

President's Message



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Deborah Randall-Wood

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Greeting CANAC Members!

I thought that it may be a good idea to share with you the comments that I made at our Annual General Meeting during my President's Report. Many of you were there, but for those of you who were not able to make the trip to Banff in May (and as a refresher for those of you who did!) this will bring you up to speed on the activities of your association over the past year and will provide you with some information on our current and future plans.

As mentioned in my remarks at the Opening Ceremony of our conference, the CANAC Board meets twice a year in person and the rest of the time we conduct the business of the association via

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teleconference and e-mail. And, as always, it has been a busy year.

- We've continued to develop the website (www.canac.org) to make this an even more valuable resource for information and links.
- We've done hours of work on our by-laws and will present suggested changes and reasons to you next year at the AGM.
- We're involved with the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation and the National program Partners Committee for the Canadian AIDS Society Skills Building Workshop.
- We participated in the Canadian Nursing Association Conference in St. Johns and the Nursing Satellite in Bangkok.
- We've worked with CATIE (Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange) to develop a web-based resource centre for HIV/AIDS Nurses and have created a discussion group on-line just for CANAC members.
- We hosted education and networking events in our five regions.
- We've also increased the quality of our newsletter, tried to be responsive to the numerous requests that come in from our members, and have maintained our position as the national voice of nurses in HIV/AIDS care.

That was what we have done. In addition to all that, we have some other initiatives underway.

- We have been working with a Strategic Plan that ends in 2005. Our focus areas have been:
 - with Patients/clients to improve access to health and social services
 - for individual nurses to effect change within educational systems for new nurses and to recognize and support established nurses to continue to develop their own skills and to be mentors to others
- We've also focused on:

- the nursing profession to try and improve collaboration across sectors, to develop evidence-based practice in HIV/AIDS care and to raise the awareness of HIV/AIDS care as a specialty practice.
- And we've focused on CANAC:
 - to increase membership, membership satisfaction and to strengthen our national and international relationships.

Now, as we are in the final year of this Strategic Plan, we need to see how far we've come in meeting these goals and determine where we go from here.

One of our problems is that we (as an association as well as individually) have tried to do too much. Does that sound familiar? Any one of these focus areas, or even any one part of one of the focus areas, is a huge undertaking. While we have made significant progress in each area we are now considering with our next set of goals how to focus our work on the 1 or 2 things that would make a real and significant impact on HIV/AIDS nursing now. This is what we need your help with. In your regional focus groups you'll be given some questions to respond to that we hope will tell us what you want us, your association, to do. We need you to help us understand what is most important to you; that is what we will do. *(Note: much information was gathered at the AGM however if you have any thoughts or ideas, please contact your regional representative)*

There are also two other initiatives that we are working on that are very exciting.

One is the International Committee led by Yvonne. Right now the focus of this committee is to:

- share information and experiences
- fan out "Calls"/opportunities
- nurse to nurse

Second is our work on the Nursing Satellite for 2006 IAC. We met with ANAC representatives while in Banff and look forward to working with ANAC and other partners on this ambitious but project. Brenda Done, CANAC past-president is representing CANAC on this committee and is joined by other leaders in the field of HIV/AIDS nursing.

So, it is an exciting time for CANAC and the year ahead will be a busy one.

In closing, I want to recognize 3 people for their contributions to your association and then tell you where you will be seeing each other in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Alan Wood was not able to come to Banff, but was the BC / Yukon regional representative to the board before Denise. We have a small gift for him and hope that Denise will convey our most sincere thanks.

Ted Birse was our representative for the Prairies, NWT and Nunavut region before Greg and he has since been focused on the conference as one of our co-chairs. Ted, our most sincere thanks and please accept our small token of appreciation.

Brenda Done has been an exceptional Ontario Representative and President whose guidance and wisdom has been invaluable to the association and to me. This is her last AGM as a board member as her role as past-president ends in the fall, so we thought it would be best to recognize her here. Our thanks Brenda.

And now, exciting news – we are a group that believes in planning ahead so:

In 2006 you'll be in Montreal.

In 2007 we will welcome you to Vancouver.

In 2008 we'll see you in Ottawa

I am proud to be the president of CANAC and hope to be able to do as well in the role as our past presidents have done. I benefit from their support and guidance and thank them, and you, for this opportunity to serve our association.

