

CSCC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Chemistry
Sponsored by Bayer Inc. Diagnostics Division

Bhushan M. Kapur

Bhushan Kapur is currently working as a consultant biochemist and toxicologist at St. Michael's Hospital, Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Science Centre and at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Bhushan is president of Clini Tox Inc, a private Clinical Biochemistry and Toxicology consulting firm based in Oakville, Ontario. From 1971 to 1995, Dr. Kapur was director of laboratories, Clinical Research and Treatment Institute, Addiction Research Foundation, Toronto. Bhushan has been an assistant professor of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology at University of Toronto since 1978.

Bhushan was born in Armritsar, India and received his B.Sc. degree from Bombay University in India in 1959. He continued his graduate education in Europe where he completed his D. Phil at Basel University, Switzerland (organic chemistry) under Professor T. Reichstein. Bhushan became a chartered chemist (C. Chem) in the UK in 1976 and a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (UK) in 1980. In 1988, Bhushan became a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry.

Bhushan is fluent in several languages (Hindi, Punjabi, German and English)

Bhushan has been active in a large number of professional activities in Ontario, nationally and internationally. From 1989 – 1992, he was secretary of the CSCC. Bhushan served for 11 years as a laboratory inspector for the College of American Pathologists Forensic Urine Drug Testing Program. Bhushan started the toxicology interest group at the 1991 CSCC annual meeting in Montreal. This continues to the present and Bhushan is responsible for keeping this initiative active at the annual meeting.

To many CSCC members and others, Bhushan is known as the "drug man". Bhushan developed an alcohol dipstick (long before point of care tests for drugs and alcohol became popular). He also developed a computerized blood alcohol calculator programme while at Addiction Research Foundation. Bhushan continues to publish and make presentations on many toxicology and drug monitoring related topics.

Dr. Kapur has travelled back to India on numerous occasions and lectured widely. In 2000, he was the recipient of the CSCC International Visitor's Award.

Dr. Bhushan Kapur is well respected by his colleagues in the CSCC for his knowledge, enthusiasm for learning and willingness to share this with others. Bhushan is a very worthy recipient of the 2004 CSCC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Clinical Chemistry. On behalf of the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists, I wish him continued success in his future activities in the profession of Clinical Chemistry in Canada and internationally. Congratulations, Bhushan.