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# Mission

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**CASN's mission is to lead nursing education and scholarship in the interest of healthier Canadians.**



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# Benefits of CASN membership

## **Participation in Nursing Education Leadership:**

- Program accreditation
- Support and lobby for baccalaureate nursing education in Canada
- Professional development and advancement through:
  - Participation on national committees focusing on nursing education issues
  - Research and scholarship through the work of committees and task forces
  - Opportunities as an accreditation reviewer
- Political action and policy development through CASN position statements, policies and other key initiatives
- Contributing to faculty and curriculum development through the establishment of tools such as “substantive content” resource banks and nursing competencies
- Promotion of research and scholarship in nursing education
- Representation and information on global nursing education issues
- Inclusion of your school’s nursing programs in the CASN education programs database
- A link to your school’s nursing program on the CASN website
- Educational Leadership Awards and other awards
- Discounts on conference fees
- Dissemination of announcements and information through the CASN monthly newsletter NewsUpdate and the CASN website
- Fact Sheets that can assist you as a nurse educator and/or leader

## **Opportunities for Networking:**

- Access to national and international conferences co-sponsored by CASN (e.g. Academic Leadership, GANES)
- Representation on CASN national committees and task forces, and on external committees and working groups
- CASN representation at regional and national conferences, symposia and meetings attended by other nurse educators, health professionals and decision-makers
- CASN affiliation with the Canadian Nursing Students’ Association (CNSA)

## **CASN IS ACTING FOR YOU!**

- Collaboration with the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) on the Student & Faculty Survey and on eight key, new initiatives over the coming years, such as the CNA Portal – Nurse One, databases, international work, strategic planning and action
- Leadership in the Canadian Consortium for Nursing Research and Innovation
- Linking nursing education and practice through national and provincial dialogue and action
- Promotion of the Dr. Pat L. Griffin Fund of CASN for research in nursing education
- Development of baccalaureate level educational competencies, such as in palliative/end-of-life care and community/public health
- Addressing the challenges of providing clinical/practice education placements

# Annual Report to Council

## Dr. Lise R. Talbot, CASN President



It has been quite a busy and exciting first year as CASN's president. Throughout the year I have had the privilege to witness CASN's leadership in Canada and around the world.

This year has also seen many changes at the National Office. Jane Winder, Manager of Accreditation, retired in January 2007. After an extensive search process, the new Manager will be Andrea Perrier. I will be assisting with the search for a new Manager of Professional Services in the coming months. National Office was also devastated with the loss of Pat Griffin. Pat was a true leader and her contributions will never be

forgotten. Following Pat's death, I assisted Jo-Anne Swanson to assure that business affairs continued as usual at the office. During this time, I also sat on the Search Committee for the new Executive Director. Ellen Rukholm is the successful candidate and CASN is very fortunate to have someone with her knowledge, expertise and wisdom.

As CASN moves forward, the Board of Directors felt it was important to remember Pat Griffin. Pat always dreamed that one day Canada would have a research Chair in Nursing Education. The Dr. Pat L. Griffin Fund of CASN was established to acknowledge Pat's leadership contributions to nursing education. It is an honour to be involved as CASN's President during the launch of this Fund.

This Fund and other initiatives will promote the positive impact that nursing education has on assuring that future nurses are prepared to work in all aspects of the health care system. It is also important that educators have the opportunity to come together to learn from each other. The Nurse Educators Conference hosted by Queen's University in November 2007, is just one example. One of my goals for the next year is to secure funding for an Educational Summit that will be hosted by CASN in February 2009.

As research is one of the pillars of CASN and fundamental to nursing education, I have participated on the Canadian Consortium for Nursing Research and Innovation. Mary Ellen Jeans has been commissioned by the Consortium to provide an analysis of nursing research and scholarship in Canada. This information will be important not only to CASN but to our other partners in the Consortium, as we work together to advocate for increased funding into nursing research.

I had the opportunity to attend the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference in Montréal. The purpose of the conference was to discuss evidence informed practice and knowledge translation and how we get this from the bedside to the Board. It gave me further insight into the impact CASN can have on the care that is provided at the bedside. Educators are so fortunate to be the first point of contact for all future nurses. We have a primary opportunity to influence Canada's future nurses.

