

# Glaucoma Research Society of Canada 2010 Annual Meeting Highlights

## The Year in Review

The Glaucoma Research Society of Canada held its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on October 19, 2010 at the CNIB in Toronto.

President Martin Chasson welcomed members and guests and introduced and expressed his thanks to the Board of Directors and staff for their support. He also welcomed and introduced Linda Sharpen, Manager of the Ontario Division of the Eye Bank of Canada and new Board member, Sam Holtzman.



*VP Renée Wolfe receives certificate of appreciation from President Martin Chasson*

In his report, Martin stressed that the start-up research funded by the Society is critical in identifying the causes of, and cure for, glaucoma. He reminded members that in spring 2010, the Society awarded 16 research grants totaling more than \$180,000 and thanked members and donors for their generosity in making this research possible.

Martin told members that the re-designed website was well-received and updated them on the launch of the French version. He commended member Gabriel Shaffer for obtaining volunteer services to translate the site into French. He noted that the Society's next goal was to translate the website into Chinese and he asked for volunteers to undertake that task.

Martin thanked VP Renée Wolfe for the successful *Tealess Tea* fundraising campaign which could not have happened without her dedication and hard work. Martin noted that retired Board member Maria Wacyk would continue to work on the *Governance Manual of Administration and Strategic Plan* and the *Chapter Formation Plan*.

He also thanked Board member Rick Gallop for his excellent review of the Society's fundraising and marketing plan. The plan highlighted the need to substantially increase financial support for glaucoma research by

- building a national glaucoma patient database,
- developing a network of chapters across Canada, and
- recruiting an executive director to execute the plan.

In closing, Martin thanked CNIB staff and all the volunteers who helped make the 2010 AGM a success.

# Members Listen and Learn at AGM





## AGM Feature Presentation “Glaucoma: Exposing and Combating the Silent Thief in the Night” with Dr. Darana Yuen

Most types of glaucoma cause painless loss of vision with no symptoms early on. By the time someone detects visual loss, the disease is usually advanced and the visual disability severe. That’s why it’s been called the *Silent Thief in the Night*.

At this year’s AGM, Dr. Darana Yuen talked about this global problem and outlined the disease process, risk factors, diagnosis, treatment, cutting-edge research, and screening recommendations.

Dr. Yuen completed her Ophthalmology residency at the University of Western Ontario in 2009, and a fellowship in Glaucoma at the University of Toronto under the mentorship of Dr. Trope and Dr. Buys in 2010.

## A Special Thank You to Our Volunteers



*Arielle Sone, Josh Sone, Judith Chasson, Androniki Iosifidou, Robert Ullmann, Valerie Seto*

# Award Presentations

At the AGM, Dr. Graham Trope presented certificates of appreciation to the following companies and individuals for their generous donations and support:



Maria Wacyk

Allergan Inc.  
Labtician Ophthalmics Inc.  
Merck Canada Ltd.  
Pfizer Canada Inc.  
Andrée Lamarche  
Renée Wolfe



Gabriel Shaffer



Julien Daneau

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