



**Welcome to CACCN's  
Critical Connections Bulletin  
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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, Chapter Presidents and CACCN members extend a hearty welcome to all 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](http://www.caccn.ca) or feel free to contact [National Office](#), if you have a question or require additional information.

**CACCN BOARD OF DIRECTOR - Central Region**

As the CACCN AGM on September 29, 2008, Pamela Cybulski returned to the Board of Directors as the Director for Central Region by acclamation. Pam will continue as Board Secretary responsible for Membership/Recruitment. Congratulations Pam !

**CHAPTER QUARTERLY REPORTS - July to September 2008**

Chapter Quarterly Financial reports from July 1 to September 30, 2008 are due in National Office. Please email your reports to [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions or require assistance with the reporting template, please contact National Office. If you have already sent your reports - Thank You !!

**DYNAMICS 2008 - Montreal, Quebec - September 28 to 30, 2008**

Thank you to Asha Pereira, Planning Committee Chair and the Planning Committee: Glenda Roy (Newfoundland), Kathy Yeomans (Montreal), Patricia Rose (Montreal), Renee Chauvin (Montreal), Lisa Goulet (Montreal), Sandra Goldsworthy (Ontario) and Christine Halfkenny-Zellas (National Office) for their hard work on planning this exciting event.

Special thank you to our onsite volunteers and room monitors from Montreal: Jocelyn St. Laurent, Louise Fullerton, Natasha Dupuis and Marie Noelle Giroux.

Thank you to everyone who presented and attended at this fabulous event !

Session notes will soon be available online at [www.caccn.ca](http://www.caccn.ca) under the Events folder.

Presenter Evaluations will be distributed by the end of December 2008 at the latest.

If you enjoyed comedian Steve Patterson at the Gala Dinner, you will love that we received mention in his blog following the event. Check it out here:

[Steve Patterson Blog](#)

## **CHAPTER OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED**

Congratulations to **CALGARY CHAPTER** on receiving the Sorin Chapter of the Year Award !

[Chapter of the Year Criteria](#)

## **BRENDA MORGAN LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Congratulations to **Paula Price**, the 2008 recipient of this prestigious award ! Paula was nominated by Gail Liggett, Mike Metzger and Elaine Rose.

[Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award Criteria](#)

Stay tuned to the website for the Dynamics 2008 Award Ceremony update listing all award recipients and photos of Paula receiving her award.

## **CARDINAL HEALTH "CHASING EXCELLENCE AWARD"**

The CACCN, together with Cardinal Health Canada is pleased to announce the new Cardinal Health - Chasing Excellence Award which will be presented annually to a CACCN member who consistently demonstrates excellence in critical care nursing practice. The Cardinal Health Chasing Excellence Award is valued at \$ 1,000.00 to be used by the recipient for continued professional or leadership development in critical care nursing.

The Cardinal Health - Chasing Excellence Award Criteria will be available on the website in the near future.

## **SILVER ANNIVERSARY CHAPTER CHALLENGE**

The Silver Anniversary Chapter challenge ended on September 27, 2008. The goal of the challenge was to increase our membership base by 25% between October 1, 2007 and September 27, 2008. Thanks to all of you, we are excited to announce we reached ninety-five percent (95%) of the goal established, with some chapters reaching 100% and more. At Chapter Connections Day, the Chapter Presidents and the National Board of Directors decided to continue the Silver Anniversary Chapter Challenge for another year. The challenge will run

from October 1, 2008 to September 26, 2009.

## **DYNAMICS - FALL JOURNAL**

We hope you have had a chance to read through the most recent Dynamics Journal. This copy of the Journal puts the faces to the names of our Clinical Editor, Paula Price and her Editorial Review Board team.

Interested in providing an article for the Journal? [Click here](#)

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

[London Regional Chapter](#) hosted a Fall Education Day on October 17, 2008. London has also launched a Chapter website - you can find the link on their webpage.

[New Brunswick Chapter](#) hosted the New Brunswick Critical Care Education Experience on October 27, 2008.

