

CANAC Montréal 2006 Conference Review



Complexity of a Syndrome, Diversity in Caring 14th Annual Conference April 8th – 11, 2006



Conference Chair, Jean Clermont-Drolet

A conference in the true CANAC style:
4 days packed with workshops, plenaries, symposia, a chance to
learn, share knowledge, make connections, to hear about work
done in other parts of Canada and internationally,
and
have fun.



CANAC President Deborah Randall-Wood

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Conference Committee Summary

Hello to each and every one of you,

As you know, our association's 14th annual conference took place on April 8-11, at the Delta Centre-Ville Hotel in Montreal. Did you hear something about it at your workplace? As members of the planning committee we were very proud of the success. Imagine 150 participants all happy to have met one another again under the CANAC banner!

Our attempts at innovation were well appreciated. First of all there was a pre-conference in the form of a symposium (included with the registration). It was held on April 8th and dealt with

treatment adherence: tips, hints, and projects that work. This provided an opportunity to put forward the often very innovative nursing know-how found in this field.

Secondly, we switched things up a bit with a fancy-dress Retro-Disco-Kitsch gala evening party, masterfully deejayed by Thomas Entertainment. This was a favourite among the participants and it provided a festive and fun way, with a real party ambiance, to highlight the excellence and dedication of two nurses: Jane McCall (Vancouver, BC) and Édith Duterville (Montreal, QC), this years' CANAC Awards of Excellence recipients.

The welcoming cocktail party as well as the gala evening party gave the participants the opportunity to rest a bit from a very busy schedule: workshops, plenaries, conference lunches and dinners. We wanted to organize a good clinical conference and the excellence of the submissions and of the speakers contributed greatly to the success of the conference. To all those who gave presentations, we thank you a thousand times over for your collaboration in the transfer of expertise. We owe you all a lot.

We cannot ignore the contributions of our partners from the pharmaceutical companies who have supported several activities throughout these four days (a list of conference sponsor can be found in this newsletter). The same goes for CATIE and the Canadian Public Health Association who held and animated the E-space. In fact, since the PowerPoint presentations were translated into French and English, several will soon be available on CATIE's website.

The preparation of such a conference requires at least one year of work and I very much want to thank the best of teams: Hélène Morin, Jasmin Girard, Diane Sylvain, Gino Curadeau, and Louise Sylvestre. Without them, this project could never have succeeded.

So we say goodbye... see you in Vancouver in April 2007. A event not to be missed!

Jean Clermont-Drolet, RN
Organizing committee for the 14th CANAC/ACIIS Annual Conference
Montreal, April 8-11, 2006

2006 Awards of Excellence

The CANAC/ACIIS Awards of Excellence recognize members who have demonstrated excellence in HIV/AIDS clinical practice, or who have made an exceptional contribution to the development of nursing in HIV/AIDS care.

Each year members are asked to nominate other members for an Award of Excellence.

This years winners are:

Jill Sullivan Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice

Edith Duterville (Quebec)

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

Jane McCall (BC& Yukon)

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



Revelers at the Reception

The cocktail reception for the conference was held in the revolving Tour de Ville restaurant on the top floor of the Delta Centre-Ville Hotel.

Conference goers were treated to a magnificent Moroccan, Algeria and Tunisian buffet, beautiful scenery and great conversation.

All meals were provided as part of the conference registration fee.



**And now for Something
Completely Different.....**



**The one and only
Retro-Disco-Kitsch
Gala Evening**



**The very best way to have
fun in Montréal.**

Conference Sponsorship

Each year the CANAC conference committee solicits, and receives, wonderful support from a variety of sponsors. We gratefully acknowledge the support of this years sponsors:

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Ontario Ministry of Health AIDS Bureau

Membership Update

Our total membership at this time is 170.

Atlantic Region	8
Québec Region	24
Ontario Region	74
Prairies, NWT & Nunavut region	22
British Columbia	41
International	1

RATE CHANGE

The Board completed a review of the membership rate and categories in April. This was prompted by feedback from the membership at the Regional breakout sessions of the AGM. The feeling was that a small increase in membership fees was warranted to continue CANAC's work.

As a result the membership rate will be raised from \$40 to \$50 per year for regular membership. The Student and Associate membership rate will also be raised from \$30 to \$40.

Some interesting facts:

- 1) 64 of current members are new to CANAC
- 2) 38 of the new members heard about CANAC from a friend or co-worker
- 3) 161 current members are RNs; some of the others are a Psychiatric nurse, an LPN and 2 associate members who are physiotherapists.
- 4) We have 31 institutional members, 2 associate members and 4 student members
- 5) 145 people attended the 2006 conference; 61 of those were CANAC members

Treasurer's Report

Hello to all CANAC Members,

Your Treasurer has been busy the past few months with the rolling in of membership fees and the sorting of conference details. Membership revenue to date is \$4,200.00. Once the Conference Planning Committee has finalized their budget we will determine the revenue generated from the conference.