There will be some Board positions coming available this fall . . . please consider them. It is a wonderful way of contributing to the community of nurses working in HIV/AIDS care, providing leadership and support to colleagues across the country and being an active part of the voice of HIV/AIDS care in Canada. You also get to work with a wonderful group of people!

Wishing you a great summer,

Deborah Randall-Wood
President CANAC/ACIIS

Membership Update



*Yvonne Lynch-Hill
CANAC/ACIIS
Secretary*

Dear CANAC members,

It was so nice to see so many of you at the conference, I still am thinking about our beautiful surroundings, the plentiful wild life and the fabulous food!

Our total membership at this time is 152.

Atlantic Region	6
Québec Region	13
Ontario Region	72
Prairies, NWT & Nunavut region	20
British Columbia	39
International	2

The lucky members who received the conference package were:

Gloria MacDonald from the Atlantic region

Caroline Côté from the Quebec region

Bill Wade from Ontario

Dale Schenk from the Prairies region

Kimberley Andreassen from B.C

I can tell you they are very happy indeed that they have kept their membership up to date and will be telling their friends about this added benefit of membership in our association.

Remember not only nurses that only work with clients with HIV can benefit from CANAC, nurses who work in other specialties that interact with our clients on a regular basis would be an asset to our

association. It would help them keep up to date with their knowledge of this complex disease. So encourage nurses in general medicine, mental health, dermatology, hepatology and cardiology to name a few to sign up for CANAC membership

Yvonne Lynch-Hill, Secretary

Treasurer's Report



*Tracey Stevenson
CANAC/ACIIS
Treasurer*

CANAC continues to have a strong financial standing although not as robust as previous years. This is due in part to decreased income (primarily from conference proceeds), and increased costs (administrative assistant, travel & board business, payables of ~ \$10,000). Consequently our net profit at the end of the year is healthy, but lower than it has been in the past, currently resting at \$83,104.

The financial statements for the fiscal year 2003-2004 were presented and then approved by the membership in attendance at the AGM. In addition the membership approved the reappointment of Bernard Schiltz, chartered accountant, to review our financial statements and submit our tax returns for the fiscal year 2004-2005. Bernard has been reviewing our accounts for a number of years now.

CANAC would like to thank all it's members and volunteers for their continued support and participation in CANAC business, conferences, and daily functioning.

Tracey Stevenson, Treasurer

Atlantic Regional Report

*Lise Dupuis
CANAC/ACIIS
Atlantic Regional
Representative*



I was very excited to see a number of nurses from the Atlantic region attending the conference in Banff. It is always a pleasure to meet new and old colleagues at this event. You could clearly see nurses networking, catching-up with old friends or making new friends. Gloria MacDonald, a nurse from the QEII clinic in Halifax, attended the conference as our regional winner.

During the annual general meeting break-out session, the Atlantic members discussed ideas on how to increase the membership in our area and on how to get more nurses involved with CANAC. The group decided that a one-day workshop was needed for nurses in the correctional services as well as nurses in provincial jails. These nurses would be able to obtain some education and updated information on topics such as HIV and AIDS care, Hepatitis C and Syphilis. We are in the mist of planning this workshop for this summer and hoping and aiming to have at least 50 attendees.

I should mention that we had the opportunity to meet 2 exceptional nurses from St. Lucia. Even though they found Banff extremely cold they kept mentioning how excellent the conference was and how friendly the atmosphere was.

Thank you to all the nurses from the Atlantic region that participated in the group discussion or provided ideas during the conference. Wishing everybody a wonderful summer.

**Lise Dupuis,
Atlantic Representative**

Quebec Regional Report

*Jean Clermont-Drolet
CANAC/ACIIS
Quebec Regional
Representative
Nurse Representative in
the Programme
National de Mentorat*



Banff to Montreal: from one meeting to another
Hello to each and every one of you.

What a beautiful conference we had recently! All those attending were very pleased to experience the event in such an enchanting setting as the one in Banff. Surrounded by mountains with snow-covered peaks, the town provided us with a beautiful place to exchange expertise and a good time to recharge our batteries.

