

## Roche Fellowship in Clinical Oncology unveiled in Halifax

Cancer research in Nova Scotia received a boost with the announcement on June 27, 2006 by *Cancer Care Nova Scotia* and Capital Health of the establishment of the *Roche Fellowship in Clinical Oncology*.

The donation of \$225,000 by **Hoffmann-LaRoche Limited (Roche)** provides funding for the recruitment and salary costs of one clinical research fellow, in each of the next three years, to join the medical oncology team at Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine and Capital Health.

The clinical and research activities of the first *Roche Clinical Research Fellow* will focus on breast cancer. The fellow will join *Cancer Care Nova Scotia's* Breast Cancer Site Team and will dedicate 50% of his/her time to support a medical oncologist in treating and caring for breast cancer patients. The remaining 50% will be dedicated research time with an assigned mentor and supervisor to conduct a clinical research project in breast cancer.

## Purdue Pharma Receives Business Excellence Award

**Purdue Pharma** is the recipient of a *Business Excellence Award* from the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade.

John Stewart, Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Purdue Pharma and past chair of the Rx&D Board of Directors, accepted the award on behalf of the company at a gala dinner held on October 26, 2006.

## Pfizer Contributes \$100k to the Quebec Sports and Physical Activity Day

**Pfizer** has partnered with the Quebec government to promote healthy living habits and encourage the province's citizens to "take up the health challenge."

With a donation of \$100,000 to the *Quebec Sports and Physical Activity Day*, which took place on October 6, 2006, the company confirmed its willingness to make an active contribution to the well-being of the community.

Collaboration and partnerships are among Pfizer's major philanthropic priorities. The company's community investment program alone has invested \$17 million in >1,000 non-profit projects and organizations. The company also plays an important role in the prevention of heart disease in the workplace through its *Tune Up Your Heart* program.

## ALTANA Pharma Donates \$255,000 to Laval University for Respiratory Research

On October 13, 2006, Dr. Alan Davis, Vice-President of scientific affairs at **ALTANA Pharma Inc.**, announced a \$255,000 donation to Laval University to help fund research in the area of respiratory health.

The main beneficiaries of the donation are the Laval Hospital Research Centre and the *Groupe de recherche en santé respiratoire de l'Université Laval* (GESER), one of Canada's leaders in the field of respiratory health.

"ALTANA Pharma is proud to renew its commitment to Laval University by donating generously to support the work done by Laval Hospital Research Centre and GESER," stated Dr. Davis. ALTANA Pharma has donated > \$500,000 to Laval University since 2004, mostly to the Research Centre and GESER.