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President's Message

I love this time of year. I love the colours and the smell of autumn in the air. Perhaps it is a holdover from my student days when the new school year began in September, but I have always seen it as the start of something new!

On the topic of new things, I have had many opportunities to learn new things from my fellow perioperative nurses in the past few months.

In June I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the European Operating Room Nurses (EORN) Conference in Dublin, Ireland. It was a superb conference that offered an excellent opportunity to learn about practices in other countries, to discover some good ideas for our own conference, and to meet with perioperative nurses from around the world. EORN conferences only come around every three years – make plans to attend the next one in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2009.

Plans for the 2007 Victoria, BC, ORNAC National Conference are really kicking into high gear now. I would encourage you to think about getting involved.

International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN) will be participating for the first time in ORNAC's history. IFPN's contribution will involve the presentation of various speakers from around the world. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn from your international colleagues and to learn more about IFPN. In the next few journals, you will learn more and more about this organization and its impact on perioperative nursing on a global level.

There are several ways to get involved with the 2007 conference and with ORNAC. Submit a poster presentation and be eligible to win a prize! Posters are a great way to “get your feet wet” at a national conference and to share information in a simple, concise way.

The call for papers is still open until October 1 (see page 7), so there is plenty of time yet to submit an abstract of a presentation topic for consideration by the committee. Members of

provincial OR associations are also eligible to win the *Solumed Award for Best Scientific Presentation!*



ORNAC offers many other opportunities for involvement. We are always looking for submissions to this journal. If you have an article idea, or have written something that would be a great addition to our journal, please submit it! This journal is not just for ORNAC members it is also by ORNAC members. It can only be as good as its contributors and the ideas they share. Information is available via dmurphy@ClockworkCanada.com or on the website. ORNAC members are also eligible for the *ORNAC/J&J Drake-Thompson Writing Award*.

Make plans now to attend the 20th National Conference in Victoria, BC, April 22 to 27, 2007! Details can be found at www.ornac.ca and as always, I am only an email away at [President@ORNAC.ca!](mailto:President@ORNAC.ca) 🍁

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