



**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 questions or require additional information.

**CELEBRATING NATIONAL NURSING WEEK - May 11 to 17, 2009**

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

National Nursing Week was a wonderful opportunity to promote and show appreciation for the vital role nursing plays in the health system and in the life of every Canadian.

Congratulations to **Debra Mayer** who submitted [Nursing: Critical Care](#) for the CACCN Nursing Week Contest. Debra received complimentary early bird tuition to Dynamics 2009 in Fredericton, NB.

**DYNAMICS 2009 – SEPTEMBER 27 TO 29, 2009 - FREDERICTON, NB**

The Dynamics 2009 Brochures have been issued and is also available online at [Dynamics 2009](#). Online registration is set to be implemented on June 19, 2009. Dynamics generally sells out, so register early !

We have many exciting events / tours planned for the conference. Don't forget to order your tour tickets and dinner tickets when filling out your conference registration forms. If you have already registered and didn't book a tour, check out the information in the [Delegate Portal](#).

**DYNAMICS 2009 – BROCHURE REVISIONS**

Please note the following information is listed incorrectly in the Dynamics 2009 Brochure. We extend our sincere apologies to the presenters/authors for the misinformation in the brochure:

Monday, September 28, 2009 -- L4 -- Dr. Janet Storch – Session Title is "Patient Safety in Turbulent Waters"

Poster Presentation # 1: The Introduction of an ICU Nurse Clinician: Successes, Challenges and Lessons Learned\*\* - Authors of the presentation are: Julie Jones, Debra Mayer and Pamela McElheran

## DYNAMICS 2009 – ABSTRACT PRESENTERS

If you are the first author, please email [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) to confirm receipt of your presenter's package. If you haven't received the package, please contact National Office.

Please return the All Required Information Sheet to National Office by August 15, 2009. For information on preparing for your presentation, please visit our online [Presenter Portal](#).

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CACCN MEMBERS**

### **CACCN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The CACCN Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 16:45 hrs, at Dynamics 2009 - Delta Fredericton, Fredericton, NB. All members are encouraged to attend.

### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The National Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses is issuing a Call for Nominations for the position of Board of Director.

[Nomination Forms](#)

### **CONSTITUTION/BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

CACCN National Board of Directors is hereby providing notice of Constitution/Bylaw amendments to be presented at the CACCN AGM. Please take some time to review the proposed Constitution/Bylaw Amendments.

[Constitution and Bylaw Amendments](#)

### **DYNAMICS 2012 PROPOSAL TO HOST WFCCN WORLD CONGRESS**

CACCN National Board of Directors has been approached to present a proposal to the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses to host the WFCCN World Congress in conjunction with Dynamics 2012 being held in Vancouver, BC. Please review the proposal information.

[WFCCN Proposal](#)

### **CACCN PROXY VOTES**

Proxy votes must be received in National Office by not later than midnight, Monday, September 21, 2008. Completed Proxy forms must be submitted to National Office by email: [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) or facsimile 519-649-1458 or sent by ExpressPost to CACCN, PO Box # 25322, London, ON, N6C 6C1.

[Proxy Forms](#)

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### **COME IN AND LOOK AROUND ... THE DOOR IS OPEN !!!**

The CACCN website – **MEMBERS ONLY area** launched on June 1, 2009. If you haven't received your user name and password via email, please contact National Office at [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) with your email address.

### **"RACE TO FIND THE SILVER LINING" WEBSITE CONTEST**

On your marks, get set, go.... This contest runs until June 30, 2009. Don't miss your

opportunity to win early bird tuition to Dynamics 2009. Two prizes to be drawn !  
[Race to Find the Silver Lining Entry Information](#).

### **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>

### **UPCOMING CACCN AWARD DEADLINES**

Take advantage of the Awards offered by CACCN. The following award has a deadline of **September 1, 2009**.

#### **Smiths Educational Award**

*Please remember – you do not have to wait for the award deadline to submit your application or a nomination package for a colleague.*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Please visit the calendar on the [CACCN homepage](#) for upcoming events.

### **CHAPTER NEWS**

The featured chapter for this month on the CACCN homepage is [British Columbia](#). Be sure to visit their webpage !!

### **CACCN COMMUNICATION BOARDS**

No communication board in your unit or hospital? Interested in having one? Please contact National Office at [caccn@caccn.ca](mailto:caccn@caccn.ca) to inquire.

### **CACCN MAILING LIST POLICY**

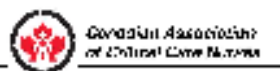
CACCN does **not** rent or sell our membership lists to external vendors. The CACCN mailing list is provided to the National Board of Directors, your individual Chapter and Pappin Communications, Publisher of Dynamics, the Official Journal of the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses.

### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH**

*I think of us all as music boxes - beautiful and full of music - especially when we open up!* SARK

### **SPREAD THE WORD OF CACCN**

Please share this e-mail newsletter with your peers and interested colleagues. Let them know CACCN membership ensures the newsletter is delivered directly to their inbox !



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