Global partnerships allow CASN to take a global leadership role and learn from other countries and their educators. The Global Alliance for Nursing Education and Scholarship (GANES) met in Washington in 2006 to discuss this partnership. Meetings have since been held in Australia and Japan. CASN has been elected as the secretariat. It is one of my priorities to participate with CASN's Executive Director and National Office staff to assist in the planning for the first GANES conference to be held in Toronto, May 2008. I look forward to the continued work with the national organizations in Australia & New Zealand, United Kingdom and the United States. As you probably know, GANES was created in 2005. The mandate is as follows: to raise awareness of the key role of nursing education in the improvement of global health and quality care; to inform the debate about the global migration of nurses; to advocate for global investment in nursing education to ensure adequate capacity building and the sustainability of the nursing workforce globally; and finally, to provide information and advice on education processes and standards for nursing role development worldwide.

International accreditation has garnered much interest over the past few years. Along with Lynnette Leeseberg Stamler, President-Elect, and Ellen Rukholm, Executive Director, we attended an important meeting to discuss this and to develop a business plan. Lynnette and I also traveled to the ICN meetings in Japan, where I presented on accreditation and Lynnette on education. Now that there is a new Manager of Accreditation, it will be great to watch as this process becomes a reality.

CASN has received many accolades regarding our international initiatives. I had the opportunity to represent GANES and to discuss CASN's accreditation in the Maldives with 13 different countries from Southeast Asia. We were sent there by the World Health Organization and should have feedback from Nepal sometime next year to pursue our endeavor.

As much as I have traveled abroad, it is refreshing to participate in some of CASN's committees and see all the work and initiatives that are being accomplished. I also sat on Standing Committee for Education; Standing Committee on Research & Scholarship; Standing Committee on Information Management and Task Force on Governance. These committees are fundamental to CASN and I would like to congratulate the committees, their members and CASN's Professional Services on all the hard work they have done on projects that are vital and will be effective as we move forward.

The next year will be a time when CASN develops a new strategic plan. This plan will see CASN into the next decade when there will be an even greater need for nursing education research and strategies to cope with the shortages of nurses and the impact that this will have on education.

As my final year as CASN's president is upon me, I look forward to working on many of the above initiatives which will strength CASN's role as a key national and international stakeholder. I also look forward to witnessing more of the incredible work and passion that I have seen in nurse educators. It gives me a sense of pride when I see the evolution and development of our association. This could only happen with the involvement of all. Many thanks.



# Annual Report to Council

## Dr. Ellen Rukholm, CASN Executive Director



It is both an honour and pleasure that I write this report as the new Executive Director. I feel it important that before I discuss my vision for CASN and the work I have been doing since I started in September, I remember a remarkable visionary and leader, Pat Griffin.

Pat became CASN's Executive Director in January 2005. She brought with her a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and passion. It was under her leadership and guidance that CASN continued to grow and became more of an active player in the national nursing arena. During her time at CASN, Pat was fighting a brave battle against cancer. On May 7, 2007, Pat passed away while surrounded by her family. After her death, Pat was remembered fondly by many people in the nursing world and she continues to be remembered. I was fortunate enough to have the privilege to get to know Pat while I was CASN's President. I looked forward to the opportunity to be the Executive Director that follows Pat.

When you begin a new adventure in your life you are always looking for a vision. On my very first day of this position I attended a workshop held by the Office of Nursing Policy at Health Canada to discuss how we move forward with the recommendations that were presented in the Towards 2020: Vision for Nursing document. It was quite ironic that I was able to be inundated with a vision for nursing in Canada and the importance of nursing education and research right from the start. I truly believe that as the country moves forward in the recommendations that CASN will be involved and will take a lead in many of these initiatives.

The Global Alliance for Nursing Education and Scholarship (GANES), which is made up of the United Kingdom, Australia, United States and Canada, is in the process of planning a meeting to be held in Toronto, May 2008. CASN has been a strong initiator for this alliance and will continue to work with our partners from around the world.

CASN is well known across the globe for its accreditation process. We are moving forward with examining how we can accredit programs not just in Canada but around the world. Andrea Perrier, the Manager of Professional Services since April 2007, has been selected as the new Manager of Accreditation. We hope to find a new Manager of Professional Services in the very near future.

