



**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.

■ MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are quickly coming to the end of the CACCN Silver Anniversary year and what a fabulous year it has been ! As we approach the end of our first 25 years, we reflect and express our thanks to the CACCN members who have worked tirelessly through difficult and prosperous times to make the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses, the strong voice of critical care excellence it is today. Without the vision and leadership of our past presidents, national board members and chapter executive board members, who have developed, nurtured and lead this organization, we would not be as successful as we have been.

The Silver Anniversary Chapter Challenge was a great success with many chapters exceeding the goal of increasing membership by 25% between October 1, 2007 and September 27, 2008. Chapter Connections Day saw members from each chapter come together to enthusiastically share their achievements from 2008 and to communicate their goals for 2009. Congratulations to all Chapters on their success !

The Dynamics 2008 planning committee promised a silver lined Celebration of 25 years of Critical Care Advocacy and ...from the sold out status early in September, to the presenters, to the amazing gala dinner ... what a wonderful event it was !

Looking back, we have much to be proud of. Looking forward, we have many new opportunities available to us. We will continue to be the "Voice" of critical care nursing for another twenty-five years and beyond.

We wish to take this time to wish you and your families a very safe and happy Holiday Season !

■ NEW TO CACCN?

The Board of Directors is extending a hearty welcome to all new and renewing 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.

UPCOMING CACCN AWARD DEADLINES

Take advantage of the Awards offered by CACCN. **NOW** is the time to start working on your submissions:

Spacelabs Innovative Project Award

Do you have a unique idea? The Spacelabs Innovative Project Award will be presented to a group of critical care nurses who develop a project that will enhance their professional development.

Award: \$1000.00 will be granted to the Award winner and \$500.00 for the runner up or \$750.00 each for two equally deserving submissions

Deadline for award submissions: January 15, 2009

[Spacelabs Innovative Project Award Criteria](#)

Smiths Educational Award

The CACCN Educational Awards have been established to provide funds (\$1000.00 each) to assist critical care nurses to attend continuing education programs at the Baccalaureate, Masters and Doctorate of nursing levels.

Deadline for award submissions: January 31, 2009

[Smiths Educational Award Criteria](#)

CACCN Research Grant

A CACCN research grant has been established to provide funds (\$2,500) to support the research activities of a CACCN member that are relevant to the practice of critical care nursing.

Deadline for award submissions: February 15, 2009

[CACCN Research Grant Criteria](#)

SILVER ANNIVERSARY CHAPTER CHALLENGE 2008-2009

The Silver Anniversary Chapter challenge has been extended for another year ! The goal once again is to increase our membership by 25% between October 2008 and September 2009. Get involved. Ask your chapter executive how you can make this goal a reality.

TWIN and WIN 2009

Twin and Win is back for 2009. Current members of CACCN who recruit new members between January 1, 2009 and April 30, 2009 will receive a coupon off their next year's

membership renewal. More information to come in January! Let's work together to increase our membership base!

PILOT PROJECT - STUDENT and TWO YEAR MEMBERSHIP

At the Annual General Meeting the Board of Directors announced the implementation of a pilot membership project which includes student memberships and two year membership.

Student Membership will be available to students at \$ 50.00 annually.

A student will be defined as "any student in an accredited professional nursing program who is currently not licensed as a registered nurse / graduate nurse. Student members will have all rights of membership, with the exception of voting rights at the local/national level. National Office will be sending information to the Provincial Student Nursing Associations and associated nursing schools.

Two Year Membership will be available at a cost of \$ 140.00 for the two years. The two year membership provides a savings of \$ 10.00 when paying on an annual basis.

If you are interested in the student membership application forms for distribution or the two year membership application, please contact National Office at caccn@caccn.ca.

DYNAMICS 2009 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Mark your calendars for Dynamics 2009 - "Navigating the Future: Sail the River of Knowledge", September 27 to 29, 2009 in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

The call for abstracts is posted on the website – [click here for a direct link](#)

Deadline for abstract submissions: January 31, 2009

DYNAMICS 2010 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dynamics 2010 will be held in Edmonton, Alberta from September 19 to 21, 2010. The Dynamics 2010 Planning Committee is chaired by Teddie Tanguay, CACCN Director – Western Region.

If you are interested in participating on the Planning Committee, please submit your resume and summary of conference planning experience to the CACCN national office **by March 1, 2009**. Selection of the task force members will take place in March 2009.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark these dates on your calendar !

- January 1, 2009 Twin and Win starts
- January 15, 2009 Chapter Financial Reports due January 9, 2009
- January 15, 2009 Spacelabs Innovative Project Award submission deadline
- January 31, 2009 Smiths Educational Award submission deadline
- January 31, 2009 Dynamics 2009 - Abstract Submission deadline

- February 15, 2009 CACCN Research Grant application deadline
- March 1, 2009 Call for Dynamics 2010 planning committee member's deadline
- March 31, 2009 Chapter Quarterly/Annual Reports due April 15, 2009
- April 30, 2009 Last day for Twin and Win

CHAPTER NEWS

We are highlighting one chapter per month on the home page of the website. The link following the information on your community, will take visitors to your chapter webpage. Now is the time to update information on your chapter, events you are holding, and contact information !! If you require assistance with updating the page, please feel free to contact National Office.

December is highlighting [Nova Scotia Chapter](#)

If you are hosting an event, please let National Office know the dates and particulars, so the home page calendar can be updated with your information.

CACCN COMMUNICATION BOARDS

If your unit doesn't have a communication board, please seek approval from your manager and/or hospital administration. Upon receipt of approval, please contact National Office at caccn@caccn.ca.

GRAB YOUR CAMERAS !!!

CACCN is still looking for photos of Critical Care Nurses working in their units for display on the website. We are looking for nurses caring for patients, conferring with one another, teaching, enjoying an educational day, viewing and working with equipment, etc.

For more information and to access the consent to photography or audiovisual recording form [please click here](#). Please note: This is **not** a contest

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE? THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS?

Check out the [JOB LINKS](#) and [VOLUNTEER LINKS](#) on our web site.

Please share this link opportunity with the HR/Recruiting team at your facility. Contact the CACCN national office for posting details.

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION LOOKING TO HIRE NEW STAFF MEMBERS?

Please share this link opportunity with the HR/Recruiting team at your facility. Contact the CACCN national office for posting details or provide this website address:

<http://www.caccn.ca/en/joblinks/index.html>

RELEVANT LINKS

- [CACCN Awards](#)

- [CACCN Chapters](#)
- [Canadian Nurses Association](#)
- [Interested in Certification?](#)
- [Other Conferences and Workshops](#)

🌿 **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

“To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world”

Heather Cortez

🌿 **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!