The small organizing committee for the next conference, comprising H el ene Morin, Caroline C ot e, Diane Sylvain and myself, invites you to re-live such an experience, but in the dynamic, bilingual urban setting of Montreal; more precisely at the Downtown Delta Hotel on April 9-11, 2006. We are currently working very hard to organize the plenary sessions and invite speakers, so that the whole promotional package is ready by September. You will receive all this information by email or by visiting www.canac.org

In order to demonstrate our determination to reach people, a free training activity on HIV/HCV/Synthetic drugs/Opiates will take place on Monday, June 6th in Montreal. Not only nurses, but all those working with drug users are welcome, and we will be expecting about a hundred people. We are profoundly grateful to the pharmaceutical companies which support us in holding these activities.

Other projects may materialize, including a pre-conference day on Wednesday, October 26th, just prior to the Skills Building Symposium of the Canadian AIDS Society. If you plan to participate

in this Symposium to be held next October 27-30, go to www.hivaids-skills.ca This Symposium will take place at the same hotel as our April 2006 conference; a great way to experience the place!

And there you have the latest news.

Looking forward to receiving your comments and suggestions for the April 2006 CANAC/ACIIS conference in Montreal.

Jean Clermont-Drolet, Quebec Representative

Ontario Regional Report



*Hannah Cowen
CANAC/ACIIS
Ontario Regional
Representative*

Dear members,

There were so many excellent experiences at the 2005 CANAC conference, where once again we found validation, education, and inspiration. The mountain setting was superb, and the board meeting productive and energizing. In the opening ceremonies, a talented florist assembled exquisite floral arrangements to the accompaniment of music played on the stage, then spoke a few warm words about nurses in AIDS care, linking our work to the elements of wind, water, earth and fire that were depicted in the flower creations. From that through Ted's encouraging words of closing, to send us back to the "real world", it was a time of learning, connecting and being restored.

Please check out the abstracts on the website to get an idea of the topics presented and to be inspired to share an aspect of your work in AIDS care as a workshop, poster, presentation or plenary. Plan now for next year's conference in Montreal, (then

2007 in Vancouver and 2008 in Ottawa); you will benefit in all the ways I describe and more.

For many years, CANAC has received conference support from Ontario's AIDS Bureau. Again this year, the AIDS Bureau provided funds that sent nine Ontario members to Banff with costs of transport, board and lodging covered. We are appreciative of this generosity and are bragging about it. May it inspire other provinces to support their nurses as well. Ontario now has 72 members in CANAC.

One of the key points from our regional session was how much we benefit from the break-out time to discuss our region's needs and to talk with each other about ideas for future work, hot issues, and our dreams for CANAC. We agreed more time for that work is a high priority at future conferences. The board had already decided two hours are needed for the AGM so that regional breakout and other issues can have more time. For the past two years, we have skipped reporting back to the whole group after the regional breakouts and reported only through the newsletter; both are needed. About 12 of us Ontarians met during the AGM; our ideas for CANAC and regional priorities follow. Please send me your feedback on them. We need your input to add to the list and to put them in order of importance.

1. focus on the increase in other STD's; increase collaboration with agencies like ACT (AIDS Committee of Toronto); possibly host a regional conference.
2. incorporate the health promotion being developed around the responsibility of PWA's -and others for caring for others' health and reducing transmission.
3. create twinning or like arrangements with nurses from other places (two nurses from St Lucia came to Banff).
4. increase our work on HIV in women- an international issue, including addressing the role of men's behaviours in the problem of women and HIV
5. Involvement in the International AIDS Conference, August 2006, in Toronto as organizers of the nursing satellite and as presenters and volunteers.
6. increase our involvement re: the situation of AIDS orphans

7. increase work around HIV in Aboriginal communities in Canada
8. make formal links with Voices of Positive Women
9. expand our efforts to prepare Canadian nurses for international work.
10. prepare to host the 2008 CANAC conference in Ottawa!

The theme of our fall newsletter will be international work. Please submit a story, an impression, a question, a cartoon or poem on this topic to the newsletter. Happy summer, Hannah

Hannah, Ontario Regional Representative

Prairies, NWT and Nunavut Regional Report



*Greg Riehl
CANAC/ACIIS
Prairies, NWT and
Nunavut Regional
Representative*

Looking back at this year's conference, ***Looking Forward . . . Health Promotion in the Context of Living with HIV***, I can honestly say that it was a great success. I would like to thank all of the Planning Committee, Ted Birse, Denise Thomas, Carla Pindera, Ann Russell and Jennifer Shaw for a job well done. Without a good committee year after year the annual conference would not be possible. I would also like to thank all of the Pharmaceutical Companies that supported the conference. Their support is greatly appreciated in the continuity of CANAC annual conferences.