As next year is coming upon us quickly, CASN will be starting to develop a new Strategic Plan. The Directors and Managers at National office had a retreat in October to review and brainstorm ideas for the coming years. I look forward to all the discussions that will occur while we go through this process. The plan will bring us into the next decade and lead us towards 2020.

*Ellen Rukholm*



# Key Highlights

## From November 2006 to November 2007:

### November 2006

- CASN co-hosted Research Conference with the University of Victoria and University of British Columbia

### December 2006

- Global Alliance on Nursing Education and Scholarship (GANES) meeting in Australia, represented by President and Executive Director
- Preliminary meeting on Global Standards for Nursing and Midwifery Education hosted by WHO and Sigma Theta Tau International, represented by President-Elect and Past President

### January 2007

- CASN Board Meeting by teleconference

### February 2007

- Western Region CASN Meeting, represented by President-Elect and Executive Director
- CASN Accreditation Bureau Meeting in Ottawa, Ontario

### March 2007

- A National Invitational Symposium on Palliative and End-of-Life-Care hosted by Health Canada's Secretariat on Palliative and End-of-Life Care and CASN
- Office of Nursing Policy (ONP) meeting to discuss Nursing the Future, represented by Pat Griffin, Ellen Rukholm, Lynnette Leeseberg Stamler, and Evelyn Kennedy
- First Nations and Inuit Health meeting – hosted by CASN, the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), and the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada

### April 2007

- CASN represented at National Regulatory Conference by Executive Committee member
- CASN Accreditation Bureau Meeting in Ottawa, Ontario

### May 2007

- CASN's Executive Director, Dr. Pat Griffin, passed away after a long battle with cancer. Please find a donation form at the back of this report to donate to the Dr. Pat L. Griffin fund of CASN
- CASN Board meeting in Ottawa, Ontario
- Two-day meeting to discuss international accreditation hosted by Human Resources and Social Development Canada
- Two presentations at the International Council of Nurses meeting in Yokohama, Japan – represented by President and President-Elect
- Presentation on GANES meeting held at ICN in Yokohama, Japan

- CASN Task Force on Attrition launched the Student Withdrawal Survey

### June 2007

- CASN represented at CNA Annual General Meeting
- CASN represented at Health Canada's Task Force meeting on Internationally Educated Nurses
- CASN Sub-Committee on Clinical Education article published in the Canadian Nurse Journal

### Summer 2007

- CASN Accreditation Bureau Meeting in Ottawa, Ontario
- Search Committee Meeting for New Executive Director
- CASN Executive Committee met with CNA President and Executive Director
- CASN represented at Canadian Federation of Nurses Union meeting in Moncton, New Brunswick

### September 2007

- Dr. Ellen Rukholm became CASN's new Executive Director
- Three project reports on Clinical Education, funded by Health Canada and CASN, were released
- Accreditation reviewers' training session held in Toronto, Ontario
- ONP Meeting to discuss "Nursing The Future", represented by Executive Director and Evelyn Kennedy
- CASN represented at Canadian Patient Safety Institute Strategic Planning Meeting
- CASN represented on CNA working group for international consultation on education standards for midwifery and nursing proposed by WHO

### October 2007

- CASN represented at Nurse Practitioner Educators meeting in Calgary, Alberta

### November 2007

- CASN Executive Committee
- CASN Board of Directors
- CASN Council Meeting
- CASN co-hosted Education Conference with Queen's University



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# Annual Report to Council Corporate Services

## Overview of Roles and Responsibilities

The Corporate Services Department is responsible for working with the CASN Treasurer to establish the budget. Staff is also responsible for the planning of conferences and workshops; day to day operations, including finances, human/material resources, office management, etc.

Corporate Services also supports the Standing Committee on Strategic Planning, the Standing Committee on Nominations/Awards, and the Task Force on Governance.

