



**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 questions or require additional information.

DYNAMICS 2009 - SEPTEMBER 27 TO 29 - FREDERICTON, NB

[Online Registration](#) is now available. **Easy, quick and available 24/7.** Register early, as Dynamics usually sells out !

TOURS / EVENTS AT DYNAMICS 2009

We have several tours and events planned during Dynamics:

- [Kayak Adventure Tour](#) – enjoy a relaxing paddle down the St. John River !
- [Walking Tour](#) – immerse yourself in the local history and folklore as you stroll by some of Fredericton's most historic sights !
- [Culture Crawl](#) - take some time to visit some of Fredericton's impressive art galleries !
- [Haunted Hike](#) – best bring a friend to this evening tour ... you don't want to be alone when Fredericton's ghosts come out to welcome you !
- **Baxter Medical** is hosting their annual reception at the Kingswood Golf Club
- [CACCN Annual Dinner](#) as always is shaping up to be an evening of fabulous food and musical entertainment

If you have already registered and didn't book a tour, complete the forms and forward to CACCN National Office at 519-649-1458 with your Visa/MasterCard number to register.

DYNAMICS 2009 – ABSTRACT PRESENTERS

First Authors, please email caccn@caccn.ca to confirm receipt of your presenter's package ASAP ! The following information is due by August 15, 2009: [All Required Information Sheet](#) and your PowerPoint presentation. For information on preparing for your presentation, please visit our online [Presenter Portal](#).

DYNAMICS 2009 – BROCHURE REVISIONS

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**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 packages are due in National Office by no later than July 29, 2009 midnight EST.](#)**

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.](#)**

DYNAMICS 2012 PROPOSAL TO HOST WFCCN WORLD CONGRESS

CACCN National Board of Directors has prepared a **[Host 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.

CACCN PROXY VOTES

If you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting and still wish to register your vote, please note: **[Proxy Vote Forms](#)** must be received in National Office by not later than **midnight, Monday, September 21, 2009.**

"RACE TO FIND THE SILVER LINING" WEBSITE CONTEST

Congratulations to **Kathy Loree** (London Regional Chapter) and **Grace MacConnell** (Nova Scotia Chapter), the recipients of the two Dynamics Early Bird Tuition Coupons. We had twenty-two (22) entrants. Thank you to everyone who participated in the website contest.

NEWS UPDATE: H1N1 VIRUS

[Number of Cases in Canada](#)
[Government of Canada Identifies New Strain of Virus](#)
[Information for Healthcare Providers](#)
[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

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

The CACCN website – **MEMBERS ONLY area** launched on June 1, 2009. User names and passwords were sent to your email address on file with CACCN National Office on May 31,

2009. If you haven't received or have misplaced your information, please use the [Password Retrieval](#) system. Enter your **email address** to have your user name/password reissued. Please note, CACCN does not have the capability at this time for members to change their password.

THINKING OF CERTIFICATION?

Certification Application deadlines for **2010 Examination** being held **April 17, 2010:**

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| Initial Certification | October 16, 2009 |
| Recertification | November 20, 2009 |

[Certification 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?

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. September 1, 2009 is the deadline for the [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 [New Brunswick](#). 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 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

“Critical Care Nursing ... Something Extraordinary”

Eugene E. Mondor, RN, BScN, MN, CNCC(C) - Greater Edmonton Chapter

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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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