



**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 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](http://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:

**Deadline extended for: 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: March 1, 2009 (deadline extended for 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

#### 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**

#### 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 \$ 10.00 coupon towards their next year's membership renewal. Please make sure your colleague puts your name in the referral area on the membership form. For additional information, view the [Twin and Win Flyer](#)

#### PILOT PROJECT - TWO YEAR MEMBERSHIP IS NOW AVAILABLE

**Two Year Membership is now 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 two year membership application, please contact National Office at [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca).

If you have received a renewal form and wish to take advantage of the two year membership, please make a note on the renewal form and return in the envelope provided, with your cheque for \$140.00 payable to CACCN.

#### DYNAMICS 2010 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dynamics 2010 will be held in Edmonton, Alberta from September 19 to 21, 2010. We are looking for interested members to participate on the Conference Planning Committee.

Please submit your name and resume to CACCN national office **by March 1, 2009**. Selection of the task force members will take place in March 2009.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – DR. MARY LOU KING

We would like to acknowledge **Dr. Mary Lou King, Assistant Professor of Nursing** at The University of Western Ontario, London for encouraging membership in CACCN.

Dr. King acknowledges the valuable support of critical care nurses acting as preceptors to students enrolled in the Critical Care Bridging Program (CCBP).

The CCBP is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and The Change Foundation. CCBP is a research project directed at transitioning new nursing graduates into critical care. **Thank you for your support !**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Mark these dates on your calendar !**

January 1, 2009	Twin and Win Starts
January 15, 2009	Spacelabs Innovative Project Award Submissions Due
January 31, 2009	Smiths Educational Award Submissions Due
January 31, 2009	Dynamics 2009 Abstract Submission Deadline
February 15, 2009	CACCN Research Grant Submissions Due
March 01, 2009	Call for Dynamics 2010 Planning Committee Applications Due
April 30, 2009	Last day for Twin and Win
June 01, 2009	BBraun Mentorship Award Submission Deadline
June 01, 2009	Baxter Guardian Scholarship Submission Deadline
June 01, 2009	Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award Submission Deadline
June 01, 2009	Cardinal Health "Chasing Excellence" Award Submission Deadline

## CHAPTER NEWS

This month's feature chapter on the CACCN homepage is **Saskatchewan Chapter**.

The link following the information on your community, will take visitors to your chapter webpage. [Now is the time to update your Chapter webpage !!](#) If you require assistance with updating the page, please feel free to contact National Office.

Our February featured chapter will be **Toronto 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

Look for updated information to fly into your communication board in late January, early February 2009.

If your unit doesn't have a communication board, please seek approval from your manager and/or hospital administration and then contact National Office at [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) to request a board.

### **CACCN WEBSITE**

We are getting closer each day to the launch of the Members Only area of the website. In the upcoming months, you will receive a member login and password, which will allow you to access the information available in Members Only area, such as:

- Board of Directors minutes
- Chapter Connection Day minutes
- Annual General Meeting minutes
- Polls
- Quizzes
- Member's Discussion Forum
- Dynamics Journals from 1997 to the present
- and more !!!

### **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

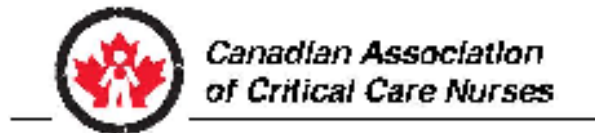
### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

***"Treat people as if they are what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of being."***

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

 **SPREAD THE WORD OF CACCN**

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



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