## Actions Taken

- Search Committee for New Executive Director
- Monthly meetings of Executive Committee
- Two Board of Directors' Meeting
- Organized several workshops and meetings (see highlights) from various Standing Committees and Task Forces
- Developed proposals for funding opportunities
- Participated at various meetings

## Goals for Next Year

In May 2008, CASN will be hosting its first Nursing Academic Leadership Conference with Ryerson University, University of Toronto, York University and University of Ontario Institute of Technology. This conference will be held from May 8-11, 2008 at the Hilton Downtown, Toronto.

In October 2008, CASN will also be hosting the GANES Conference from October 1-3, 2008 at the Hilton Downtown, Toronto.

The 2008 CASN Council Meeting will be held in November in Ottawa.

2008 promises to be an exciting and interesting year for CASN conferences – you will not want to miss any!

# Annual Report to Council Professional Services

## Overview of Roles and Responsibilities

During 2007 Professional Services coordinated and supported the following CASN committees and task forces:

Standing Committee on Information Management (formerly Databases)  
Standing Committee on Research and Scholarship  
Standing Committee on Education, including:  
    Sub-Committee on Graduate Studies  
    Sub-Committee on Clinical Education  
    Sub-Committee on Public Health  
    Task Force on Attrition  
    Task Force on Internationally Educated Nurses  
    Task Force on Inter-Professional Education  
    Task Force on Nurse Practitioner Education  
    Task Force on Palliative/End-of-Life Care  
    Task Force on Patient Safety

Professional Services also supports the following national office activities:

- Communications: website, monthly newsletter NewsUpdate, fact sheets, annual report, brochures, answering inquiries
- Information Management: Student & Faculty Survey in collaboration with the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), education programs database, nursing research database, surveys
- Listserves to help nursing educators network and share information

## Highlights of 2007 Activities & Goals for 2008

### *Standing Committee on Information Management*

- Revised Terms of Reference approved by Board in May 2007
- Release of 2005-2006 Student & Faculty Survey results in the Fall of 2007
- To add questions on Infrastructure Support to the 2006-2007 Student & Faculty Survey
- To review and pursue renewed funding for the Nursing Research Database

### *Standing Committee on Research and Scholarship*

- List of Nursing Research Centres across Canada updated on CASN website
- Finalized revision of CASN position statement on Scholarship in Nursing
- To conduct a review of national research priorities

### ***Standing Committee on Education***

- To review and update CASN position statement on Master's and Doctoral Level in Nursing
- To review Terms of Reference

### ***Sub-Committee on Graduate Studies***

- Preparation of agenda for November 2007 Graduate Studies Forum

### ***Sub-Committee on Clinical Education***

- Publication in June 2007 issue of Canadian Nurse on "Overcoming the Challenges of Providing Clinical/Practice Education"
- Release of three special reports on clinical education in September 2007

### ***Sub-Committee on Public Health***

- Submission of proposal to the Public Health Agency of Canada to develop baccalaureate competencies
- Work on two publications on community health content in nursing education

### ***Task Force on Attrition***

- Survey of CASN member schools on tracking student withdrawal
- To review position statement
- To review Terms of Reference

### ***Task Force on Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs)***

- Representation at June 28, 2007 Health Canada Task Force on IENs meeting in Edmonton
- Representation at June 14-15, 2007 meeting in Regina to discuss CASN/Kwantlen University pilot of faculty development modules (to pilot at three sites during the Fall of 2007 with funding from Health Canada)
- To pursue funding to (1) host face-to-face meeting of all nursing educator bodies to articulate a model on bridging programs, and (2) update 2004 survey of programs for IENs
- To develop position statement

### ***Task Force on Inter-Professional Education***

- Environmental scan of key organizations and documents
- To develop position statement

### ***Task Force on Nurse Practitioner (NP) Education***

- Representation at October 2, 2007 pan-Canadian meeting in Calgary of NP Educators
- To review Terms of Reference and membership
- To analyze the NP education strategy framework and recommendations in the Canadian Nurse Practitioner Initiative report to integrate into the CASN strategic plan

### ***Task Force on Palliative/End-of-Life Care (PEOLC)***

- Developed PEOLC competencies
- March 16, 2007 national symposium to review draft competencies
- Finalized Resource Bank on PEOLC
- Submission of proposal to Health Canada to obtain national consensus on competencies

- Presentation of the competencies at the CASN Nurse Educator Conference in November 2007

