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## President's Message

As the first edition of the CAPSIL 97-98 reaches out to CAPSI members across Canada, I have the honor of introducing myself and inviting all of you to participate in another great year with CAPSI. Moving towards the 21st century, CAPSI is continually being challenged to provide members with the opportunity to openly question, discuss, and present their opinions in the field of pharmacy. We work to introduce the latest issues that affect pharmacy students across Canada and vocalize these same issues on a national level.

This year has begun on a unique and historic level with the International Pharmacy Students Federation (IPSF) being hosted for the first time in Canada. This conference was followed by FIP in Vancouver. Due to the hard work of the local reception committees, participants had a wonderful experience and were afforded a unique view of Canadian pharmacy. Please refer to articles in this issue about the event and the opportunities to become involved on an international level in the field of pharmacy. Your local and national IPSF Representatives are also available to answer any questions that you may have.

To organize and run the many events that CAPSI supports, we need to thank some very hard working people. The first, and most well known, are the local Junior and Senior Representatives that organize CAPSI events and report back to national. We also need to thank the Executive Council members and our sponsors. Without our sponsors, much of what CAPSI brings to the students of Canada would not be possible.

Presently, CAPSI is working to bring an innovative and progressive outlook to the students of Canada. This year you will see a test trial of a new Pharmaceutical Care Competition that better reflects the future role of the pharmacist. A poster competition is also being developed with the support of the CSHP to better reflect the fact that many pharmacy students are becoming more clinically focused as they graduate. Entering this position, I have become more and more aware of the fact that some of the most innovative and unique ideas present in the profession stem from the minds and hearts of recent graduates. Students have the education, motivation, and energy to take this profession to new levels. I truly believe in harnessing this energy for positive growth. Through local and national organizations like CAPSI, we have the opportunity to have a strong voice. We can participate at local seminars, write articles, and share our concerns. It is up to every one of us to work towards the future of our profession. As it has been said, "many small drops can shape even the hardest stone".

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