



Welcome to CACCN's Critical Connections Bulletin (August 2009 - Issue # 27)

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



Navigating the Future: Sail the River of Knowledge September 27 - 29 - Fredericton, NB

Online Registration is now available. Easy, quick and available 24/7. **Early Bird Registration ends at midnight EST on Wednesday, August 19, 2009.** After this date, regular rates will apply. If you are mailing your registration, please ensure the information is mailed in time to meet the above noted deadline.

TOURS / EVENTS AT DYNAMICS 2009

We have several tours and events planned for *Saturday, September 26, 2009*:

- *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* – bring a friend to this evening tour ... you don’t want to be alone when Fredericton’s ghosts come out to welcome you !
- *CACCN Annual Dinner* as always is shaping up to be an evening of fabulous food and musical entertainment



Order your tickets soon....last date for tour reservations is **September 4, 2009**. Tour tickets will not be on sale in Fredericton.

A limited number of dinner tickets will be available in Fredericton. Tour and dinner tickets are non-refundable.

HOTEL

Please note the Delta Fredericton conference room block has sold out. For alternate choices, please visit the Accommodation section of the **Delegate Information Portal**.

ACCOMMODATION

TRAVEL

CACCN has an Air Canada Promotional code BW3CM481 for use when booking your air travel. For additional information, please visit the **Transportation** section of the Delegate Information Portal.

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AVAILABLE

Hertz Car Rental has provided special rates for conference delegates. For more information, please visit the **Ground Transportation** section of the Delegate Information Portal.

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ABSTRACT

PRESENTERS

First Authors, please email caccn@caccn.ca with your presenter's package and your presentation asap. If you require additional time for submitting your presentation, please contact National Office at www.caccn.ca.

Please remember, **all** Dynamics 2009 presenters must register for the Dynamics 2009 conference. Please feel free to use the **Online Registration**.



IMPORTANT -- CACCN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, September 27, 2009, 16:45 hrs, at the Delta Fredericton, Fredericton, NB. All members are encouraged to attend.

🍂 NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010 - 2012

The nominees for the CACCN National Board of Directors will be issued with the fall Dynamics Journal. To view the nominees, visit the **Annual General Meeting Portal**.

🍂 AMENDMENTS TO THE CACCN CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The CACCN National Board of Directors is proposing amendments to the constitution and bylaws 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.

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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 EST, 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.

CACCN WEBSITE ...

- Visit the [CACCN website home page](#) to participate in the latest Poll. We are interested in hearing what you have to say. *Please note this poll is for informational purposes only.*
 - Visit the [Members Only Area](#) to participate in the forum discussions. The Board of Directors has forum moderators who will help you to participate more fully in the member's only area. Look for the forum moderators starting in September 2009.
 - If you have misplaced or not received your user name/password, please use the [Password Retrieval](#) system. You must enter the email address CACCN has on file. Please note CACCN does not have the capability at this time for members to change their password. If you still have difficulty, please email caccn@caccn.ca for assistance.
 - Check out the [Banner Ads](#) at the bottom of the homepage. Let your hospital know, they too can advertise on the website for a nominal fee.
 - Look for an exciting announcement at Dynamics 2009 regarding the website ...
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THINKING OF CERTIFICATION?

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

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

[Certification Information](#)

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE? THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS? IS YOUR ORGANIZATION LOOKING TO HIRE NEW STAFF MEMBERS?

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

Don't forget to attend the CACCN Awards Ceremony at Dynamics 2009 on Monday, September 28, 2009.

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](#) will continue to be **New Brunswick**, to highlight the Dynamics 2009 conference.

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.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Nurses dispense comfort, compassion, and caring without even a prescription.

~Val Saintsbury

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