### **Task Force on Patient Safety**

- Completion of position statement and resource bank on Patient Safety and Nursing Education
- Feedback on drafts of (1) joint Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions/CNA position statement on “Workplace Violence and Incivility”, and (2) Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) 2007 – 2012 strategic plan
- Letter of support to CPSI for renewal of Health Canada funding

### **Education Programs Database**

- Updated and expanded to include RN continuing education programs and courses
- Search/query table designed to allow public access on CASN website to help answer inquiries on educational programs

### **Inquiries**

Between mid-May and early October 2007 CASN had received a total of 151 inquiries. Key areas of inquiry included the following requests:

- for information on distance education (38)
- about graduate education (27)
- relating to Internationally Educated Nurses (25)
- about direct entry (entry-to-practice) programs (14) N.B. 12 of these were asking about direct entry programs offered by distance
- to access the Education Programs or Research Database (12)
- about RN bridging programs for practical nurses (9)
- about American or Australian programs accepted in Canada (9)
- about the Student & Faculty survey (9)
- regarding curriculum content of Canadian nursing programs (8)

### **Listserve**

Currently the only two active CASN listserve are the Maternity Educators and the NP Educators listserve.

- The Maternity Educators listserve is chaired by Dr. Jennifer Medves, Associate Professor at Queen’s University. Currently this listserve includes approximately 75 maternity educators, and requests to join are growing.
- The NP Educators listserve has been updated and will be used as a main communication tool following the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of NP Educators.



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# Annual Report to Council Accreditation

## Overview of Roles and Responsibilities

The accreditation department is comprised of the Manager of Accreditation, Assistant Manager of Accreditation and the Accreditation Assistant. The accreditation department is responsible for the overall management of the accreditation review process for all participating schools of nursing. The Manager and Assistant Manager of Accreditation are accountable for the administration and act as secretariat for the Accreditation Bureau and Pilot Test Advisory Group/Task Force on Accreditation. Reviewer recruitment, selection and orientation are also accomplished through the accreditation department.

## Actions Taken

### *Accreditation Office*

In January 2007, Jane Winder, Manager of Accreditation, retired. In October 2007, Andrea Perrier, previous Manager of Professional Services, was selected as the new Manager of Accreditation. Throughout the year, Accreditation staff has worked closely with the CASN Accreditation Bureau (CAB) to assist with the reviews and meetings that occurred. Jane Winder was commissioned over the summer months to edit and revise the 2005 CASN Accreditation Program in preparation for translation. The French translated version of the 2005 CASN Accreditation Program is expected to be available in early October 2007.

### *Accreditation reviews*

Over the past year, 12 schools and 11 programs underwent accreditation reviews using the 2005 CASN Accreditation Program. It is the responsibility of CAB to determine the accreditation recognition decision for each school of nursing and for each nursing education program reviewed. The CAB and CASN National Office follow the sixty-six step accreditation process, as outlined in the CASN Accreditation Program (August 2007 revision).

### *Accreditation Bureau Meetings*

Three face to face meetings were held in Ottawa: February 2007, April 2007 and July 2007. Three Accreditation Bureau teleconferences were held: December 08, 2006, July 24, 2007 and in late September 2007.

### *Other Meetings*

The Accreditation Bureau Chair, Madeleine Buck, participated in the May 2007 CASN Board of Director meetings. Also, the Accreditation Bureau Chair attended the Annual General Meeting for the Association of Accrediting Agencies of Canada (AAAC) on June 8, 2007. CAB made policy recommendations for consideration and approval by the CASN Board of Directors: the policy addressed the area of restricting the release of historical accreditation information to only the schools of nursing dean/director/chair.

### **Reviewer Orientation**

A face to face reviewer orientation was held September 14-15, 2007 in Toronto, Ontario. Five new CASN reviewers and three Accreditation Bureau members participated in the session.

### **Next Steps**

Evaluation and feedback are currently being collected from participating schools and reviewers. A December 2007 teleconference is anticipated. At least two winter 2008 face to face meetings will be required to undertake discussions regarding fall 2007 accreditation review decisions.