Thanks to sponsorship from The AIDS Bureau of the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, we were able to assist with the conference translation expenses this year.

I provided a report of the 2004-2005 finance year at the AGM. In summary, although there was a decrease in INCOME there was also a significant decrease in EXPENSES leaving us with a NET EQUITY of \$65,228.00 at the end of the year. The membership appointed Mr. Bernard Schiltz, Chartered Accountant, as auditor for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Congratulations to the Planning Committee for a successful conference! I thoroughly enjoyed both the speakers and the "joie de la vie" of our Montreal hosts. A few of us came down with "dance fever" --but have since recovered.

Sincerely,

Judy Latendre-Paquette,
Interim Treasurer

Board Member 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.

Hannah's second term on the board is up this fall but she won't be going far. Hannah is going to be chairing the 2008 conference committee. If you are interested in helping out please contact her at hcowen@oasischc.on.ca

Sonja Rietkerk (Interim BC Rep). Sonja was appointed by the board as interim rep for the BC region. Sonja is an active member of the 2007 conference committee and is kept very busy with the BC regional meetings.

Denise (former 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) was chair of the Montréal conference committee. Jean and his team, Hélène Morin, Diane Sylvain, Gino Curadeau and Louise Sylvestre, did a magnificent job of a very successful conference.

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

Judy Latendre-Paquette (Interim Treasurer) was appointed interim Treasurer last year when Tracey Stevenson left the board. Judy has been doing a wonderful job at making sense of CANAC finances.

...A Note from Hannah

Nurses Within Ontario's Borders and Doctors Without Borders

Ottawa's Tulip Festival was unusually soggy with this year's rain, but I donned rain gear and accepted the invitation CANAC had received to experience the launch of Doctors Without Borders' EXPO. EXPO is a large truck outfitted with photos, print information, equipment, examples and keen volunteers set to educate visitors on DWB's many health missions around the world. Whether fighting HIV, malaria, maternal morbidity, TB or other disasters, the volunteers work with local people to improve their health. As I made my way through the displays, I heard nurses, doctors and logisticians describe their experiences abroad, the rewards and frustrations and how it had enhanced their life and work at home.

The DWB staff were also interested to learn about CANAC and were enthused about future links with us as a group interested in their work. We are going to arrange links between our websites so members can connect and find information that way.

The Montreal Conference continued CANAC's tradition of excellence in learning opportunities, in fun and celebration and in the validation and inspiration one gets from being among so many smart, compassionate and articulate nurses and allies. Thank you to Jean and the entire organizing committee for a fabulous time. And thank you to the Ontario AIDS Bureau for their support. CANAC used the AIDS Bureau donation to send 7 Ontario nurses to the conference on full scholarship and to defray some of the translation costs.

We lengthened the AGM to have more time for regional discussion this year but Ontario still ran out of time before we ran out of topics to discuss. That kind of interest and

vigor is wonderful. Members were asked to tell us about “hot issues” and ideas for CANAC to work on. The board will consider this input in the context of our strategic goals. I have been thinking about how we can progress. One of the thoughts I have had is that perhaps we have been giving you an unrealistic idea of what your board can do. The recent change in our strategic goals to focus on only two priorities and the changes in our bylaws to help promote board continuity are ways we are trying to ensure that board members have realistic roles. Another thing that we will be doing in the future is to begin calling on each of you to carry the CANAC banner whether by attending events as a CANAC rep, writing articles for the newsletter, considering a role on the board or helping in whatever way your talents allow.

Each of us can identify ourselves as a CANAC member while writing a letter, attending a workshop, etc. All of us can carry CANAC brochures or the PEP cards or at least have the website address to give out to people at our workday activities such as staff meetings, inservices and lunches with nurse friends in other fields. By identifying yourself as a member, you are not speaking on behalf of the organization but you are showing pride and raising awareness outside our current membership. Information you gather can be fed back to the board and may potentially help find partners for the work of the organization as a whole. What do you think? Many of you may already be doing this. If not, what would you need to begin? A chat before you go? Brochures? To borrow the banner? Whatever you need consider this the invitation to get involved and let us know.

I look forward to hearing your ideas and comments. I'll write more on this concept and the Ontario regional breakout, next newsletter.

Best wishes, Hannah

CANAC Update from BC/Yukon

BC Members enjoyed a CANAC Meeting on May 16th, 2006 with two presentations by local RNs. One regarding HIV and Depression by Rachele Stuber and the other about Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM) in ARV experienced HIV patients by Misty Bath. Our next BC/Yukon meeting will be held in September and will focus on HIV and Aboriginal Health.

