

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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## Are you ready for ORNAC 2017 in Niagara Falls?

Planning started at the close of the 2015 ORNAC Conference and a lot has happened behind the scenes to ensure that the delegate experience delivers great value in continuing education hours, networking opportunities, and industry engagement.

The National Conference Committee chaired by **Linda Whyte**, and under the guidance of National Conference Planning Pillar Chair, **Kim McLennan-Robbins**, is stacking the program with world renowned keynote speakers **Meg Soper**, **Mark Black** and **Sarah McVanel-Viney**; opportunities to learn about best practices during educational sessions; fun social events; worldwide experts; and industry contacts.

Although you might understand the benefits of attending conference it is possible that your manager may not. To help support your discussion around time off and funding you might use the following key points to help you articulate the benefits:

**Networking** - Get the latest scoop on what is happening for with instruments, technologies, and processes.

**Team Building** - Discuss instruments, technologies, and processes and how you might apply them in your institution to improve information, workflow and processes.

**Current Tools, Technologies & Processes** - Speak with vendors/experts re: using current instrumentation and

technologies, processes and how to improve practice.

**Future Processes Exploration** - Identify future processes, and opportunities for improvement through innovative methods.

**Vendors with Tools & Technologies Worth Exploring** - Attendance at Canada's largest surgical products and services tradeshow will provide access to new technologies and the opportunity to explore emerging resources. Share this knowledge upon your return and help benefit your workplace's future planning.

The 25th ORNAC National Conference program is available online so you and your employer can review it together to identify sessions that would be most beneficial to your workplace and team. You can identify specific sessions, and exhibitors that are relevant as they address issues that your healthcare setting currently faces.

Let your employer know that this is a great opportunity for you to network with industry professionals, discover numerous health care leaders, attend valuable educational sessions, and grow your perioperative knowledge.

As the excitement builds for #ORNAC2017 one question that many of you will have is "how do I get to Niagara Falls once I land in Toronto?" Good news! ORNAC has secured discounted travel, with Niagara Airbus

Inc., on the shuttle from Toronto Pearson or Buffalo Airport. To access the discount for the shuttle simply go to [www.niagaraairbus.com](http://www.niagaraairbus.com) to book and use the code "399" where you see Conference/Promo code. The discounted rate is \$92 for the round-trip shuttle to/from Toronto Pearson (and \$68 one way) or \$100 round-trip to/from Buffalo Airport (or \$70 one way). They have also provided a 10% discount on private car and charter services for other airports including Hamilton, Billy Bishop Toronto Island, Toronto Pearson, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls New York.

As hotel rooms are more affordable in Niagara Falls (\$159-\$179) the average budget to attend the 2017 meeting, for those travelling from QC, ON, NS, NL, NB and PE, is \$400 less than what it was to attend the 2015 ORNAC Conference in Edmonton (including shuttle fees from Pearson). As an example, a delegate travelling from Nova Scotia to Niagara Falls with 4 nights' accommodations, shuttle fees, registration fees, and meals can anticipate an average budget of approximately \$2,091. In 2015 the average budget for all delegates was \$2,495.

We hope that this information helps you plan your trip! More details, and on-line registration, are available on the conference pages at [www.ORNAC.ca](http://www.ORNAC.ca).

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