The 69th Annual Scientific Meeting of the CPDD was held June 16-21, 2007, at the Hilton Quebec and the Quebec City Convention Centre in Quebec, Canada. There were 1264 attendees: 1230 scientific registrants—including 68 Members-In-Training and 133 pre-doctoral students—and 34 social registrants. Forty-five countries and territories were represented. Next to the United States, the largest contingents were from Canada (30), France (29), Japan (22), Australia (20), Spain (18), Sweden (14), Israel and Switzerland (11 each). A gala reception on Saturday evening at the Hilton was the opening event, although several satellite conferences were held earlier in the day. On Sunday morning, the CSAT Travel awards breakfast preceded the Plenary, which began with a welcome from President Thomas Kosten, followed by a report from

Nora Volkow, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Next were the 2007 CPDD Awards for Excellence, beginning with the Media Award, given jointly by NIDA and CPDD, to Sheila Nevins, John Hoffman, and Susan Froemke from HBO, Inc., for their production of *Addiction*.

The award was presented by Dr. Volkow and Dr. Marc Kaufman, chair of CPDD’s Media Relations Committee, to John Hoffman. Next was the Distinguished Service Award, presented to Ellen Geller for her 20+ years of service to the organization by Sharon Walsh, Chair of the Program Committee.
The recipient of this year’s Mentorship Award, Scott Lukas, was introduced by Igor Elman, and Maxine Stitzer presented the winner of the Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award, Nancy Petry.

The most prestigious of CPDD’s annual awards, the Nathan B. Eddy, was bestowed this year on two individuals who have worked together for many years as a team, both scientifically and socially, Jack Mendelson and Nancy Mello. The recipients were introduced by Kenner Rice and Lou Harris, and the presentation of the medals was
followed by an address by the awardees.

The next item on our very packed agenda was the Business Meeting. Reports from Committees and presentation of plaques to retiring Board members, Anna Rose Childress, Steve Negus, Herb Kleber, and Sari Izenwasser. Dorothy Hatsukami also received a commendation for her term of service as Treasurer. Lastly, Tom Kosten received a plaque for his service as President, which was given to him by President-Elect, Steve Higgins.

New members of the Nominating Committee were elected by the membership: Chris-Ellyn Johanson and Linda Cottler representing the Fellows, and Nancy Petry and Michael Nader for the Regular Members.
After lunch, an outstanding President’s Lecture was given by Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, on *HIV/AIDS in 2007: Progress and Priorities.*

Sunday afternoon also brought the first of 17 symposia and 25 oral communication sessions. In addition, this year’s program included 13 evening workshops and 4 breakfast poster sessions. The wide aisles left plenty of room to circulate, even after partaking of the abundant food displays.
On Monday during the lunch “break”, the Public Policy Forum was held, chaired by Martin Iguchi. Reports on funding issues and the work of Friends of NIDA were made by Bill Dewey and Ed Long prior to an address by Kurt Schmoke from Howard University School of Law on A New Approach to Peace in the War on Drugs.

After digesting what was said, as well as their brown bag lunches, the attendees participated in a lively discussion.

A report from the Office of National Drug Control Policy followed, with an address by former CPDD Board Member Bertha Madras, who is now Deputy Director, Demand Reduction on Drug Policy: Prevention, Intervention, Treatment Programs.
The culmination of Monday afternoon’s program was the Marian W. Fischman Memorial Award Lecture, presented by the 2007 awardee, Dorothy K. Hatsukami. Dr. Hatsukami was introduced by Jack Henningfield.

A mixer for pre- and post-docs was held Monday evening, with lots of food and opportunities to network with Training Grant Directors and other students and fellows. The event was co-sponsored by a number of NIDA Training Directors and CPDD.
The President’s reception for former Eddy Award winners and Past-Presidents was also held on Monday evening in Dr. Kosten’s suite.
On Tuesday, a luncheon for all 2005, 2006 and 2007 Early Career Investigator Awardees was held.
During the same time slot as the lovely plated luncheon, the Animals in Research Forum was brown-bagging it, while listening to a talk by Richard Bianco from the Office of Regulatory Affairs at the University of Minnesota on *Advocating and Explaining Controversial Science*. 
The annual NIDA-sponsored Grant-Writing Workshop took place on Tuesday afternoon, while most of the rest of us were enjoying the sights and shopping in Quebec.

On Wednesday evening, we had a buffet dinner at the convention center with music and dancing. The Tuxedos were a great band and instrumental in getting everyone up out of their chairs and onto the dance floor.
On Thursday, after the last of the poster sessions, our annual Brunch with Champions was held. This year’s champs were as follows:
Eddy Awardees Nancy Mello and Jack Mendelson;

President-Elect Steve Higgins; President Tom Kosten;
outgoing Program Chair Extraordinaire, Sharon Walsh; Howard Chilcoat;

Jim Woods; Harriet DeWit.
The Brunch event has been expertly organized for the past few years by Jennifer Tidey, who will turn over the job to Stephanie Licata next year.

At the close of our sessions on Thursday, the ever-popular CPDD Sweepstakes Drawing was held. Lucky winners went home with lots of goodies, from souvenirs of Quebec, to free membership dues, to 2 free nights at the Caribe Hilton (next year’s meeting site), to free meeting registration for 2008.
Congrats to all the winners! When you come to CPDD 2008, plan to stay to the end of the meeting, and you, too, may be a winner. (If not, at least you’ll have a better tan.)
See you June 14-19, 2008, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at the 70th Annual Scientific Meeting!