The 15th Annual CANAC Conference from April 14 - 17, 2007 will be hosted by Vancouver, BC at The Coast Plaza Hotel. The planning committee for the CANAC Conference 2007 will meet on May 31st, 2006 to discuss and brainstorm for this exciting event. If anyone has any questions or would like more information about the Conference you can email us at canacvancouver2007@yahoo.ca

And lastly, CANAC members are supporting PWN (Positive Women's Network) in the showing of a Photo Exhibit titled *Giving Women Power Over AIDS: HIV, Microbicides and Hope* this extraordinary exhibit will be displayed from May 31st-June 2nd, 2006 at various venues in Vancouver, B.C. For more information please contact Janet Madsen Communication Coordinator for PWN at janetm@pwn.bc.ca

Sonja Rietkerk

Choosing
their
wardrobe
for the
Gala



Bylaw Changes

If you were able to attend the conference than you are aware that several changes to the bylaws were voted in during the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed changes to the bylaws had been sent out to all members in early February so that they could be debated at the AGM. Most of the bylaw changes were suggested to clarify their meaning and some were proposed to reflect suggestions from the membership. There was lots of debate and the majority were accepted as presented.

One suggested change was to the institutional membership bylaw to clarify that category of membership. It was not successful as those present felt it wasn't clear enough. This bylaw will be re-evaluated and may be addressed at the next AGM.

A full list of the current bylaws are available to members in the members only section of the CANAC website but the following are some of the highlights.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

A regional representative, secretary or treasurer is elected to serve a two-year term. He or she can be re-elected to serve a second consecutive term for a total of 4 years in the same role.

The role of President is a 4-year commitment starting with 1 year as president-elect, 2 years as president and 1 year as past president.

Regional reps can be elected to executive office (secretary, treasurer or president) and serve up to their full 4 years as rep and an additional 4 years in the executive role.

The maximum time anyone can be on the board is 8 years. The board can vote to temporarily extend someone's term in special circumstances if no one else is available to fill the role.

BOARD VACANCIES

In the event of a vacancy in one of the regional reps roles the board can now vote to appoint an interim rep until the next election. This option has always been available for the secretary, treasurer and president but is new for regional reps.

E-BALLOTING

In response to growing use and access to the Internet, CANAC has decided to investigate the possibility of electronic balloting and so changed the wording of the bylaws to allow for this in the future.

At present we do not have the ability for electronic balloting and any method used would need to ensure confidentiality and accuracy.

If you know of an e-balloting method that you think might work for CANAC please let your regional representative or the secretary know.

TRANSLATION

Due to the cost associated with simultaneous translation the bylaws have been changed to say that simultaneous translation of the Annual General Meeting will only happen when the AGM is held in the province of Quebec. This does not affect the conference, only the AGM.

All written material at the AGM will still be available in French and English, all the overheads, handouts etc. will be in both languages and, of course, the regional breakouts will be done in whatever language the regional members want.

To see a copy of the AGM minutes and the current bylaws go to the members only section of the CANAC website. If you have forgotten your members only access contact the admin coordinator.



Election to the Board of Directors 2006-2008

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.

Included with this newsletter you will find a call for nominations and a nomination form for the

- Treasurer
- Regional Representative, Ontario
- Regional Representative, Prairies, Northwest Territories and Nunavut
- Regional Representative, British Columbia and the Yukon

All CANAC members are invited to nominate someone for Treasurer; Regional Representatives can only be nominated by someone from that region.

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.

Informational note:

The Ontario Rep, Hannah Cowen, is completing her second term as representative

The Prairies, NWT and Nunavut are currently without a representative

Sonja Rietkerk was appointed after the AGM as Interim BC & Yukon rep.

Interim appointments are intended to fill vacancies until the next election.



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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/WHATSN_EW.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

Envisioning the Future: An International Symposium on Children

This symposium is an official affiliated event of the XVI International AIDS Conference scheduled for August 13 – 18, 2006

Toronto, Canada on August 11th and 12th, 2006 at the MaRS Centre, 101 College Street, Toronto, Canada.

The Envisioning the Future Symposium will provide an international forum for discussion of best practices and emerging issues related to this population of children.

Topics will include:

- Prevention of mother to child transmission, community support for orphans and vulnerable children, medical care, education, children's rights
- psychosocial issues – early childhood, reducing stigma, children's participation

The Envisioning the Future Symposium will be of particular interest to community organizations, researchers, health professionals and others working in the field of children affected by HIV and AIDS. It will lay the groundwork for the development of an ongoing international network or coalition of organizations and individuals working in this field.

To register for the symposium please visit our website at:

<http://www.teresagroup.ca/symposium>.

The application deadline is July 15, 2006.

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Internet Resources

Nursing Resources:

CANAC: www.canac.org

CANAC/CATIE nursing resource
www.catie.ca/e/nurses/index.htm

Canadian Harm Reduction website:
www.canadianharmreduction.com

Toronto Harm Reduction Task Force:
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BC Persons With AIDS Society:
www.bcpwa.org

General Interest Websites:

Make Poverty History website info:
<http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca>

CANAC partnerships and linkages

CATIE: www.catie.ca

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network:
www.aidslaw.ca

CNA: www.cna-nurses.ca

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network:
www.caan.ca

ANAC: www.anacnet.org

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