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*Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
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CANAC / ACIIS

14th Annual Conference • April 8 - 11, 2006 • Montreal, Quebec
Hôtel Delta Centre-Ville

HIV/AIDS : Complexity of a Syndrome, Diversity in Caring

You are cordially invited to join us at the 14th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, taking place April 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, 2006 at the Delta Centre-Ville in Montréal, Québec.

This year's theme, *HIV/AIDS: Complexity of a Syndrome, Diversity in Caring*, highlights nurses' essential contribution throughout the illness trajectory as well as across the varied contexts and settings in which we work. The conference will be hosting many different speakers eager to share their knowledge. So mark the dates on your calendar and join us and other HIV/AIDS nurses from across the country (and beyond!) in Montreal for our annual conference. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Pre-Conference Saturday, April 8th

*The Challenges Of Treatment Adherence:
Tricks Of The Trade That Work!*

Opening Ceremonies, April 9th

*25 years of HIV and AIDS: Lessons of the Past and Vision
for the Future*

Dr. Jean Robert

Closing Ceremonies, April 11th

HCV/HIV Co-infection –When HIV ISN'T the problem

Dr John Farley

Sponsored by Roche, HIV division.

Plenary Sessions

***CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OF CANADA :
SHAKING THE STRUCTURE FROM
WITHIN***

**Marie-Chantale Beaudry, RN, Head Nurse
and Mario Veilleux, RN, Donnacona, Quebec.**

***HARM REDUCTION: OUR WAY OF
DOING IT***

**Trevor Logan, RN, INSITE (Vancouver) and
Jacques Mallet, RN, Bas Seuil Boutique
Charonne (Paris)**

**THE PEOPLE OF FIRST NATIONS:
TRADITION, ADAPTATION AND CARE**

**DIFFERENT CONTINENTS, DIFFERENT
REALITIES**

Claudia Richie, RN, Port-au Prince, Haiti and
Joanne Moreau, RN, URHESS Saint-Justine,

Workshops

HIV 101: A basic HIV workshop for newcomers to the field of HIV nursing

Annie de la Salbonnière, RN, CHUS, Sherbrooke and **Bill Wade, RN**, Saint Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Antiretroviral Resistance

Two workshops presented simultaneously in French by **Rachel Therrien, pharmacist**, CHUM, Montréal, and in English by **Linda Robinson, pharmacist**, Windsor Regional Hospital. Sponsored by **Boehringer-Ingelheim Canada, Ltd.**

Abstract Sessions

Three Abstract sessions are planned for presentations of innovative projects, research, nursing challenges. Your nursing colleagues are waiting!

Breakfast Sessions

Rights, Laws, Responsibilities: Legal and Immigration Issues in HIV/AIDS

David Thompson, Lawyer, UHRESS Royal Victoria Hospital/Montreal Chest Institute

Youth and HIV

Lunch Symposia

What's New in Fusion and Entry Inhibitors?

Dr. Cécile Tremblay, microbiologist, University of Montreal Hospital Center
Sponsored by Roche - HIV Division

Opportunistic Infections: Clinical Manifestations and Treatment

Dr. Marina Klein, UHRESS Royal Victoria Hospital/Montreal Chest Institute

Reconnecting and Relaxation

RECEPTION: An elegant evening planned at The Tour de Ville Restaurant, perched atop the Delta Hotel. The only revolving restaurant in Montreal, the Tour de Ville allows for a spectacular view of the city and great gastronomic experience.

GALA EVENING: Take out your bell-bottoms, mini skirts and frilly shirts and join us for a hilarious **RETRO-DISCO-KITSH** evening where we'll be handing out the Awards of Excellence along with doses of good humor and fun. There will be dancing to those ever familiar, if not popular hits of the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's, as well as prizes for best costume. Laughs and a good time guaranteed!!
Sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline.

CPHA Computer Stations

The Canadian Public Health Association will be setting up several computer stations for conference participants to familiarize themselves with the numerous Web links and resources available from the Canadian Health Network.

General Information

For more information on the conference and how to register please visit the CANAC website at www.canac.org

TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MONTRÉAL, go to www.tourisme-montreal.org, the ideal partner in helping you prepare your visit to Montréal.

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2006 Awards of Excellence

Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being invited from the CANAC/ACIIS membership for the following 2006 Awards of Excellence:

Jill Sullivan Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice

Exceptional Contribution to the Development of Nursing in HIV/AIDS Care

Newcomer of the Year

For information on how to nominate a co-worker or friend or qualify for an award, contact your regional representative or the Administrative Coordinator (contact info on back page).

