
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Fast Forward!

To quote Elizabeth Beck, the ORNAC Treasurer, “ORNAC is in fast-forward!” So... what has been happening, within ORNAC, during the past few months?

Bilingualism

In effort to serve both our French and English members ORNAC offers all communications in both official languages. The ORNAC Board and Executive has a team of certified **English-French** and **French-English** translators with expertise in translating within the medical field. The ORNAC Journal was launched as a newly bilingual publication in June of last year with translation managed to Clockwork Communications. The Editorial Chair position has been expanded to include 2 Co-Chairs – one English speaking and one French speaking – to provide proof-reading of all translated articles (in addition to the existing peer-review and editing processes that were already in place). Our translation team guarantees quality by using real people, a streamlined process, and experienced professionals with a strong background in the subject matter. Their personal review of each item, and additional proofreading when needed, help ensure **ORNAC is in good hands!**

Annual General Meetings (AGM)

In an effort to ensure a strong ORNAC presence in all of the provinces **the ORNAC Annual General Meeting**

will now change location every year.

The AGM includes a review of the ORNAC financial statements, budget for the upcoming year, strategic plan, and continuing education (CE) opportunities. ORNAC's goal is to also offer a minimum of 3 CE hours on the day of the AGM. We are thrilled to announce that you can mark your calendar for this year's AGM on **May 14, 2016, in Charlottetown, PEI!**

Future AGMs will be held as follows:

- Niagara Falls, April 30-May 4, 2017 (as part of the National Conference)
- Western Canada, location TBD, in May 2018
- Halifax, April 27 – May 2, 2019 (as part of the National Conference)

All ORNAC members are encouraged to attend and vote at the AGM. We appreciate your participation and your voice!

Standards

ORNAC has completed the latest revision of the Standards, notified the membership of the revisions, printed the revised documents, completed the French translation, printed the French

Standards, and begun shipping the French Standards! They are also available on-line at www.shop.csa.ca. A big thank you to all those who contributed to this project. Your hard work and dedication is appreciated and has not gone unnoticed.

Website

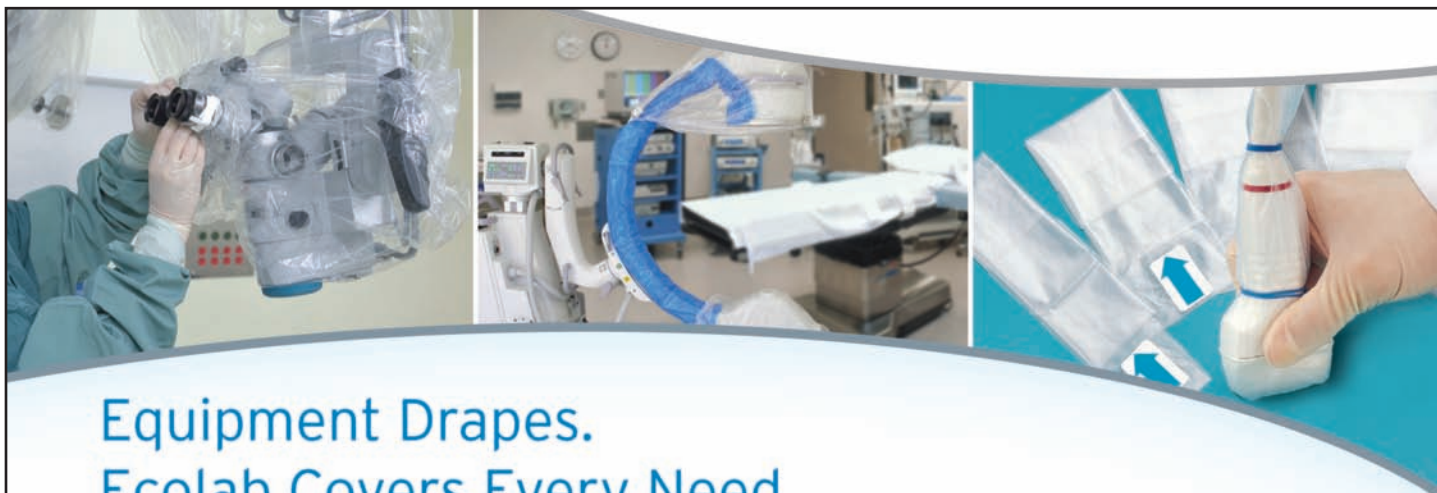
The ORNAC website has been migrated to a new (**Joomla!**) that allows for improvements in forums, the membership area, content development, and user friendliness. The website has been translated and visitors can now easily flip between French and English pages. **Check it out today at www.ORNAC.ca!** The next phase is to complete the members' area forum and upgrade the online membership database. Upgrades will include:

- an improved membership directory,
- easier access to your online profile, and
- a unique membership number and each member will receive a membership card.

Membership Card

By now all members should have received their 2016 Membership Cards

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Time Out!

We have relaunched ORNAC's newsletter - **Time Out!** - and for the first time ever it was completely bilingual. If you missed it the newsletter can be found on the ORNAC website (under new and events). **Time Out!** features a message from the ORNAC President, highlights from the 2015 Perioperative Nurses Week, a membership update, and pillar updates. We hope to offer the newsletter 5 times in 2016. So don't forget to take a **Time Out!**

Needs Assessment Member Survey 2015

The first ORNAC needs assessment survey was circulated to the membership via a link in the launch issue of **Time Out!** The information gathered through this survey will allow the ORNAC

Board & Executive to gather critical feedback on how ORNAC can better serve all members.

The majority of respondents have, to date, indicated that ORNAC is doing a good job communicating with the membership and with guideline development. Respondents felt that ORNAC could improve in the area of educational opportunities for student nurses. **This is very important feedback and we thank you for sharing it!**

When asked how ORNAC can improve its relationship with the membership one respondent requested "Using the internet more from educational webinar to broadcasting conferences and meetings" and another suggested "More accredited CPD activities." It was very clear that the membership would like to receive more continuing education (CE) in the following areas:

RN Operating Room Clinical, OR Laboratory Experience, Anaesthesia, Assessment & Critical Care, Operating Room Principles and Practices Theory, and RN/RPN Introduction to Operating Room Nursing. These are all great suggestions and we hear you! ORNAC leaders are striving to accomplish more and more every day, as we continue in fast forward! Once the Executive and Board of Directors has completed its review of the needs assessment the full results will be circulated to the membership.

More to Come!

It has been a pleasure getting to know the Executive, Board of Directors, and members over the past few months. You all bring so much value, commitment, and dedication to the Association and to the world of Perioperative Nursing. I look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead in 2016 and beyond. 🍁