISHP in retaining members and providing quality monthly meetings can be attributed to a small group of hard working individuals that sacrifice many hours of their personal time. If not for the current Board members of LISHP, Caesar Alaienia, Pharm.D., BCPS, Robert Berger, Pharm.D., MBA, BCPS, Joel Gross, R.Ph. and Andrew Kaplan, Pharm.D., BCPS and a small group of past Board members, Steve Cabble, R.Ph., Heidi Christensen, Pharm.D., Kathleen Minlionica, Pharm.D., and Donna Sym, Pharm.D. the LISHP would not be as effective as it is today. All of the hard work they have done over the last year without question has helped to strengthen and solidify the LISHP.

*Edmund M. Hayes, M.S., Pharm.D.  
President - LISHP*




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## Continuing Competency Committee Update

The Continuing Competency Committee, under the leadership of Joe Pinto, Director of Workforce and Education, and Heide Christensen, Continuing Competency Committee Chair, continue to work tirelessly in planning for educational programming throughout the year. We are fortunate and privileged to have a Committee comprised of dedicated members with expertise across a wide-range of clinical practice settings that have enabled us to offer high quality educational programs.

The ever popular Jan Keltz Memorial Winter Program held at Lake Placid, NY kicked off 2015 and as expected was highlighted by great educational programs, professional networking, and of course unlimited fun on the slopes and in the Olympic Village. Right around the corner is the Downstate Pharmacotherapy Program, which will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Downstate program, will offer 4 hours of CE on the following topics: An Update in Pharmacotherapy of Epilepsy, An Update in Pharmacotherapy COPD, Management of Otitis Media, Sinusitis, and CAP in Pediatrics, and New Medication Update.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Technology Summit, which is a collaborative program between NYSCHP, PSSNY, NYS ACCP, Albany College of Pharmacy, and ASCP, will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Entitled “Clinical Informatics and Emerging Pharmacy Practice Opportunities”, this program will offer 5 hours of relevant, current, and future trends in Pharmacy Technology continuing education.

With April, comes the 54<sup>th</sup> NYSCHP Annual Assembly, “Taking it to the Top: Practicing at the Top of Your License”, which will take place April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at The Sagamore Resort at Bolton Landing on Lake George. Attendees have the opportunity to enjoy educational programming, professional meetings, professional networking, and exhibit sessions. Nearly 20 hours of educational programs have been planned and designed to meet the needs of all. Additional highlights include the Cardiology Certificate Program and the first Residency Presentation Program. The Annual Assembly Committee led by co-chairs Leila Tibi-Scherl and Leigh Briscoe-Dwyer have been hard at work planning many other aspects of the meeting, including the Director of Pharmacy/Industry Networking Sessions, the Director of Pharmacy Roundtables, the exhibit sessions, and the Annual Installation and Award Banquet.

Fall highlights include the Tristate Pharmacy Program, the Critical Care Pharmacotherapy Programs and the Student Programs. Stay tuned for upcoming details. The Committee will explore remote programming and webinar opportunities in an effort to reach underserved geographic areas, and will evaluate potential partnership with other organizations in the provision of education, in addition to expanding technician educational programming. One of the CCC biggest challenges and efforts for the remainder of 2015 and beyond will be to market our educational programs outside of New York State.

We have a busy year ahead, and hope to see you all at future programs!

*Heide Christensen, MS,RPh  
Chair CCC*

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## Learn to Write Grants

Help yourself, your chapter and NYSCHP by learning how to write grants. Most NYSCHP funding comes from three sources: Memberships, Meeting Registrations & Industry Support. The “good old days” are gone when a friendly manufacturer’s representative could just write a check to support NYSCHP. Today, the system requires grant writing. We could use several members to learn the process and help write grants for our educational meetings. Learning grant writing will help NYSCHP and can be used in your other endeavors as well. Contact Shaun Flynn or Joe Pinto if you are interested.



## NYSCHP Upcoming Events

2015

- March 8<sup>th</sup>-Downstate Pharmacotherapy Program, Beth Israel Podell Auditorium
- March 20- Pharmacy Technology program Albany, NY
- April 9- Open Hearing Conference call
- April 21- Albany Day to meet with our legislators in their Albany offices.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> – 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly, “Taking it to the top: Practicing at the Top of your License”. The Sagamore, Bolton Landing, NY

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