To see a list of past recipients, go to <http://www.canac.org/english/PROGRA MS2.htm>

Membership Update

Our total membership at this time is 132.

Atlantic Region	6
Québec Region	19
Ontario Region	55
Prairies, NWT & Nunavut region	21
British Columbia	30
International	1

Some interesting facts:

1) only 28 of the current members have asked to receive the newsletter via regular mail (i.e. in print format) 27 English and 1 French

2) we have 2 groups of "institutional members" - 6 nurses from Nine Circles in the Prairies and 8 nurses from Correctional Services Canada (CSC) in BC
(Institutional membership is for organizations with groups of nurses who all wish CANAC membership – Institutional members may qualify for a reduced membership fee)

3) there are 23 new members; 4 student members (2 new, 2 renewals) and no associate members

Treasurer's Report

Hello to all CANAC Members,

I have been working hard this past three months learning the role of treasurer. Thanks to Tracey's guidance I have been successful in keeping things on track. CANAC remains in stable financial status.

We have recently liquidated one of our GICs to support the functioning of the association but will continue to maintain two others as long as we can. We have done this to make some cash available to support CANAC activities related to the upcoming conference. When that is over, we will then consider whether we can reinvest again or if we need to keep the cash on hand.

Two of CANAC's largest revenue generators are our membership fees and our annual conference. A big thanks to all of you who have renewed their membership, and if you haven't gotten around to it yet, it's not too late. As well, I hope you will all be able to attend this year's conference in Montreal. See you there!

Sincerely,
Judy Latendre-Paquette, Treasurer

Board Member Updates



Hannah Cowen
CANAC/ACIIS
Ontario Regional
Representative

One of my tasks on behalf of the CANAC board is to be our primary liaison with the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA). I refer you to the CNA website: www.cna-

aiic.ca CANAC is one of the approximately 35 Associate, Affiliate and Emerging (AAE) nursing groups providing info “from the frontlines” to our national nursing agency. As well, we receive frequent updates and invitations to participate in the varied work of the CNA. CNA also facilitates communication amongst the AAE’s by annual teleconferences and, every two years, a face-to-face session at the biennial conference. The CNA provides one free registration for each AAE but the other costs of attending the biennial are borne by the individual or AAE.

What does the liaison do? I receive many emails and scan them for possible forwarding to our general membership or to the board for discussion or action. CNA has offered each AAE an article about their organization in the Canadian Nurse magazine. I drafted the one for CANAC that recently appeared. I report to the other AAE’s and CNA on issues arising for CANAC and on major activities such as the upcoming conference and Nursing Forum of the International AIDS Conference and bring back to the board items of import to us.

The February 3 teleconference had several items that seemed relevant and exciting for CANAC; you can follow on the CNA website and you may get an email about them from CANAC over the next few months. For example, the AAE’s have had one rep on the CNA board. CNA is now doubling that to two reps, recognizing the importance of member input. Any CANAC member could run for this significant position with the approval of our president. Does it interest you?

Reports on the profiles of different nursing specialties can be created from CNA

jurisdictions’ registration data. This might help us in health resource planning and advocating for HIV nurses. CNA position papers can be adopted by local jurisdictions and agencies like ours if they wish as a way to save constantly reinventing the same wheels. The student nurses association is going to allow on-line registration for all student memberships of all AAE’s at no cost to the AAE, which will help small groups like CANAC immensely. Those were a just some items your board will be looking at.

Because my clinic is very close to the CNA offices it has also been convenient for me to attend events and participate in focus groups etc. Whether invited as the Oasis nurse or for CANAC, I always try to balance my multiple perspectives: frontline HIV, addictions and primary care nurse for the homeless, community health centre nurse and CANAC liaison. A few months ago I was asked to be in a focus group about the Nurses’ Portal. This is a major Information Technology project lead by the CNA to increase and improve nursing access to resources and services in the areas of professional practice, continuing competence and our individual career portfolios. There is a huge library for journals and texts for research and for connecting nurses to each other. It will be called Nurse One in English and En Fusion in French.

“IT” (information technology) is not my forte, so I went to bring the perspective of the computer plodder! I felt apologetic for my lack of expertise, but this was just what they wanted, because the portal experts are committed to organizing the portal so that ordinary nurses will find it navigable.

