



**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 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

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2009 (extended for 2009)

Spacelabs Innovative Project Award Criteria

FINAL CALL: DYNAMICS 2010 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dynamics 2010 will be held in Edmonton, Alberta from September 19 to 21, 2010. Teddie Tanguay, Director is the Planning Committee Chair.

We are looking for interested members to participate on the Conference Planning Committee.

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

CARDINAL HEALTH CANADA - "Appreciation through Education" Program

CACCN is an active participant in the Cardinal Health Canada **"Appreciation through Education Program"**, which is open to Canadian Hospitals who carry the Cardinal / Alaris infusion pump. This program will benefit **nurses**, CACCN members and non-members alike, at hospital facilities across Canada, who order Cardinal/Alaris infusion products.

For additional information, please visit: [Cardinal Health Appreciation through Education Program](#)

CELEBRATING NATIONAL NURSING WEEK - May 11 to 17, 2009

"Nursing - You Can't Live Without It!"

The objective of the CNA theme for 2009 is to profile the importance and impact Registered Nurses have on the lives of Canadians and to promote the understanding and appreciation for the vital role of nurses.

Send in a picture, story or poem to help promote understanding of Critical Care Nursing
Win Tuition to Dynamics 2009, September 27-29, in Fredericton, NB

For more information: [Nursing Week Contest](#)

TWIN and WIN 2009

Twin and Win is back for 2009. When you recruit a NEW member to CACCN between January 1 and April 30, 2009, you will receive a \$ 10.00 coupon towards their next year's membership renewal. 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. This project is shaping up to be a success, with a number of members choosing this option. 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.

CANADIAN NURSES FOUNDATION

The Canadian Nurses Foundation has released their 2009 Scholarship and Award programs. Follow the links on our [Education & Resources](#) page.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark these dates on your calendar !

February 15, 2009	CACCN Research Grant Submissions Due
March 01, 2009	Spacelabs Innovative Project Award Submissions Due
March 01, 2009	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 [Toronto Chapter](#). Be sure to visit their webpage and their website !

If your chapter hasn't updated their CACCN webpage, please consider doing so. If you require assistance with updating the page, please feel free to contact National Office.

We can list your event on the CACCN Homepage calendar !! If you are hosting an upcoming event, please send the information to National Office.

CACCN COMMUNICATION BOARDS

The Board of Directors would like to send a special thank you to the Hospital Liaisons, who look after the CACCN communication boards, updating the information as received. Without your assistance, spreading the word of CACCN would be more difficult.

Remember: If you run out of communication board items, please contact National Office at caccn@caccn.ca or 1-866-477-9077 to request additional materials.

CACCN WEBSITE

We are very excited to finally be entering the 'testing' phase of the Members Only section of the CACCN website. We know you will be pleased when you view the functionality and availability of information on the site, such as:

- Polls
- CEU Quizzes
- Member's Discussion Forum
- Dynamics Journals from 1997 to the present
- Board of Directors meeting minutes

- Chapter Connection Day minutes
- Annual General Meeting minutes
- 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.

IS YOUR ORGANIZATION LOOKING TO HIRE NEW STAFF MEMBERS?

Remember to share this employment 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

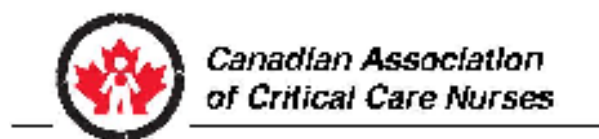
“Healthy citizens are the greatest asset any country can have”

Winston Churchill

Note: We are looking for funny, thought provoking and inspirational quotes for the critical connections bulletin. If you have a favourite quote or saying that you would like to share with CACCN members, please email to caccn@caccn.ca under the title of “MY FAVOURITE QUOTE”.

SPREAD THE WORD OF CACCN

Please share this e-mail newsletter with your peers and interested colleagues and tell them how they too can have the newsletter delivered directly to their inbox !



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