As Prairies, NU and NWT Representative for CANAC, there are many challenges. Geographically it is a very diverse and vast area. Population wise for members of CANAC, we are a

smaller population numbering in the high teens to low twenties. Communication is very important for all nurses working in HIV/AIDS care. Events like the annual conference in Banff are an excellent way to network and see what is happening in different areas of Canada and also internationally. I will strongly encourage people in the Prairies, NU and NWT regions to start planning for next year's conference in Montreal, April 9,10 & 11, 2006. Keep in mind that there will again be a draw for a member from each region to attend the conference in Montreal. The only way to win is to be a member. The odds of winning in the Prairies Region are quite good, just ask Dale Schenk from Winnipeg.

Please feel free to contact me with any upcoming events in your area of practice. I will try to forward this information to Jennifer to make available on the CANAC website. If anyone is interested in becoming more involved with CANAC, visit the www.canac.org or contact me and I will try and answer your questions.

Take care. See you in Montreal next April

Greg Riehl, Prairies, NWT and Nunavut Regional Representative

BC & Yukon Regional Report



*Denise Thomas
BC & Yukon Regional
Representative*

Hello from BC!

This year has been very exciting in getting to know all of the members at our CANAC meetings both locally and nationally in Banff.

Our BC/Yukon meetings, held in the Vancouver every 2-4 months, have been very productive. Our first meeting generated the idea of a website to link nursing information, updates, etc. Lesley

Gallagher, RN, Snejana Krassova, MD and myself submitted a CANAC poster presentation at the national conference outlining the work behind setting up a regional website.

Nurses in HIV/AIDS care gathered to share their knowledge, support international projects, learn about those partaking in different international projects and supporting them. Our second meeting gathered 27 nurses in HIV care to hear three presentations on International nursing from Suzie Coulter, RN, BSN about Kenya, Nicole Fulton, RN, BSN about Nigeria and Meaghan Thumath, RN, BSN about Haiti.

June will bring three presenters to the downtown eastside of Vancouver: HIV/Hep C by Kim Andreassen, RN, BSN from Corrections Canada, Barb McKillip's, RN, MSN CANAC Conference presentation on the MAT Program in a Downtown Eastside Clinic and Misty Bath's, RN, BSN experience in India for 6-month on an HIV & youth project.

CANAC's National Conference in Banff:

The conference was attended well by the West Coast nurses. The Post AGM Regional breakout session was excellent and it initiated creative ideas for CANAC's national strategies and regional focus.

Membership is on the rise from street nurses to bedside nurses, homecare, primary care clinics to educators and nursing leaders in BC. It's wonderful getting to know all of the regional members.

One of the many speakers at the conference encouraged all nurses in the field to submit their abstract for the next International AIDS Conference held in Toronto in 2006, which will be very exciting to see a great nursing presence.

International Fundraising Initiatives:

Suzie Coulters, a nurse that returned from Kenya after completing her BSN has been involved in supporting an African HIV positive women's movement called SWAK. **SWAK: Society of Women and Aids in Kenya (SWAK)** started from three women who decided that they had to do something about the killer disease AIDS that was sweeping through their community, effecting entire families, leaving behind orphans, widows

and widowers. Slowly, as more women experienced the results of AIDS directly through seeing friends and family members die, they began to join SWAK, Watamu branch. Now over 40 women are members of SWAK, with a core group of 15 active women. These are women from the "grassroots", village women, who value life, love and sharing.

Although their own financial resources are limited, they have dedicated time and energy to assisting families directly effected by HIV/AIDS through taking them to clinics, helping them with medical treatment as well as providing school fees and books for orphans.



Suzie Coulters, RN, BSN with colleagues Yasmine & Liz at her African women's fundraiser.

This year's 5th Canadian HIV/AIDS Skills Building Symposium is underway. I am representing CANAC for the conference planning board for this exciting conference in October 2005. **Skills Building 2005 Goals** are to facilitate the exchange of ideas, strategies and models of program delivery and to build the knowledge and abilities of staff and volunteers working in areas related to HIV/AIDS. For more information see Website: <http://www.hivaidsskills.ca>.

It has been a very busy and exciting year and I look forward to the upcoming events in 2006.