All of us at the focus group were nurses who do not know each other and who worked in different settings. We spent several hours taking stacks of index cards with topics written on them and organizing them on a table into groups we thought were logical. We were encouraged to remove or add topics and headings, to question and critique. It was a low-tech exercise in communication and organization that we hope will bring high-tech benefits to all nurses when the portal is launched in June.

What is going on with you all? Remember, the board loves to hear from our members. I will close with my wishes for you all to end winter in safety, health and happiness and to “spring” into spring with our Montreal conference in April.

Yours truly,
Hannah



*Denise Thomas
BC & Yukon Regional
Representative*

Hello!

I have just arrived back from my volunteer experience in Lesotho, Africa with the Clinton Foundation (CHAI) (www.clintonfoundation.org) via ICEHA (www.ichea.org). What an amazing experience, highly recommended if you have the opportunity to do so.

We’ve been back to business as usual getting the Nursing Satellite ready for the upcoming International Conference on the Reduction Drug Related Harm here in Vancouver. Nurses have been encouraged to submit their abstracts to present to an international audience for an opportunity to network and collaborate. The goal of the satellite is two fold: to provide a venue for nurses who are experienced in harm reduction work to network, share stories and experiences and rejuvenate their practice, and to educate and inspire nurses who are just beginning to understand the importance and validity of harm reduction to their practice. For more information see website: www.nursesharmreduction2006.com

I’ve been very pleased with our local meetings here in the city. We were informed about nursing in Botswana from Cheryl Arnensen and Sonja Rietkerk shared her experiences from a ship-based hospital setting in Africa. Our next scheduled rounds will be February 16th with a focus on ARV Adherence and Nursing Interventions. We are pleased to have opening guest Dr. Alfonso, Psychologist working with the BC Center for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (BCCfE: www.cfenet.ubc.ca) to share with us their study results in regards to adherence. Nurses from 3 local clinics will then present their interventions, ending with an adherence and HIV treatment proposal for community based nursing research. Just a reminder we will be handing out **CANAC membership renewal/applications** for those of you who need to renew their membership that night.

Terry Howard working with BC Persons with AIDS Society is now a principal investigator and coordinator for the Prison Outreach Program. Recently he presented his work here in the city “Breaking the Cycle,” HIV, Addiction and Prison Recidivism.”

Recently, 4 B.C. men dying of HIV are the first, and only, people in the country to be granted access to TMC114 and TMC125, as part of a clinical trial under the care of noted Vancouver HIV/AIDS specialist Dr. Julio Montaner. The story is being covered by journalist Darah Hansen, Vancouver Sun: **The fight of his life: Vancouver artist Tiko Kerr has granted The Vancouver Sun unrestricted access to his life and death struggle with HIV as he undergoes a controversial drug trial over the coming months** (January 21, 2006).

Looking at recent publications from the B.C. Center for Excellence in HIV/AIDS:

Prevalence of HIV/AIDS among Aboriginal British Columbians

Hogg RS Dr, Strathdee SA Dr, Kerr T Dr, Wood E Dr, Remis R Dr. *Harm Reduction Journal*, Dec. 24, 2005
Approximately one in every 100 Aboriginals aged 15 years and over was living with HIV/AIDS in 2001. Culturally appropriate approaches are needed to tailor effective HIV interventions to this community.

Binge Drug Use Independently Predicts HIV Seroconversion Among Injection Drug Users: Implications for Public Health Strategies

Miller CL, Kerr T, Frankish JC, Spittal PM, Li K, Schechter MT, Wood E. *Substance Use and Misuse*, Jan. 2006

Immunologic Response to Antiretroviral Therapy in Hepatitis C Virus-Coinfected Adults in a Population-Based HIV/AIDS Treatment Program

Braitstein P, Zala C, Yip B, Brinkhof MW, Moore D, Hogg RS, Montaner JS, *JID*, Jan. 15, 2006
We sought to characterize the impact that hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection has on CD4

cells during the first 48 weeks of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in previously ART-naive human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-infected patients. HCV antibody-negative patients had increases of an average of 75 cells in the absolute CD4 cell count, compared with 20 cells and in HCV antibody-positive patients, during the first 48 weeks of ART.

Bye for now!

Denise Thomas

Other Board Updates:

Hannah (Ontario Rep) has also been keeping the lines of communication open with our Quebec Region members until we can fill the Quebec reps' position. Hannah is bilingual and has been responding to queries from Quebec members in French.

