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# 7<sup>th</sup> AllerGen Trainee Symposium

**May 27 - 29, 2012 - Ramada Downtown, Calgary, AB**

## SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012

OKANAGAN ROOM

7:00 - 7:30 PM REGISTRATION

7:30 - 8:00 PM WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Diana Royce, EdD, Managing Director and COO, AllerGen NCE Inc.  
Lianne Soller, MSc, ASNPN President; McGill University

8:00 - 9:00 PM TEAM BUILDING - THE MARSHMALLOW CHALLENGE

*Moderator:* Michelle Harkness, HQP and Events Coordinator, AllerGen

9:00 - 10:00 PM NETWORKING RECEPTION (LIGHT APPETIZERS AND HOST BAR)

## MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012

OKANAGAN ROOM

8:15 - 9:00 AM BREAKFAST

9:00 - 9:15 AM WELCOME REMARKS

Lianne Soller, MSc, ASNPN President; McGill University

9:15 - 10:15 AM AN IP PRIMER - PROTECTING YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Beverley A. Sheridan, President, Technology NOW  
*Moderator:* Jeremy Hirota, PhD, ASNPN West Regional Director; University of British Columbia

10:15 - 10:30 AM BREAK

10:30 - 11:30 AM AN IP PRIMER - PROTECTING YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (CONTINUED)

Beverley A. Sheridan, President, Technology NOW  
*Moderator:* Jeremy Hirota, PhD, ASNPN West Regional Director; University of British Columbia

*Attendance is mandatory at all sessions for travel reimbursement.*

<b>11:30 - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>IN SUPPORT OF STUDENT LEARNING – A GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE FEEDBACK</b>
	Denise Burrell, The Performance Group <i>Moderator:</i> Elaine Fuertes, PhD (c), ASNPN Secretary/Treasurer; University of British Columbia
<b>12:30 - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:00 - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES</b>
	Denise Burrell, The Performance Group <i>Moderator:</i> Elaine Fuertes, PhD (c), ASNPN Secretary/Treasurer; University of British Columbia
<b>2:00 - 3:00 PM</b>	<b>BUSINESS ETIQUETTE AND NETWORKING FOR SUCCESS</b>
	Judy Thompson and Gayle Hallgren-Rezac , Shepa Learning Company <i>Moderator:</i> Meghan Azad, PhD, ASNPN Central Regional Director; University of Alberta
<b>3:00 - 3:15 PM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:15 - 4:15 PM</b>	<b>BUSINESS ETIQUETTE AND NETWORKING FOR SUCCESS (CONTINUED)</b>
	Judy Thompson and Gayle Hallgren-Rezac, Shepa Learning Company, Sponsored by Mitacs <i>Moderator:</i> Meghan Azad, PhD, ASNPN Central Regional Director; University of Alberta
<b>4:15 - 6:00 PM</b>	<b>FREE TIME</b>
<b>6:00 - 7:00 PM</b>	<b>PLATFORM FOR SUCCESS - WRITING EFFECTIVE GRANTS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES</b>
	Chris Mody, MD, Professor and Chief Division of Respiriology, Jessie Boden Lloyd Professor of Immunology, Departments of Internal Medicine and Microbiology and Infectious Disease, University of Calgary and Calgary Health Region <i>Moderator:</i> Pia Reece, PhD (c), ASNPN Vice-President; McMaster University
<b>7:00 - 9:00 PM</b>	<b>NETWORKING FOR SUCCESS DINNER (CASH BAR)</b>
<b>9:00 PM</b>	<b>TRAINEE NETWORKING SOCIAL (OPTIONAL)</b>

## ASNPN Committee Members

Lianne Soller, MSc	President; McGill University
Pia Reece, PhD (c)	Vice-President; McMaster University
Elaine Fuertes, PhD (c)	Secretary/Treasurer; University of British Columbia
Luisa Giles, PhD (c)	Events/Communications Director; University of British Columbia
Jeremy Hirota, PhD	Regional Director, West (BC); University of British Columbia
Meghan Azad, PhD	Regional Director, Central (AB/SK/MB); University of Alberta
Claudia Hui, PhD (c)	Regional Director, Ontario; McMaster University
Yuka Asai, MD, MSc	Regional Director, Quebec/Atlantic; McGill University

8:00 - 8:45 AM **BREAKFAST**

8:45 - 9:00 AM **WELCOME REMARKS**

Lianne Soller, MSc, ASNPN President; McGill University

9:00 - 10:00 AM **KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR TRAINEES AND EARLY-STAGE INVESTIGATORS IN BASIC SCIENCE AND CLINICAL RESEARCH?**

Jeremy Hirota, PhD, University of British Columbia  
CIHR/MSFHR/AllerGen/IMPACT Post-Doctoral Research Fellow  
**Moderator:** Pia Reece, PhD (c), ASNPN Vice-President; McMaster University

10:00 - 10:15 AM **CASE REPORT - AN ORPHAN IN THE COLD**

Philippe Bégin, MD, Université de Montréal  
**Moderator:** Claudia Hui, PhD (c), ASNPN Ontario Regional Director; McMaster University