[Saskatchewan Chapter](#) is hosting a Fall Conference on November 4, 2008.

[Edmonton Chapter](#) is hosting an Updates in Critical Care Protocols and Practices Conference on November 17, 2008.

[Ottawa Chapter](#) has updated their webpage. Be sure to stop by for a visit.

If you are hosting an event or just want to share news of your chapter, please be sure to update your webpage at [Chapters](#) and let National Office know, so the home page calendar can be updated with your information.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

[CNA Certification Examination](#): deadline November 1, 2008 to apply to write the exam

Chapter Financial Reports for Third Quarter 2008-2009 due December 31, 2008 at National Office

[Spacelabs Innovative Project Award](#): deadline January 15, 2009

[Smiths Educational Award](#): deadline January 31, 2009

[CACCN Research Grant](#): deadline February 15, 2009

## **DYNAMICS 2009 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

["Navigating the Future: Sail the River of Knowledge"](#) is the theme for Dynamics 2009 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, September 27 - 29, 2009. Cecilia St. George-Hyslop, Chair and the Planning Committee are already hard at work preparing another exciting conference.

Deadline for Abstract submissions to be received in National Office is January 31, 2009.

## **DYNAMICS 2010 CALL FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Teddie Tanguay, Planning Chair for Dynamics 2010 is seeking Planning Committee Members. Dynamics 2010 will be held in Edmonton, Alberta.

Any CACCN member interested in working on this committee should submit a resume and summary of conference planning experience to National Office at [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) by March 1, 2009. Selection of the Planning Committee will take place in March 2009.

For further information on this exciting opportunity, please contact [CACCN National office](#).

## **CACCN STANDARDS OF CRITICAL CARE NURSING PRACTICE**

The CACCN Standards of Critical Care Nursing Practice Task Force has been selected and all are eager to get to work on the review and revision. The selection process was very difficult, as there were many interested, well qualified members with outstanding resumes/CVs. The committee members selected represent a good cross section of members from West, Central and Eastern Canada, with pediatrics also represented. Thank you to everyone for submitting your name.

Copies of the current Standards are located online at [Publications](#).

## **CACCN WEBSITE PROJECT / WEBMAIL UPDATE**

We are currently working on Phase II of the website which will include the Members Only area with your user name/password, along with archived documents and other features we know you will enjoy. We thank you for your patience as we continue to work on this project. So far the results look great to us, but we would like to hear from you. If you have any feedback on the website design so far, please feel free to email [website@caccn.ca](mailto:website@caccn.ca) with a copy to [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca).

## **GRAB YOUR CAMERAS !**

CACCN is looking for photos of you to grace the webpage. We are interested in photos of nurses caring for patients, conferring with one another, teaching, enjoying an educational day, viewing/working with equipment, etc. For additional information and to access the consent to photography or audiovisual recording form - which **MUST** accompany each photo, please visit the [home page](#) under Contests (please note this is **NOT** a contest).

## **JOB LINKS**

We had a lot of traffic to the website with Dynamics 2008 and that traffic continues as members and non-members alike visit to see if the session notes have been posted. This is the perfect time to highlight your hospital or health centre. Share this link opportunity with the HR/Recruiting team at your facility. For additional information, visit [JOB LINKS](#). **Look for changes to the advertising policy / pricing in the future.**

## **NEW TO THE WEBSITE: VOLUNTEER LINKS !!**

**Want the excitement and satisfaction of helping someone half the world away???**

CACCN has implemented a [Volunteer](#) area in Job Links for organizations who are looking for volunteers to provide medical support in remote communities and developing countries around the world for short periods of time.

## **COMING SOON: BANNER ADS !!!**

Rotating banner ads will be coming to the CACCN website in the near future. These ads provide great exposure for a reasonable cost. Share this information with your HR/Recruiting team and with your medical supply representatives.

## **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

***"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around" -- Leo Buscaglia.***

## **SPREAD THE WORD OF CACCN**

Please share this email newsletter with your peers and interested colleagues.

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