
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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The Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC) has, throughout 2012, been working on the implementation of a five year strategic plan to better meet the future needs of Perioperative Registered Nurses. A key priority, identified in the strategic plan, was the need to strengthen ORNAC's Governance. ORNAC formed a team along with Pat Pocock, Co-Chair of the ORNAC Advocacy Pillar, and Karen Cooper, a lawyer with the Ottawa law firm Carters Professional Corporation, to develop the ORNAC Articles of Continuance and align the ORNAC Bylaws with the new Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act that came in to force in October 2011. Restructuring of the ORNAC Board (reducing the number from 28 to 17) was necessary in order to meet the requirements of this act. This restructuring has been taken into consideration in the development of the new bylaws. The Articles of Continuance and the new ORNAC Bylaws will be voted on, by the provincial members, at the April 2013 Annual Members Meeting in Ottawa.

The National Conference Planning Pillar, chaired by Margot Walsh of St John's, NL, has a team of dedicated committee members, including both the IFPN and the ORNAC President, who have been diligently working behind the scenes on the 2013 ORNAC National and International Conference. The Conference will offer ORNAC

members an impressive educational program designed to support an international alliance of perioperative best practice. Ottawa is a world class city rich in beauty, tradition, culture and history. Conference delegates will be able to celebrate Spring surrounded by beautiful tulips and interesting local attractions while their perioperative colleagues in an inspirational educational and networking experience. Delegate and exhibitor registration is now open, along with information and links to hotels in the area, at www.ORNAC.ca. Book soon to ensure you will be at this exciting event.

ORNAC will also be celebrating its 30th Anniversary during the ORNAC/IFPN Conference. In 1983 our association founders achieved their dream of creating a not for profit association, for perioperative registered nurses, that would promote a high standard of patient care, support education and research, and act as the national voice for Canadian perioperative nurses. 30 years later ORNAC continues to be a dynamic organization that has fostered perioperative nursing leaders, supported patient safety, and set the standards for many operating rooms across Canada. Join ORNAC in Ottawa as we look back and count the successes including the many programs launched, scholarships granted, and international support that ORNAC has attracted. You are a part of this history and of ORNAC's future! ✨

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