

For the first time ever, The College on Problems of Drug Dependence held its annual scientific meeting in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, from June 17- 22, 2017. Due to construction delays at the newly renovated Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, the CPDD 79th Annual Meeting was held at the Hotel Bonaventure in downtown Montreal. Attendees numbered 1140, about 100 more than last year, with 335 members, 135 Members-in-Training, 202 pre- & post-doc nonmembers, and 448 non-members, in addition to social registrants and exhibitors. They came from 38 countries across the globe. Countries with the highest representation after the US were Canada (45), Australia (30), Brazil (12), France and the UK (11 each). The opening reception on the terraces and gardens surrounding the hotel offered some local fare like poutine in addition to the more traditional menu. Sunday morning began with a welcome and Father's Day greetings from President Leonard Howell.

Dr. Nora Volkov, Director of NIDA, presented an address on Drug Abuse and Addiction Research: Progress, Priorities and Challenges. Dr. George Koob, Director of NIAAA, then gave an update from his Institute on Priorities Going Forward.



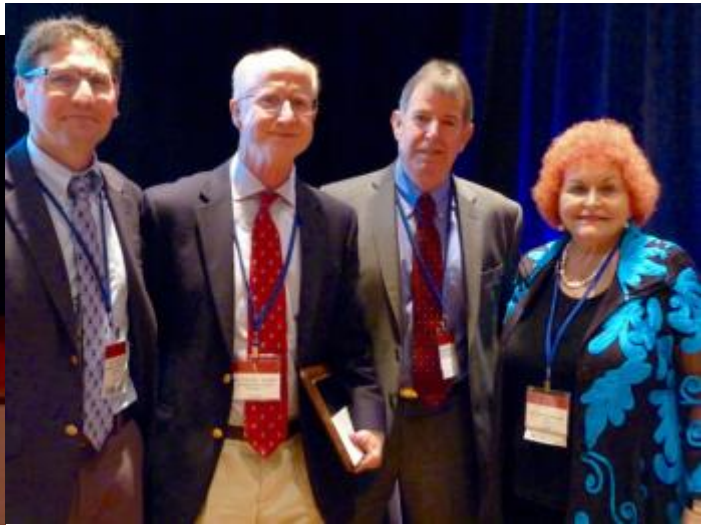
Presentation of awards was next on the program. The Stephen G. Holtzman Travel Award for Preclinical Investigators was given to Jibran Y. Khokhar, who was introduced by Alan Budney.



Meg Chisolm, Chair of the Media Committee, introduced the winner of this year's CPDD/NIDA Media Award, Sam Quinones, who authored the book *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*.

The Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award was given to Matthew Banks, who was introduced by Steve Negus, and Alan Budney presented the Mentorship Award to Steve Higgins.





The final award of the Plenary Session was the Nathan B. Eddy Award. The 2017 recipient is Walter Ling of UCLA. After an introduction by Peggy Compton, Dr. Ling presented the Eddy Lecture, entitled *Accidents and Angels: The Man Who Got His Life Philosophy from a Bottle Cap*.



(The videos of the award presentations and remarks can be viewed on the CPDD website.)

Following the Plenary, a luncheon was held for the CPDD Early Career Travel Awardees, organized with the help of Yasmin Mashhoon and Jennifer Havens.



Sunday afternoon's sessions began with the President's Symposium on the topic of *Enhancing Research on Controlled Substances*. The panel represented the perspectives from NIDA (Susan Weiss), FDA (Dominic Chiapperino), DEA (Terrence Boos), and researchers (Martin Adler), and the audience was encouraged to participate in the discussion. Bill Dewey, CPDD's Public Policy Officer, chaired the session.



The afternoon program continued with the first five of 33 Oral Communication sessions and the first three of 15 Symposia. Topics ranged from health disparities, to the role of sleep in substance abuse, to mechanisms of the neonatal abstinence syndrome, and eating disorders. In the evening, four workshops were held.

Monday's program began with the first of 4 breakfast poster sessions and exhibits, followed by more oral communications and symposia.





Thanks to our exhibitors, Altasciences Clinical Research, Braeburn Pharmaceuticals, Elsevier, H. Kathleen Childress Designs, Taylor & Francis Group, Tietronix Software, Turning Point (Monash University), and USDTL for supporting our conference.

The Public Policy Forum, chaired by Martin Iguchi and William Dewey, was held over the lunch hour. Bill Dewey spoke about Friends of NIDA, and Ed Long from Van Scoyoc Associates gave an update from Capitol Hill. Speakers in the panel on the potential roles for law enforcement in the opioid overdose crisis were David Rosenbloom, Traci Green, and Leo Beletsky.



Later in the afternoon, the Marian W. Fischman Memorial Award Lecture, entitled *Opioid Euphoria and Dysphoria: A Tale of Two Cities*, was presented by this year's awardee, Sharon Walsh. Sharon was introduced by Michelle Lofwall.





The annual Pre- and Post-Doc Networking Event sponsored by NIDA, CPDD, and Elsevier drew several hundred hungry trainees and their mentors.



