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President's Message



ORNAC is a founding member of the International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN). It is a great honour for me, and for the association, to share this issue of the journal with IFPN. Our membership and involvement in IFPN provides ORNAC with many opportunities for learning and growth.

IFPN meetings are held twice per year in conjunction with a Perioperative Nursing Conference. Many of you will recall that in 2003, Kate Woodhead, president of IFPN, spoke at the ORNAC National conference. She opened our eyes and hearts to those nurses working in countries where electricity and running water are luxuries.

ORNAC has recently sponsored the membership of Kenya in IFPN. It has also helped establish a library, in Nairobi, for perioperative nurses to use. A copy of the *Recommended Standards, Guidelines and Position Statements for Perioperative Registered Nursing* sits on the shelves of that library. Some provinces have been active in sponsoring IFPN activities. Perhaps your own provincial association or regional group would like to raise funds for IFPN activities? Feel free to contact me at president@ornac.ca and I will gladly get you started!

IFPN is providing speakers for our upcoming national conference. As a result, delegates will have the opportunity to learn from, and network with, perioperative nurses from around the globe. This first for ORNAC will turn our national conference in to an international forum. Don't miss this great opportunity! ✨

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This message is my first official duty as President of the International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN)! Firstly I need to say what an honour it is to have been elected to this position and to represent perioperative nurses in the international arena.

Secondly, may I add how special it is that my first official duty is associated with ORNAC. Your Association has been a strong supporter of IFPN since its inception and throughout its development. What has been even more pleasing is the way your provincial and regional groups have embraced the philosophy of assisting those in need. Your efforts have created a high level of support – particularly for our African colleagues.

Many of the issues addressed by IFPN are issues shared by nurses around the world. By discussing them in forums such as this, and at conferences such as the upcoming ORNAC National, we are all able to reflect on our practice and to learn new approaches to old problems. Combined with the support of Council of National Representatives (CNR) and committed individuals, such as members of ORNAC, IFPN is working to achieve its mission statement goal of *actively promoting perioperative nursing globally*. I, along with the IFPN Board, look forward to meeting many of you at the ORNAC National Conference in April 2007. ✨

James Harrison RN, ICN, Foundation FACORN, AFAIM, MRCNA, has been President of IFPN since September 2006. Past involvements include Tasmanian Operating Room Nurses, Australian College of Operating Room Nurses, and Tasmanian Infection Control. He is currently the manager of Clinical Services for St. Luke's Health in Tasmania, Australia.