### **Goals for 2008**

- Undergo scheduled accreditation reviews of 23 schools and 15 programs using the 2005 CASN Accreditation Program.
- Establish working groups to develop graduate program, Nurse Practitioner program and clinical placement accreditation standards.
- Establish a working group to further examine international accreditation and evaluation.



*Accreditation Reviewer Orientation – September 2007*



# Annual Report to Council Affiliate Members

## Western Region Update

### Background

Western Region CASN (WRCASN) is a regional organization of individual members of CASN-affiliated schools of nursing in Western Canada. Membership is comprised of Deans, Directors, Faculty members, graduate students, and affiliated faculty of CASN-member schools. Each school of nursing elects/selects a Member-at-Large (MAL) who becomes the communication person for WRCASN. An executive committee is comprised of President, Past-President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and 4-6 MALs to ensure two representatives from each of the four western provinces on the executive. Current President, Linda Ferguson, and Secretary Treasurer, Mary MacDonald, will hold office for two years (2006-08). President and Secretary Treasurer positions move among member schools on a pre-set rotational basis.

### Actions Taken

A major initiative of WRCASN is an annual Nurse Educators Conference and Annual Meeting held in February of each year. The 2008 conference will be held in Victoria British Columbia on **February 21-23, 2008**, sponsored by the University of Victoria and the Nursing Department of Camosun College. The theme for the conference will be **Caring for people, the profession and the earth: Interrelationships among health, health, and the environment**. Abstracts can be submitted September 1 to November 15, 2007. More information can be obtained at <http://nursing.uvic.ca/wrcasn/index.php>

We are also in the process of accepting applications for the WRCASN Nursing Education Research Award (\$5000) and the WRCASN Teaching Innovation Award (\$2500). A new award in 2007 is the Graduate Student Research Award (\$2500). All studies or projects must be in the area of nursing education. Awards are open to members of WRCASN only.

### Next Steps

We are continuing to develop our communication network among the member schools in WRCASN and encouraging debate on nursing education issues in Canada.

## Ontario Region Update

The Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing (COUPN) and the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAATS) have enjoyed a full year under a new structure, bringing together an executive committee of representatives from both sectors and reflecting the mutual interests of baccalaureate education in the university and community college collaborations. As a body, we continue to promote and foster our partnerships and relationship with nursing stakeholders across the province (for example, the nursing heads of the Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario, the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario, and the College of Nurses of Ontario, to name but a few). One of the major initiatives has been our joint participation in exploring a web based, provincially coordinated system for practice education.

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care continues to support nursing in Ontario in a variety of ways. For example, in the spring, the Ministry launched the New Graduate Initiative which invested \$89 million to help new graduates transition into the workforce. In addition, the Ministry has recently announced its continued support of the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (PHC NP) program by guaranteeing funding to support ongoing enrollment. Recently, an interprofessional charter has been published, providing a framework for interprofessional care in the province, and signaling that interprofessional education is a priority. Also, the government continues to implement supports for the recognition of education achieved by internationally educated nurses.

The Ontario Council for Graduate Studies has approved the delivery of PHC NP education at the masters level. The submission to the Federal Credentialing Committee regarding the move of PHC NP education to the masters level is currently under review by the Committee.

There are four provincial projects offering Registered Practical Nurse to BScN education, three of which are government pilot-funded. We are currently considering ways in which to complete a full provincial evaluation of the pilot projects. The demand for such programming is on the increase.

We are absolutely delighted that Ontario will be sponsoring the first CASN Academic Nursing Leadership Conference in May 2007 in Toronto. This conference is targeted toward those who are currently in an academic leadership position at any level (e.g. directors, deans, course leads, coordinators, etc.) AND those who aspire to academic leadership positions as a career goal. The conference is intended to provide provocative, useful, interesting, compelling ideas/strategies/experiences to address the gamut of issues with which nursing academic leaders deal on a regular basis. We look forward to seeing you in May!!



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## Québec Region Update

Les membres du comité exécutif se sont réunis (principalement via conférences téléphoniques) les 12 et 29 octobre 2006 puis les 15 mars, 24 avril et 3 mai 2007. Deux rencontres du CA ont été tenues : le 28 juin (pour remplacer la rencontre de mai dans le cadre de l'ACFAS; cette rencontre a été reportée en raison de la tenue du SIDIIEF à Québec) et le 30 octobre 2006 (dans le cadre de l'AGA et du Congrès de l'OIIQ).