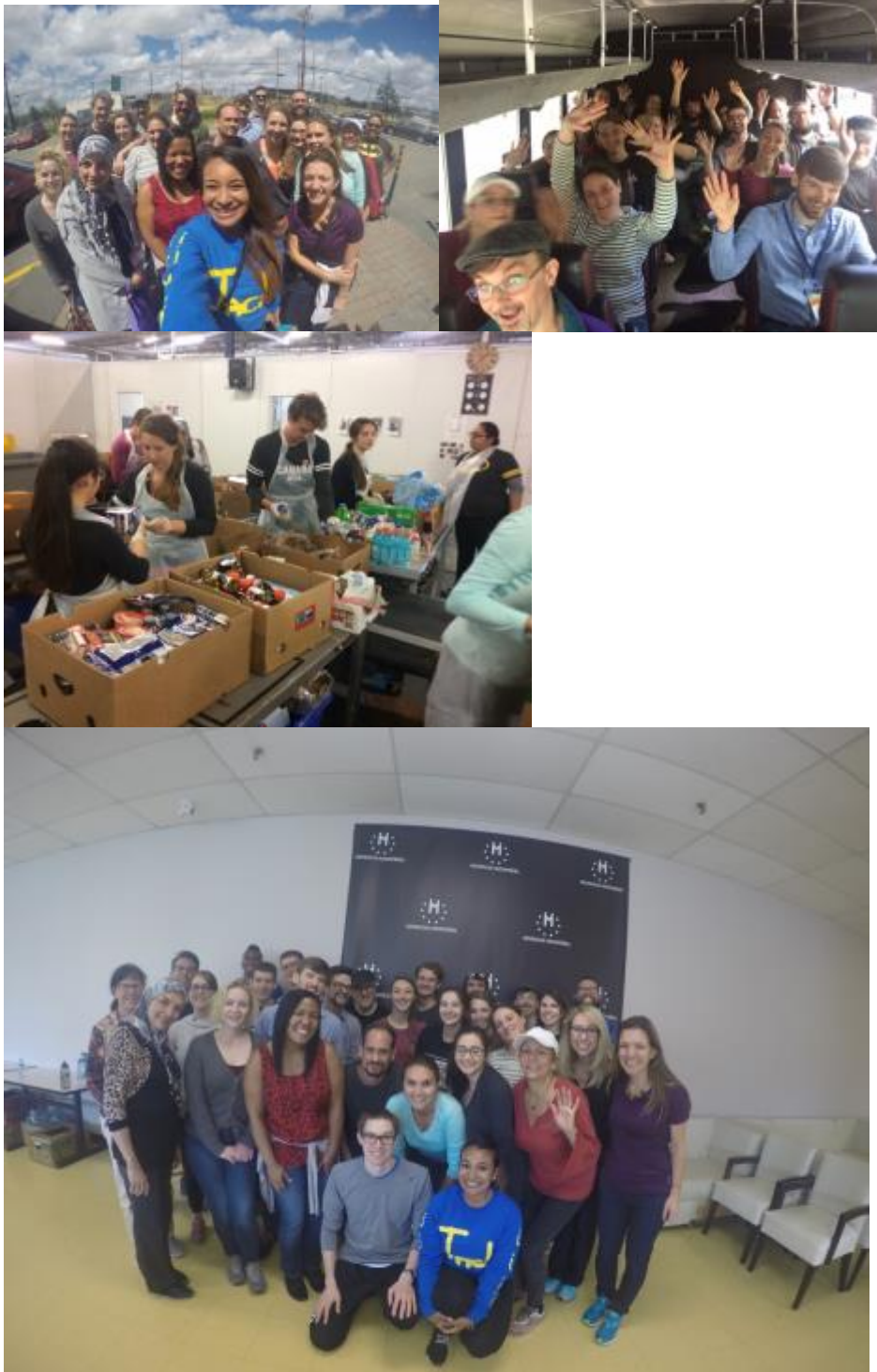


The NIDA International Poster Session and 4 more workshops were held that evening.

Tuesday began with another breakfast poster session.



CPDD's annual outreach event, this year to Moisson Montreal, was organized by Colleen Hanlon and Jessica Weafer. CPDD members and friends packed 361 boxes of food to send to 55 community organizations in Quebec, many of which provide addiction counseling services, family services and job placement.

