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# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual AllerGen Trainee Symposium

June 5 – 7, 2011

Casino Nova Scotia, Halifax

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011

9:00 – 10:00 AM	REGISTRATION	OUTSIDE COMPASS ROOM
9:00 – 10:00 AM	BREAKFAST	COMPASS ROOM
10:00 – 10:30 AM	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS Diana Royce, EdD, Managing Director and COO, AllerGen NCE Inc. Jennifer Protudjer, PhD (c), MSc, ASNPN President, University of Manitoba	COMPASS ROOM
10:30 – 11:15 AM	INTRODUCTIONS AND ICE BREAKER <i>Moderator:</i> Jennifer Protudjer, PhD (c), MSc, ASNPN President, University of Manitoba	COMPASS ROOM
11:15 – 11:30 AM	BREAK	COMPASS ROOM
11:30 – 12:30 PM	MENTORING AND TEACHING Michael Cyr, MSc, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor, Division of Clinical Immunology & Allergy and Staff Physician, Hamilton Health Sciences <i>Moderator:</i> Steve Smith, PhD (c), ASNPN Regional Director, Ontario, McMaster University	COMPASS ROOM
12:30 – 2:00 PM	LUNCH	COMPASS ROOM
1:45 – 2:00 PM	ETHICS WORKSHOP INTRODUCTION	COMPASS ROOM
2:00 – 4:00 PM	KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION Jean Marshall, PhD, AllerGen Investigator and Professor and Head Microbiology and Immunology, Dalhousie University <i>Moderators:</i> Lianne Soller, MSc (c), ASNPN Vice-President, McGill University Megan Knoll, MSc (c), ASNPN Regional Director, Quebec/Atlantic, McGill University	COMPASS ROOM

4:00 – 4:15 PM	BREAK	
4:15 – 5:45 PM	STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION	COMPASS ROOM
	Diana Royce, EdD, Managing Director and COO, AllerGen NCE Inc. <i>Moderator:</i> Jennifer Protudjer, PhD (c), MSc, ASNPN President, University of Manitoba	
6:30 – 9:00 PM	Networking, Reception and Dinner (Cash Bar)	COMPASS ROOM

## MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011

7:45 – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	COMPASS ROOM
8:30 – 8:45 AM	WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING	COMPASS ROOM
	Jennifer Protudjer, PhD (c), MSc, ASNPN President, University of Manitoba	
8:45 – 10:00 AM	ETHICS	COMPASS ROOM
	Jacqui Brinkman, MSc, AllerGen Programme A: Gene-Environment Interactions Coordinator and Education Coordinator and Privacy Facilitator, UBC James Hogg Research Centre, Providence Heart + Lung Institute, St. Paul's Hospital <i>Moderator:</i> Jennifer Protudjer, PhD (c), MSc, ASNPN President, University of Manitoba	
10:00 – 11:00 AM	EFFECTIVE SCIENTIFIC WRITING SKILLS	COMPASS ROOM
	Krista Patriquin, PhD (c) and Writing Tutor, Dalhousie University <i>Moderator:</i> Farzian Aminuddin, BSc, ASNPN Events/Communications Director, University of British Columbia	
11:00 – 11:30 AM	BREAK	COMPASS ROOM
11:30 – 12:30 PM	EFFECTIVE SCIENTIFIC WRITING SKILLS	COMPASS ROOM
	Krista Patriquin, PhD (c) and writing tutor, Dalhousie University <i>Moderator:</i> Farzian Aminuddin, BSc, ASNPN Events/Communications Director, University of British Columbia	
12:30 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH	COMPASS ROOM
1:30 – 2:30 PM	PRESENTATION SKILLS	COMPASS ROOM
	Heather Perkins and Dan Bell, Toastmasters <i>Moderator:</i> Matthew Gold, PhD (c), ASNPN Regional Director, Pacific West Central, University of British Columbia	
2:30 – 3:00 PM	BREAK	COMPASS ROOM
3:00 – 4:30 PM	PRESENTATION SKILLS	COMPASS ROOM
	Heather Perkins and Dan Bell, Toastmasters <i>Moderator:</i> Matthew Gold, PhD (c), ASNPN Regional Director, Pacific West Central, University of British Columbia	
5:45 – 8:00 PM	Alexander Keith's Brewery Tour	OFFSITE

## TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011

7:45 – 8:30 AM	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>COMPASS ROOM</b>
8:30 – 8:45 AM	<b>WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING</b> Jennifer Protudjer, PhD (c), MSc, ASNPN President, University of Manitoba	<b>COMPASS ROOM</b>
8:45 – 9:45 AM	<b>CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS</b> Preston Smith, MD, MMedSci , Senior Associate Dean, Regional and Rural Medical Education, Dalhousie University <i>Moderator:</i> Jennifer Protudjer, PhD (c), MSc, ASNPN President, University of Manitoba	<b>COMPASS ROOM</b>
9:45 – 10:15 AM	<b>BREAK</b>	<b>COMPASS ROOM</b>
10:15 – 12:00 PM	<b>CAREER PANEL</b> Geoff Maksym, PhD, Director and Associate Professor, School of Biomedical Engineering and Physics and Atmospheric Science, Dalhousie University Jeremy Hirota, PhD, PDF (c), iCAPTURE Centre, University of British Columbia Donna G Comeau, MSc, BSc, PhC, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy and Planning, Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness <i>Moderator:</i> Umme Akhtar, PhD (c), ASNPN Secretary/Treasurer, University of Toronto	<b>COMPASS ROOM</b>
12:00 – 12:10 PM	<b>CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT</b> Jennifer Protudjer, PhD (c), ASNPN President, University of Manitoba	<b>COMPASS ROOM</b>
12:10 – 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b> (BOXED LUNCHESES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE TRAVELLING)	<b>COMPASS ROOM</b>
2:00 – 4:00 PM	<b>Special Workshop</b> Greg Rex, MD, Specialist in Pediatric Allergy and Clinical Immunology, IWK Health Centre and private practice, Halifax, Nova Scotia <b>Allergy Testing: The Underbelly of Alternate Medicine</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Jennifer Protudjer, PhD (c), MSc, ASNPN President, University of Manitoba	<b>DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY</b>

## ASNPN Committee Members

Jennifer Protudjer	President; University of Manitoba
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Farzian Aminuddin	Events/Communications Director; University of British Columbia
Matthew Gold	Regional Director, Pacific West Central; University of British Columbia
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Steve Smith	Regional Director, Ontario; McMaster University

# Featured Speakers

**Dan Bell** has twenty years of management and joined Toastmasters in 1998 where he conducted numerous workshops on oral presentation skills. Dan achieved his Distinguished Toastmaster award in 2006. He competed in the semi-finals of the World Championship of Public Speaking in 2009.

**Jacqui Brinkman, MSc**, received her MSc at McGill University then spent several years working as a laboratory technician and in 2003 joined the UBC James Hogg Research Centre as Education Coordinator. In this role, she organizes education programs and manages the CIHR IMPACT Strategic Training Program for post-doctoral fellows. Jacqui has been the Programme A Coordinator for AllerGen since August 2009.

**Donna Comeau, MSc, BSc, PhC**, received her MSc from Dalhousie University in 1999. Donna is currently engaged as a Senior Policy Analyst for the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness. Her health policy interests include health system accountability, primary care, patient quality and safety, health promotion and protection.

**Michael Cyr, MSc, MD**, is a practicing clinician-investigator at McMaster University. His clinical practice includes allergy and immunology, autoimmune diseases as well as general internal medicine. Dr. Cyr has recently completed the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons' Clinician-Investigator program studying cord blood stem cells as markers of atopic risk.

**Jeremy Hirota, PhD, PDF (c)**, initiated his research training in an undergraduate biology pharmacology co-op programme at McMaster University which let him to industry placements with Merck Frosst and his PhD education in the lab with Dr. Mark Inman also at McMaster University. He is currently at the iCAPTURE Centre, University of British Columbia.

**Jean Marshall, PhD**, received her PhD in Immunology from the University of Manchester UK. She completed postdoctoral training both in Manchester and at McMaster University where she became Assistant Professor in 1989. In 1997 she relocated to Dalhousie University, where she is now Professor and Head of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

**Geoff Maksym, PhD** is currently Associate Professor and Director of the School of Biomedical Engineering and Cross-Appointed Professor of the Department of Physics at Dalhousie University. He received his M.Eng and PhD from McGill University. His graduate training was at the Meakins-Christie Laboratories and his post-doctoral training was at the Harvard School of Public Health in airway smooth muscle cell mechanics.

**Krista Patriquin, PhD (c)** is currently at Dalhousie University studying the socioecology of northern long-eared bats. Krista has gained considerable experience in academic writing as she has several papers based on her honours, masters, and PhD research in peer-reviewed journals. Krista has also been working as a Writing Tutor at the Dalhousie Writing Centre and also delivers writing seminars and workshops.

**Heather Perkins** has achieved the highest award, that of *Distinguished Toastmaster*. She competed in various speech contests and judged at the World Championship of Public Speaking. In 2004 was presented with Toastmasters' Presidential Citation for her ongoing service to the organization, which is presented annually to only 20 of the 150,000 members.

**Jennifer Protudjer PhD (c), MSc** studies at the University of Manitoba under the supervision of Drs. A. Becker and G. Sevenhuysen. Her research interests include the role of maternal and childhood diets on allergic outcomes, particularly asthma and food allergy. She is the current President of the AllerGen Students' and New Professionals' Network and an ex-officio member of AllerGen's Board of Directors.

**Greg Rex, MD**, is a specialist in Pediatric Allergy and Clinical Immunology. He splits his time between the IWK Health Centre and a busy private practice in Halifax. He received his primary medical training in Newfoundland and completed the Pediatric and sub-specialty Allergy training in Manitoba. He has an interest in exposing "Quackery" and has lectured extensively on the subject.

**Diana Royce, EdD** is the Managing Director and COO of AllerGen NCE Inc. She obtained her BA (Waterloo) and MA (Queen's) in Political Science and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Toronto. 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.

**Preston Smith, MD, MMedSci** serves as the Senior Associate Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and is responsible for the Faculty's programs throughout the Maritimes. Dr. Smith is a graduate of Dalhousie University and is a Certificant and a Fellow of the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Dr. Smith has played a leadership role in developing and overseeing the new Dalhousie medical education program, which was launched in New Brunswick in 2010.