Denise (BC Rep) has recently accepted a one-year position in Africa as Clinical Mentorship Coordinator with the Clinton Foundation (www.clintonfoundation.org) beginning in March of 2006 and has resigned her position on the board. This is a very exciting opportunity for Denise but we will also miss her!

Jean (former Quebec Rep) is the current chair of the conference committee. Jean is working very hard with the help of a small but dedicated committee and the conference is shaping up to be one of the most memorable ever!

Greg (former Prairies Rep and current President-Elect) has recently accepted a position with Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Planning for AIDS2006

In August 2006, Toronto will host the XVI International AIDS Conference, the largest event of its kind. AIDS 2006 Toronto will bring together up to 20,000 participants and 2,500 journalists to share knowledge on the global HIV/AIDS epidemic. Participants and stakeholders include researchers, people affected by and living with HIV/AIDS, health care and public health workers, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), policy makers, AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs), governments and the business sector.

AIDS 2006 is being organized by the International AIDS Society (IAS) and the AIDS 2006 Toronto Local Host organization, in collaboration with the international Co-organizers -- International Council of AIDS Service Organizations, Global Network of People living with HIV/AIDS, International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS, and UNAIDS -- as well as the Canadian AIDS Society as the Canadian Co-organizer.

Activities include outreach, involvement of affected communities, the conference opening and closing, the Global Village, Cultural Activities including special events as well as a lounge for people living with HIV/AIDS (PHA Lounge), child care services, among others.

For more information go to the AIDS 2006 Website at www.aids2006.org or the CANAC website at <http://www.canac.org/english/WHATSNEW.htm>

Nurses at the Forefront of HIV/AIDS: Prevention, Care and Treatment

On August 12, 2006, hundreds of nurses from HIV/AIDS clinical, educational, policy and research settings worldwide will gather at the University of Toronto for a one-day forum to discuss the most pressing issues affecting nurses in HIV/AIDS care.

Under the theme Nurses at the Forefront of HIV/AIDS: Prevention, Care and Treatment nurses will discuss innovative strategies, best practices and barriers, lessons being learned, and policy gaps and solutions designed to address the issues as they relate to the following subjects:

- Health Human Resources
- Adherence to Anti-Retroviral Treatment
- Harm Reduction
- Stigma and Discrimination
- Workplace Safety
- Advances in Clinical Practice
- End-of-Life Issues

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- [Stephen Lewis](#), UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa (**keynote speaker**)
 - [Sister Christa Mary Jones](#), Nurse Practitioner and HIV/AIDS Activist
 - Prof. Sheila D. Tlou, Botswana Minister of Health (**keynote speaker**)

for information on how to register please

go to http://www.cna-nurses.ca/CNA/news/events/aids_forum/default_e.aspx

29 April 2006

Nursing Satellite 2006 - Hear and Now: Harm Reduction in Nursing Practice

VANCOUVER, BC
Canada

Nurses Harm Reduction 2006 - An official satellite of the 17th International Conference for the Reduction of Drug Related Harm Vancouver, BC

April 29, 2006

Harm Reduction nursing care is complex and continues to challenge nurses and the health care system. 1 of every 4 admissions to hospitals in Canada is related to the harms of drug use. The 2006 Harm Reduction in Nursing Practice satellite will provide a forum for nurses with diverse backgrounds to share expertise, examine problems and together seek practical approaches. Whether you work in the field of harm reduction nursing or you want to expand your knowledge in the care of people with substance use issues, this conference is for you.

Website : www.nursesharmreduction2006.com

30 April - 4 May 2006

Sunday - Thursday

**The 17th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm
Hear + Now | The PEER Conference**

VANCOUVER, BC Canada

For more information go to the Harm reduction website at: <http://www.harmreduction2006.ca/>

5 - 6 May, 2006

1st National Harm Reduction Therapy Conference

SEATTLE, Washington
USA

Full information on all of these important Harm Reduction conferences is available on the "Events" page of the Canadian Harm Reduction Network Website:

<http://www.canadianharmreduction.com/events.php>

**Canadian Nurses Association (CNA)
2006 Biennial Convention: Advancing Technology and Preserving Caring in Nursing.
Saskatoon, SK Canada**

June 18 - 21, 2006

Join us and our host, the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association, for an exciting educational program, networking and social events. Visit our website for more information: www.cna-aiic.ca.

If you have information on upcoming events contact your regional representative



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