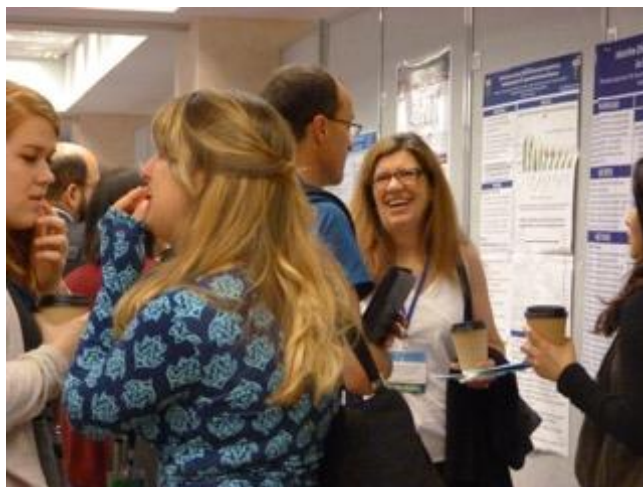
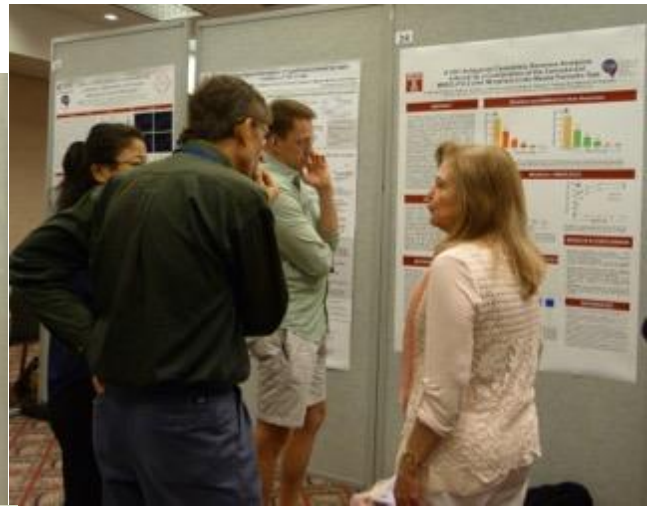


Over the lunch “break”, two forums were held: The Media Forum on *What’s Hot? Pivotal Research in CPDD 2017*, and a Town Hall on *Hopes vs. Reality: Challenges in Development of a Product for the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders*.

A reception for Primm-Singleton Travel awardees was held on Tuesday evening. Debra Furr-Holden, Chair of the Underrepresented Populations Committee, helped organize the event.



On Wednesday morning, the third poster session was followed by more symposia and oral communications prior to the Animals in Research Forum.





The topic for the Animals in Research Forum was *Advancing Our Knowledge of Addiction and Related Psychiatric Disorders with Nonhuman Primate Research*. It was chaired by Marilyn Carroll and Leonard Howell and panelists included James Rowlett, Eric Vallender, and Mar Sanchez.



Late-Breaking Research News, hour-long *speed-data-ing* session, preceded the annual Business Meeting.

President Leonard Howell opened the meeting with a recap of CPDD's activities during the past year, and Loretta Finnegan, Executive Officer, gave a report on the activities of the Executive Office. Outgoing Treasurer, Linda Cottler, gave her report as to the financial state of the organization. Bill Stoops, Chair of the Program Committee then reported on the 2017 Meeting content, and Eric Strain, Editor of *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, gave a brief update on the CPDD-sponsored journal.



Plaques were distributed to retiring Board Members, Toby Eisenstein, Marc Kaufman, and Charles O'Keeffe. Meg Haney completed her term of service as BOD member but will remain on as President-Elect.

Bill Dewey was thanked for his many years of service as Public Policy Officer. Past-President Sandra Comer will now serve in that capacity.

A plaque for service as Treasurer was presented to Linda Cottler by Len Howell. Incoming President Alan Budney then gave Len a plaque and a gift of appreciation for his term as President.



Elections were then held for members on the Nominating Committee. For the Fellows, elected members are Andy Coop and Linda Dwoskin; for the Regular and Associate Members, Colleen Hanlon and Meg Chisolm.

Dinner & dancing to the band *Glam* was on Wednesday evening's agenda.













Thursday morning began with a crack-of-dawn poster session with breakfast.



Following the morning session's oral communications and symposium, the annual Brunch with Champions was held. Younger investigators had an opportunity to chew the fat with more seasoned CPDD members to benefit from their sage advice. This year's champions were Rick Lamb, Bill Stoops, Sharon Walsh, Mike Nader, Ivan Montoya, and Meg Haney. Kenzie Preston organized the event.



At the end of the scientific program, those who remained were rewarded by being eligible for some fabulous (and some less so) prizes in our annual CPDD Sweepstakes Drawing. The event was hosted by Program Committee Chair Bill Stoops and facilitated by a few of our youngest attendees. Prizes included a 2-night stay at the Bayfront Hilton in San Diego for next year's meeting (won by Jerry Stahler), free membership dues for 1 year (Joy Gabrielli), and free meeting registration for 2018 (Laurie Zawertailo). Other lucky winners were Linwei Wang, Chuan-Yu Chen, Kristin Maple, Jane Maxwell, Gregory Powell, Cassandra Prioleau Doj, Nathaniel Katz, Jonathan Martin, Ronald Thompson, Jr., David Otiashvili, Frances Kay-Lambkin, Alecia Dager, Emytis Tavakoli, Karen Hartwell, and Landhing Moran.









Congrats to the winners and thanks to all who participated in our Sweepstakes Drawing!

See you back at the Hilton Bayfront San Diego June 9-14, 2018. Look for submission deadlines and info for symposia, workshops, forums, and abstracts at cpdd.org soon.