

**CANAC/ACIIS 13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
APRIL – MAY 2005, Evaluation Summary**

**Looking Forward.... Health Promotion in the Context of Living with HIV**

**OVERALL CONFERENCE**

Event	Most common rating (Disappointing, Ordinary, Good, Outstanding)
Promotion and publicity of the conference	Good
Registration/Fees	Good – Ordinary
AIDS 101 workshop	Good – Outstanding
Opening ceremonies	Good – Outstanding
Reception	Good – Outstanding
Awards banquet	Outstanding – Good
Hotel facilities	Good - Outstanding

**Summary of Comments:**

In general the comments were very positive – people enjoyed the conference itself, the location and scenery and, very definitely, the food. Many people said that they enjoyed the opening ceremonies, (especially the lack of long speeches) and the casual relaxed atmosphere of the conference.

There were also negative comments; we were told that some found the conference rooms too cold, the registration forms too complicated, others wanted more handouts for the breakout sessions, would have liked the final program in advance, wanted longer breaks or a less busy schedule. Still others didn't like the break with tradition in having a casual outdoor barbeque in place of the formal Gala dinner.

All these comments have been forwarded to the 2006 conference committee to help us keep improving the conferences.

**PLENARY SPEAKS**

Event	Most common rating (Disappointing, Ordinary, Good, Outstanding)
<b>XVI International AIDS Conference– <i>Ron Rosenes</i></b>	Good – Outstanding
<b>Living with HIV – A Health Promotion Approach for Nurses Infected and Affected by HIV- <i>Deloris Russell</i></b>	Good – Outstanding
<b>No One Left Behind– Labour force Participation for People Living with Episodic Disabilities- <i>Eileen McKee</i></b>	Good – Outstanding
<b>Using without Losing– Claire Lahaie and Marie-Josée Carbonneau</b>	Outstanding - Good

**Summary of Comments:**

Commentators were evenly split between those who preferred the issues based presentations (XVI International AIDS Conference and Living with HIV) and those who preferred the practice based presentations (Using without Losing and No One Left Behind).

## WORKSHOPS

Event	Most common rating (Disappointing, Ordinary, Good, Outstanding)
<b>HIV/AIDS Education for Teachers and Student of Public and Private Schools- <i>Greg Riehl</i></b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>U2 – the Unwilling and Unable– <i>Barbara Ross</i></b>	<b>Good – Outstanding</b>
<b>International Nursing Experiences– <i>Sally Simpson and Mary Lou Miller</i></b>	<b>Outstanding</b>

### Summary of Comments:

The speakers and topics were well appreciated; many expressed a desire for more time in workshops either for the speakers or for questions.

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### Concurrent Session #1 – Reducing Barriers to Care and Treatment

Event	Most common rating (Disappointing, Ordinary, Good, Outstanding)
<b>The Childcare Project: A Model for Enhancing Access to Services for HIV+ Women</b>	<b>Good – Ordinary</b>
<b>Finding the Way – Understanding the Experiences and Perceptions of Aboriginal Women who are Living with HIV/AIDS</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Home Visits – Welcome to our Home</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Healthy Voices: HIV+ Women’s nursing Clinic</b>	<b>Good - Ordinary</b>

### Concurrent Session #2 – Nurses Addressing Challenges in HIV Care

Events	Most common rating (Disappointing, Ordinary, Good, Outstanding)
<b>Making the Most of Teachable Moments: A pilot project for HIV in-Patients</b>	<b>Ordinary</b>
<b>Use of Section 22s for Individuals who are HIV Positive</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>The therapeutic benefits of group antiretroviral adherence counseling: lessons learned from a resource limited setting</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>From Ottawa to Sarajevo and Back again– Lessons learned from teaching HIV Counseling</b>	<b>Good - Outstanding</b>

### Concurrent Session #3 – Treatment and Symptom Management

Events	Most common rating (Disappointing, Ordinary, Good, Outstanding)
<b>Compassionate End-of-Life Care using Therapeutic Touch</b>	<b>Good – Outstanding</b>
<b>HIV and VRE Co-infection</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Initiating Clinical Nursing Algorithms for the Treatment of Opportunistic Infections in Rural Haiti</b>	<b>Good – Outstanding</b>
<b>Street Drugs and ART: What a Nurse Must Know</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>

### Concurrent Session #4 – Multidisciplinary Approaches to HIV Care and Treatment

Events	Most common rating (Disappointing, Ordinary, Good, Outstanding)
Special Considerations for a Closely Guarded Secret	Good – Outstanding
The Casey House Approach: An Innovative Case Management Model	Good – Outstanding
Nine Circles: An Integrated Approach to HealthCare	Good
Maximally Assisted Therapy: An HIV Care program to improve adherence to ARVs for residents of the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver	Good – Ordinary

### POSTERS

Events	Most common rating (Disappointing, Ordinary, Good, Outstanding)
Enneagram as a Tool in HIV/AIDS Nursing Care	Good – Outstanding
The Quebec Mentorship Programme in HIV/AIDS	Good
Technology Without Batteries: a Qualitative Investigation of Palliative Care Nursing Staff's Experience Using Subcutaneous Disposable Infusers	Good
Therapeutic Touch for the Dying Client	Good
Through the Eye of a Needle: women injection drug users in Winnipeg	Good
Primary Health Care for African and Caribbean Women Living with HIV	Good
Improving Communication for Nurses in HIV/AIDS Care in the BC/ Yukon Region: A membership initiative	Good

### Summary of Comments:

There were many comments praising the speakers and the contents of the various presentations. Most people seem to have had a great learning and networking experience and wished they could have attended all the sessions. A few of the commentators said that they did not feel the practice-based sessions were appropriate (i.e. not interested in the specific methods/practices being used in the speakers work setting).

### Feedback For Next Years's Conference

Specific suggestions for future committees included:

1. A request for a repeat of all sessions so more could attend
2. Schedule too crowded with Lunch Symposium, AGM and full day of sessions
3. The meal program was a great idea / did not like the prepaid meal package (even split)
4. Case Studies and Clinic Experiences as well as Lunch symposium were great
5. More nursing awards e.g. scholarships
6. A meeting point/time of day for earlier arrivals
7. Guided tour of area
8. Posters out in the open
9. Don't change time of last day of conference

### Suggestions for speakers or topics for another year:

- Aboriginal focus in the future

- Fundraising ideas for pt care
- Ideas for fundraising
- Have a completely non-HIV related topic like this years intro e.g. Care for caregivers or flower arranging or a massage school to provide free massages all day or home decorating – anything (therapeutic touch for us)
- Sexual presentations & Sex talk, taking a sexually history workshop
- Teaching our HIV patient
- Sally and Mary Lou
- Issues re: HIV+ women
- More medical info & More scientific – tangible nursing tips etc
- The MD that spoke at lunch have him as a plenary
- Care for HIV+ inmates – identify barriers and how to “infiltrate” the judicial system for teaching purposes
- Please invite physicians who work alongside Nurses in AIDS care to be part of the conference and to share their experiences and challenges as well
- Perhaps a session on priorities for nursing research
- Culture diversities
- New information (CCRS, Integue 3 - ? etc.) on Tx – 7 CROI update
- Public Health – section 22s – more in depth
- Any new f/u info on PEP & Sex PEP
- Neuropsychiatric Disorders
- Integrating PHA’s – men and women if possible would be great – sponsored and supported of course
- Innovative projects to increase access to services & How to get related services on board – Housing, Benefits etc.
- Dermatology - SE – ARVs
- Opportunistic Infections