10:15 - 10:30 AM **BREAK**

10:30 - 11:00 AM **ALLERGEN HQP STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

Michelle Harkness, HQP and Events Coordinator, AllerGen

11:00 - 12:00 PM **HOT OFF THE PRESS - DEALING WITH THE MEDIA**

Daryl Zerr, Zerr Communications  
**Moderator:** Claudia Hui, PhD (c), ASNPN Ontario Regional Director; McMaster University

12:00 - 12:30 PM **LUNCH**

12:30 - 1:00 PM **CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Michelle Harkness, HQP and Events Coordinator, AllerGen  
Lianne Soller, MSc, ASNPN President; McGill University



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# Featured Speakers

**Philippe Bégin, MD**, is currently completing his Clinical Immunology and Allergy sub-specialty training at the Université de Montréal. During his medical training Philippe completed his Masters in Biomedical Sciences working with AllerGen Investigator Dr. Catherine Laprise on the genetic basis of asthma and atopy. This fall, Dr. Bégin will begin a two year fellowship at Stanford University, before starting his clinical-scientist career at the Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal and Sainte-Justine Hospital in Montreal, QC.

**Denise Burrell** is co-founder of The Performance Group. A natural leader with extensive facilitation and teaching experience, she is committed to enhancing the development of individuals, teams and organizations. Her adult education methodologies have been honed through her work on her Masters in Adult Education and experience as an instructor with the University of Alberta Adult Education Program. Denise's passion is finding meaningful ways to help organizations and individuals achieve success.

**Gayle Hallgren-Rezac** is co-author of WORK THE POND!, speaker, entrepreneur (founder, Cookies by George) and a YWCA Woman of Distinction. Gayle is a graduate of the University of British Columbia and has spent over two decades observing and writing on networking around the world. She is a member of the Davos Circle, having attended the Annual World Economic Forum over eleven times. She is also an expert on the "art of conversation," a subject she writes and speaks on frequently. Gayle is the chief engagement officer of Shepa Learning Company.

**Michelle Harkness** is the HQP and Events of AllerGen NCE Inc. Before joining AllerGen, Michelle worked at Mohawk College in Hamilton in a variety of capacities including Director of Student Life where the most rewarding aspect of her position was mentoring student employees and student leaders.

**Jeremy Hirota, PhD**, initiated his research training in an undergraduate biology pharmacology co-op programme at McMaster University which led him to industry placements with Merck Frosst and his PhD education in Dr. Mark Inman's lab also at McMaster University. He is currently a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the University of British Columbia, James Hogg Research Centre at the Heart + Lung Institute, St Paul's Hospital working with AllerGen Investigator Dr. Darryl Knight.

**Chris Mody, MD** is Professor and Chief Division of Respiriology and Jessie Boden Lloyd Professor of Immunology, Departments of Internal Medicine and Microbiology and Infectious Disease, University of Calgary and Calgary Health Region. His research focuses on receptors that activate different cytotoxic effector mechanisms to kill microbial pathogens. Dr. Mody is a respected grant reviewer and chair of AllerGen's Advanced Education and Training Opportunities Advisory Committee (AETOAC).

**Diana Royce, EdD** is the Managing Director and COO of AllerGen NCE Inc. Before becoming involved with the NCE program in 1998, she spent 13 years as a Senior Policy Advisor with the Ontario government in post-secondary education and finance policy.

**Lianne Soller, MSc**, completed a Masters of Science in Epidemiology at McGill University in 2011 and is now working on her PhD. Since her second year of university, Lianne has worked with AllerGen Investigator, Dr. Ann Clarke's Food Allergy team on various research projects as both a research assistant and coordinator. Lianne is currently the President of AllerGen's Students and New Professionals Network (ASNPN).

**Beverley A. Sheridan** is an intellectual property management/licensing professional and coach with a broad base of experience in industry and academia. Ms. Sheridan founded Technology NOW in 2000, after 13 years, as President and CEO, with University Technologies International Inc. (University of Calgary), the first for profit, university-owned technology commercialization and intellectual property management company in Canada. She is a current member of the ForeFront Management Committee Alberta Innovates - Health Solutions; a reviewer for Technology Commercialization Grant Applications, Alberta Advanced Education and Technology and the Ontario Genomic Institute.

**Judy Thomson** is a co-author of WORK THE POND! She is also a chartered accountant, business person and speaker who has held executive positions in human resources and administration with global companies in Canada and Asia. She was also part of the start-up management team of the world-famous Rocky Mountaineer Railtours. In addition to her role as chief operating officer of Shepa Learning Company, Judy is vice-chair of The Vancouver Board of Trade's Women's Leadership Circle® advisory council, sits on the board of directors of the BC Women's Enterprise Centre and is a director of a publicly-traded mining exploration company.

**Daryl Zerr** is the owner of Zerr Communications Inc. and for the past 13 years has trained almost 5000 people on topics relating to media interviews, presentations and proper communication skills. Daryl was a journalist for 15 years and both hosted and produced his own current affair show on CBC radio. Since then he has been a featured speaker and has worked with countless people on their own presentation skills.