Denise Thomas, RN, BSN
BC/Yukon CANAC Regional Representative

Election to the Board of Directors 2005-2007

It's that time Again!

Every Year we say good-bye to some of the Board members and welcome new people from among our general membership to participate in the development of the organization.

This year we need to chose a President-Elect and Representatives from the Atlantic and Québec Regions.

You will soon receive a nomination form for the President-Elect and your regional representative (for Atlantic and Québec members).

Please take a minute to consider if there is someone you wish to nominate; if you need more information please contact your regional representative he/she will be happy to tell you more about Board activities.

Job Opportunity CANAC/ACIIS: E-Bulletin Board Moderators English and French Language

Description

Posting Date: January 28, 2004
Start Date: Start Date: As soon as available
Location: Not applicable
Position: CANAC/ACIIS E-bulletin board
Title: Moderator(s)
Profession: CANAC/ACIIS Member, nurse involved in AIDS Care
Status: Part-time (1-3 hrs/wk)
Position Description: Moderators monitor and maintain the electronic bulletin board and its content; primary duties include:

- post announcements
- generate discussion and enforce posting policies; remove messages and/or close subjects
- answer user questions about the bulleting board
- help to determine the addition or deletion of categories within the bulletin board(s) they moderate
- maintain the currency of the bulletin board (i.e. decide how long inactive threads remain on a bulletin board and number of messages posted to an individual thread before it is closed)

Qualifications Must be

- a CANAC member
- a nurse involved in HIV/AIDS care
- able to set time aside weekly
- Computer literate
- able to access a computer
- a team player
- Experience with online communities is an asset

Moderators are required for both English and French Bulletin Boards

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CANAC/ACIIS 13th Annual Conference
April 30 to May 3rd 2005/ 30 avril au 3 mai 2005

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

**2005 AWARDS of EXCELLENCE
WINNERS**

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Dennis Loepky
Winnipeg



**JILL SULLIVAN AWARD
FOR
EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE**

Mary Lou Miller
Vancouver

**EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO
THE DEVELOPMENT OF NURSING
IN HIV/AIDS CARE**

Karina Wulf
Toronto

Congratulations!

2005 Conference Review

The CANAC Conference 2005, *Looking Forward...Health Promotion in the Context of Living with HIV* is now over. Those of us who were there have great memories of a successful and thoroughly enjoyable event!

For those who weren't able to attend there is information in this newsletter, pictures of the conference and copies of the abstracts presented on the CANAC website and the promise of a wonderful conference in Montréal next year.

The conference this year was held at the Banff Centre in Banff Alberta. If you have ever been to Banff you'll know how beautiful the location was with clear skies, mountains, forests and ever-present wildlife. The Banff Centre provided a low-key environment, perfect for mingling, enjoying the scenery and the conference.



Banff Centre

I've been told that April-May is an unpredictable time of year in Banff for weather but CANAC was extremely fortunate – temperatures in the mid-twenties and sunshine for every day of the conference. Our outdoor barbeque/Gala Dinner event was magnificent! We sat outside on a sunny, warm afternoon enjoying the mountain-view and a superb meal and then moved inside to gather with friends and recognize the contribution of colleagues through the Awards of Excellence. We were very lucky to have Jill Sullivan's son Steve speak about the Jill Sullivan award; Steve talked about the kind of nurse his mother had been, her hopes and goals and how pleased he was that CANAC continued to honour his mother and others like her. After he spoke we all took a moment to dry our eyes before giving him a standing ovation.

Reviews of the conference tell us that our approach was appreciated. This conference was something of a departure from the usual; the theme was about healthy living and the mood was upbeat and innovative. Especially well received were the opening ceremonies: a mix of Koko music and flower arranging. Yes, flower arranging. Fred Chlan of Saskatoon created 4 huge floral displays based on the 4 elements (fire, water, wind, earth) and linked the elements with images of care and the emotional responses they evoke. Fire became the passion for client-care, water represented the flow of care and the need to mingle and work in combination with others and so on.

The Awards ceremony and Banff Centre also received high marks from conference goers – especially well liked was the food! There were lots of comments about the opportunities to network and connect with colleagues, enthusiasm about things learned and new ideas and an overall sense of having had a great experience.

The workshops, plenaries and abstract presentations all rated well; one of the most common comments was that there wasn't enough time. Most of the presentations could easily have continued on in discussion/question and answer for twice the time allotted.

