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CANADIAN DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION (CDA) ANNOUNCES THE 2010 AWARD WINNERS

OTTAWA, ON, July 29, 2010 – The Canadian Dermatology Association announced the award winners at the President’s Banquet held during the 85th Annual Conference in St. John’s on July 3, 2010. The CDA honoured six winners in the media, industry, not for profit, volunteer and research categories for excellence in advancing public education related to the health of the skin, hair and nails.

The distinguished **President’s Cup** award is given by the CDA president to a CDA member dermatologist whom the president feels has made a significant contribution to the Association. The 2010 President’s Cup was presented to Dr Chantal Bolduc of Montréal, QC for her immense contribution and leadership as the president of the Association of Quebec Dermatologists and her involvement in government negotiations for the specialty of dermatology in Quebec.

Recipients of the Award of Merit exemplify excellence of leadership and contributions made to the CDA in clinical and research activities, teaching, organizational and administrative ability, and community services. This year’s recipient of the **Award of Merit** is Dr. Wayne Gulliver of St. John’s, NL for his extensive contributions to the teaching of medicine and dermatology in Canada as well as his work as an innovative internationally recognized researcher.

The CDA Young Dermatologists’ Volunteer Award recognizes outstanding volunteer medical and dermatologic services to the community by young Canadian dermatologists who are in private practice. **The Young Dermatologists’ Volunteer Award** went to Dr Muba Taher of Edmonton, AB for his enthusiastic contribution to educating other medical professionals as well as the public about proper sun safety and the prevention and treatment of skin cancer.

Other award recipients include:

Media Public Education Awards:

Best Health Magazine – Lesley Young for her article *Let’s Outlaw Tanning Beds for Teens*, an excellent, well-researched article raising awareness about the hazards of tanning beds, especially for teens, which encouraged readers to participate by downloading a letter to send to their local legislative representatives urging them to take action on passing legislations forbidding the use of tanning beds by those under 19.

Not for Profit Public Education Awards:

Canadian Skin Patient Alliance – www.skinpatientalliance.ca This website features credible, unbiased information about many skin condition and diseases. The website also provides dermatologists with a resource to refer their patients to sites which provide support and encouragement among patients with similar skin diseases.

Industry Public Education Award:

Johnson & Johnson – “We Have Eczema Too” is a well-written book with many illustrations to help children understand this very common condition and some daily control measures so they can still play and enjoy being kids.

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About CDA

The Canadian Dermatology Association, founded in 1925, represents Canadian dermatologists. The association exists to advance the science and art of medicine and surgery related to the care of the skin, hair and nails; provide continuing professional development for its members; support and advance patient care; provide public education on sun protection and other aspects of skin health; and promote a lifetime of healthier skin, hair and nails.

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