



Welcome to the 14th issue of the CACCN's Critical Connections Bulletin!

June 2008

The CACCN is pleased to bring you this monthly email to keep you informed regarding the latest association news, events, and contests.

NEW TO CACCN?

- The Board of Directors is extending a hearty welcome to new CACCN members.
- We are looking forward to your involvement in the CACCN at the Chapter and National levels.
- Please visit our website at www.caccn.ca or feel free to contact National Office, if you have a question or require additional information.
- For information on the 2008-2009 Board of Directors, click [here](#).
- For information on your individual Chapter, click [here](#)
- For information on CACCN Position Statements, click [here](#)

2008 DATES TO REMEMBER (mark your calendars)

- June 30, 2008 – Chapter Quarterly Reports due (April to June 2008)
- August 20, 2008 – Early Bird Registration for [Dynamics 2008](#) ends
- September 1, 2008 – Smiths Educational Award Deadline, click [here](#) for more information
- September 10, 2008 – Registration for [Dynamics 2008](#) ends
- September 27, 2008 – Chapter Connections Day, Montreal, PQ
- September 27, 2008 – Silver Anniversary Chapter Challenge ends
- September 28 to 30, 2008 – [Dynamics 2008](#) Conference, Montreal, PQ
- September 29, 2008 – CACCN Annual General Meeting, Montreal, PQ
- September 30, 2008 – Chapter Quarterly Reports Due (July to September 2008)
- December 31, 2008 – Chapter Quarterly Reports Due (September to December 2008)

CACCN WEBSITE PROJECT

- In response to requests by the membership, the Board of Directors has been working on revising the CACCN website
- The new website is set for launch in early July 2008
- We are very excited about the new look and feel of the site
- Once the site is up and running, we welcome your feedback

ANNUAL REPORT

- The 2008 [Annual Report](#) is now available on line at www.caccn.ca
- This is the draft report pending approval at the Annual General Meeting in September 2008.
- Copies of the draft report has also been sent to the CACCN Communication Boards.

STANDARDS FOR CRITICAL CARE NURSING PRACTICE

- The current edition (3rd) of the CACCN Standards for Critical Care Nursing Practice is under revision.
- The 4th edition is scheduled to be released in Fall 2008
- Hard copies of the current edition are no longer available through the website or National Office
- The electronic copy of the 3rd edition is still available on line at www.caccn.ca under **Publications**.

DYNAMICS – SUMMER JOURNAL

- The 8th annual “Special Dynamics of Critical Care Issue” has been issued and you should have received your copy.
- This issue includes informative and well written abstracts from the poster, oral/poster and oral presentations which will take place during **Dynamics of Critical Care 2008** in Montreal.
- Be sure to bring your copy of the Journal with you to the Conference, so you are able to refer to the Abstracts during the presentations.
- If you did not receive your Summer Journal, please contact National Office at 1-866-477-9077 or 1-519-649-5284 or via email www.caccn.ca to request a copy.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY CHAPTER CHALLENGE

- Don't forget about the Silver Anniversary Chapter Challenge.
- Click **here** for more information.
- Our goal with this initiative is to increase our overall membership by 25%.
- The Silver Anniversary Chapter Challenge ends September 27, 2008.
- Please let us know about initiatives your Chapter is undertaking to meet the Challenge.
- Celebrate CACCN's 25th Anniversary by helping our association grow and prosper this year. Together we can make a difference ... a critical difference.

DYNAMICS 2008 – September 28 to 30, 2008

- This is an exciting time - the brochures have been released for Dynamics 2008
- Registration via mail / fax are already coming in.
- Online registration should hopefully be available in early July 2008.
- If you haven't received your brochure, please contact National Office to request a copy or click **here** to view online.
- This year's Conference promises to be like no other, as we celebrate 25 Years of Critical Care Advocacy.
- Can't wait to see you in Montreal !!!

CHAPTER QUARTERLY REPORTS - April – June 2008

- Chapter Quarterly Reports from April to June 2008 are due in National Office by June 30, 2008.
- Please email to caccn@caccn.ca before June 30, 2008

CHAPTER NEWS

- Toronto Chapter's Evolutions Conference in April 2008 resulted in many new members being welcomed to the Chapter – congratulations !
- If you have information to share about your Chapter – be sure to let National Office know

- Also be sure to update your **Web Page** so everyone has easy access to your Chapter's contact information, events and news.

CACCN AWARDS

- Take advantage of the various awards offered through the CACCN.
- These awards are designed to recognize the contributions of nurses and the different roles we play to enhance patient care.
- It is not too difficult to think of someone who has influenced our career in some way.
- Click [here](#) for a link to our award information.

JOB LINKS

ARE YOU PROMOTING YOUR HOSPITAL TO CRITICAL CARE NURSES ACROSS CANADA?

- Check out the **JOB LINKS** page on our web site.
- Share this link opportunity with the HR/Recruiting team at your facility.
- JOB LINKS provides a great one-stop forum for current critical care nursing opportunities.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

“I have come to believe that life satisfaction/quality of life lies in the ordinary, not in the exceptional. We have to be deriving pleasure from our everyday encounters, the people in our lives and the activities that we do routinely to have any level of contentedness with our lives.”
Dorothy "Dot" Pringle, nursing leader, teacher and mentor

SPREAD THE WORD OF CACCN

Please share this e-mail newsletter with your peers and interested colleagues.

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Celebrating 25 years of critical care advocacy in 2008!