There were some complaints; the session rooms were too well air-conditioned, last minute changes affected peoples travel plans and not every workshop was what the attendees expected but all-in-all a successful conference. All the comments will be forwarded to the next conference committee to ensure the conferences keep improving.



View from the Centre

Jennifer Shaw
Conference Planning Committee Member

A Letter from St. Lucia

May 17th, 2005

Yvonne Lynch Hill
CDHA
CANADA

Hi Colleagues,

Greetings from St. Lucia; the warmest and most beautiful island in the Caribbean. We certainly miss you all.

Our experience in Banff, Canada was one beyond our expectations. The content of the lectures and presentations were appropriate in keeping with the theme "*Looking forward: Health Promotion in the Context of Living with HIV.*" The literature handed out is quite valuable to our work in the clinic setting.

The additional knowledge acquired has prompted us to put up a proposal to the Caribbean Nurses Organization (C.N.O.), to formulate an association of nurses in the delivery of AIDS care.

The Organization convenes bi-annually and the next venue is the Bahamas in 2006. We therefore solicit and would appreciate the presence of an executive from C.A.N.A.C. to assist us in making a proposal to C.N.O. at this meeting next year.

We thank you all very much for making us feel at home and part of the extended family of nurses in Canada. We wish to continue corresponding and dialoguing with C.A.N.A.C. and wish them great success in their continued fight against HIV and AIDS.

Love always,

Pearl & Marie.

Looking at the 2005 Conference



Enjoying the sunshine at the Awards Banquet
Outdoor Barbeque



Duo Rouge - Gala Musicians



Pearl and Marie from



St. Lucia

This stunning flower arrangement was created by Fred Chlan-Aifd for the 2005 Conference. Although the flowers will fade, the ribbon frame can be re-used and will be seen at future CANAC conferences and events.



Mikkiko Inoue played Koto music during the Opening Ceremonies while Fred fashioned 4 displays. Each of the displays was based on one of the 4 elements: fire, water, wind and earth.

Fire



Wind

Earth



Water



Nursing Resources

Innovations keep you Informed

CATIE is pleased to announce that we have improved our HIV/AIDS Treatment Information delivery to serve you better by streamlining our current-awareness publications into a more integrated and user-friendly complement of services. Innovations, CATIE News and TreatmentUpdate now function as a complementary package of current-awareness publications:

- CATIE News (available electronically) brings subscribers the latest news-bites on HIV/AIDS treatment development;
- Innovations (available electronically) provides subscribers with a regular listing of the most recent medical articles; including links to abstracts and bilingual commentary on 1-2 of the most interesting articles;
- and TreatmentUpdate (available electronically or by mail), published 8 times per year, will pull together all the latest and most important topics in one handy newsletter and reference document for subscribers.

If you wish to be subscribed to any of the other current awareness services please visit our Web site www.catie.ca and go to “Publications and News,” click on the link for the CATIE’s e-mail services, then click on the subscription you wish to receive and fill in the online form.

Consumers have asked CATIE to provide a more effective and efficient service, and we have listened. We hope you will continue to provide us with your feedback so we may keep on serving you better. We also hope you will appreciate our more streamlined and bundled approach to current-awareness product development and delivery to keep you up to date on the latest HIV/AIDS treatment information.

If you have any questions about these or other services provided by CATIE, please contact us at: info@catie.ca or 1-800-263-1638

What Do Your Nursing Colleagues Think?

CATIE (the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange), in partnership with CANAC, is delighted bring you a new discussion forum for CANAC members as part of our extensive Web-based resource centre for HIV/AIDS nursing information. Here is your chance to connect with your colleagues to discuss pressing topics such as the role of nurses in harm reduction, access to post-exposure prophylaxis and protocols for syphilis screening. To join the discussion, go to www.catie.ca/nurses or www.catie.ca/infirmiers and click on the Discussion Group link.

When you visit the CATIE/CANAC website (www.catie.ca/nurses or www.catie.ca/infirmiers), please also take the time to browse through the range of online HIV information resources that are available for nurses and their patients living with HIV. We hope you will find this website to be useful in your work and we welcome your feedback and suggestions for new content. Email us at web@catie.ca with any comments or questions.