L'Assemblée générale des membres s'est réunie le 28 juin à Québec

### En se basant sur les objectifs de l'année :

1. Étudier les défis et les enjeux de la formation universitaire dans le contexte actuel de la main-d'œuvre infirmière au Québec et mener des activités de promotion
2. Examiner la structure de l'ACÉSI, région du Québec, en lien avec la structure de l'Association nationale et des partenariats à établir
3. Organiser une Journée annuelle de l'ACÉSI-RQ pour soutenir les objectifs de l'Association en complément aux activités de développement de la connaissance
4. Assurer le suivi du dossier des bourses pour la formation de la relève du corps professoral des universités québécoises
5. Poursuivre les actions en vue d'obtenir les ressources humaines, matérielles et financières nécessaires au maintien et au développement de la formation universitaire
6. Mettre en place les conditions de réalisation de la formation de l'infirmière clinicienne en soins spécialisés, de l'infirmière praticienne et de l'infirmière cadre conseil
7. Identifier des stratégies visant le renforcement du caractère intégré de la formation infirmière intégrée FII (Dec/Bacc) et examiner l'impact de ce continuum sur l'agrément des programmes.

Les prix Reconnaissance et Hommage ont été remis le 30 octobre 2006 lors d'un cocktail durant le Congrès de l'OIIQ. Le Prix *Reconnaissance* a été remis à madame Nicole Duhamel Maestracci, vice-rectrice adjointe à l'Université de Montréal et le Prix *Hommage* a été remis à madame Linda Lepage, qui a été doyenne de la FSI à l'Université Laval.

## Atlantic Region Update

Over the past year, the ARCASN executive has worked hard to increase ARCASN's profile with several members sitting on national task forces. This past year our group updated our constitution and bylaws and revised our strategic plan to continue to meet our mission and reflect the changing needs in our region. The new strategic plan includes both timeframes and identified responsibilities. The eight strategic directions outlined in our plan that we will continue to work on include:

- 1) Increase ARCASN's profile in the nursing, healthcare, education and policy communities
- 2) Provide a forum for the examination of issues related to nursing education, research and practice in Canada
- 3) Monitor trends and disseminate information about issues of regional relevance to nursing education
- 4) Encourage and support the development of scholarly activities by nurse educators and others in the area of education and clinical practice within the Atlantic Region.
- 5) Provide leadership in setting and maintaining standards for nursing education in the Atlantic region
- 6) Represent the position and priorities of ARCASN to CASN and other stakeholder groups
- 7) Influence public policy relevant to nursing education, research and practice in response to issues of concern
- 8) Support the need for bilingual communication within the association

The ARCASN Annual Conference was held on June 13<sup>th</sup> this year and was hosted by the University of New Brunswick, Saint John Campus.

Winners of the research and education awards were announced:

- 1) Education - Rosemary MacDonald presented the committee report. Two Education Innovation awards were awarded this year. The recipients were: Dr. B. Campbell from UPEI for "Slinging MUDD across the Pond in a Virtual Environment" and Marian MacLellen, Jane Moseley, and Sherry Bowman from St. FXU for their workshop project of teaching and learning strategies for students' preceptors. The award recipients were encouraged to present at the next ARCASN Conference.
- 2) Research - Megan Aston submitted the committee report. Research grant recipients were J. Creina Twomey, PhD (c), RN, & Robert J. Meadus, PhD, RN from MUN for " Men student nurses: the nursing education experience" and Adele Vukic, RN MN, Josephine Etowa, RN PhD, & Lucille Wittsock, RN MN from Dalhousie for " Fostering support of diversity among nursing students".

The Nova Scotia Provincial Nurse Network group has met to discuss the information provided by those who attended the Nursing the Future meetings held in Ottawa in March and September of 2007. It is likely that similar discussions have been held or will be held in the other Atlantic Provinces.

The nursing shortage is upon us in the Atlantic Region. Most discussions related to Nursing seem to eventually turn to this pressing reality, in an effort to discover immediate, short and long term possibilities for addressing it.

# Affiliate Members

## **Western Region (WRCASN)**

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