CATIE also has an extensive collection of HIV treatment books and journals in our National Treatment Reference Library. Don’t hesitate to contact the library when you need to supplement the information you find on the CANAC/CATIE website or in your own local libraries. We carry nursing journals, such as the *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care* and *Perspective infirmière*, as well as other leading HIV treatment journals. We can fax articles from any of our journals to you free of charge, and can also assist you with researching HIV treatment information. Email questions@catie.ca or call 1-800-263-1638 and speak to one of our treatment information service representatives.

Planning for AIDS2006

The Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and the Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (CANAC) have been in dialogue together and with the International Council of Nurses (ICN) to plan for the upcoming International AIDS Society (IAS) conference, to be held in Toronto, August 2006. CNA, CANAC and ICN have embarked on a joint planning process to ensure nurses from around the world benefit from and contribute to this important event.

To this end, we have commenced discussion around some of the possibilities for August 2006, including holding a nursing satellite meeting as a formal part of the conference program, creating mechanisms to enhance the contribution of nursing to conference planning and the development of the program, developing strategies for heightened participation and visibility of the nursing profession from around the world.

The Core Planning Committee has been meeting regularly since late January and I will keep CANAC members abreast of plans as they develop.

Brenda Done

NOTE:

One sure way to increase nurses' participation and visibility at the IAS conference is to have nursing abstracts and posters accepted for presentation. Please start planning to share your research findings, best practice guidelines or clinical expertise with your international colleagues by submitting an abstract for consideration.



American Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC):

The Seattle American Nurses in AIDS Care have invited nurses to attend the University of Washington's **HIV/AIDS Conference: The Tapestry of HIV Nursing - Prevention, Policy & Practice 13th Annual Clinical Update for Nurses June 14 & 15th, 2005** For more information see:

<http://www.son.washington.edu/cne/secure/display3.asp?SKU=05126-C&customerid=>



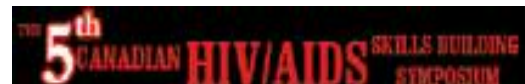
International Harm Reduction Conference Nursing Satellite Planning

(by Jane McCall, RN, BSN,
B.C.Center for Excellence)

On May 17, a number of Vancouver nurses, including four CANAC members, got together for the first time to discuss the possibility of organizing a nursing satellite for the 17th

International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm conference which is taking place in Vancouver from April 30 to May 6, 2006. We have decided to proceed with the project and will be having a follow-up meeting on June 7 to finalize our vision for this satellite and prepare a proposal for the conference organizers. Mark your calendars and be prepared to come to Vancouver to share your expertise in this important area of nursing practise. Nurses are on the front line of harm reduction services and it is our goal to increase the profile of nursing on the international harm reduction scene. If any of you have suggestions about what you would like this satellite to look like, pass your suggestions on to your CANAC colleagues in BC.

For more information, website: www.harmreduction2006.ca.



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Summary of Key Dates and Deadlines for 2004/2005 year

Project/Task	Activity/Deadline	Date
Board Nominations & Elections	Mail out to membership	June 24 th (with newsletter)
	E-mail reminder	July 22 nd
	Deadline for Nominations	August 5th
	Election ballots mail out	August 5th
	Election ballots due	September 19 th
	Announcement of Results	October 3rd
Board Meetings	Teleconferences	January 10 th , 1:00 p.m. EST
		March 21 st - to start 1:00 p.m. EST
		June 27th – to start 1:30 p.m. EST
		September 26th – to start 1:30 p.m. EST
	Face to face meetings	April 28 th & 29 th in Banff
		November 5th & 6th Toronto
		April 7th and 8th, 2006 Montreal
Newsletters	Submissions due	1 st - January 15 th
		2 nd – May 20 th
		3 rd – August 15 th
	Newsletter mail out dates	1 st - February 18 th
		2 nd – June 24 th
		3 rd – September 12 th
Membership Renewals	Mail out to membership	September 12th 2005 (with newsletter)
Awards of Excellence	Call for nominations – out	January 24 th , 2005
	Deadline for submissions	March 21 st , 2005
	Nominations to chair	April 4 th , 2005
Regional Reps Communication with Members	e-mail	January 3 rd
Annual General Meeting	Notice of bylaw changes, copies of position statements	March 28 th (1 month prior to AGM) with AGM notice
	Meeting date	May 2nd 2005

Note: 2006 dates for newsletter, bylaw changes, and Awards of Excellence are noted in the April 2005 Meeting minutes and will be posted on the website at www.canac.org



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