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## President's Message

By Margaret Farley, RN, CPN(C)

Another season is approaching – spring, wonderful spring. I hope you will consider spending a portion of your spring with us at the 19<sup>th</sup> National Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC) Conference!

Our hosts, *Corporation des Infirmières et Infirmiers de Salle d'Opération du Québec / Corporation of Operating Room Nurses of Quebec* (CIIQ/CORNQ) has set aside May 1-6, 2005 for our learning and enjoyment. The conference theme is *Today's Projects, Tomorrow's Progress*. Check out the brochures, posters and ORNAC website for more precise information.

The home of our conference was visited by explorer Jacques Cartier in 1535 and Samuel de Champlain in 1611. It hosted the World Fair in 1967 and the Summer Olympic Games in 1976. If you guessed the city of Montreal you'd be correct.

Our conference host city has played an enormous role in the history and development of our nation. The Port of Montreal, situated on the St. Lawrence River, offered a year-round port in the link between the Atlantic Ocean and the Great Lakes. From its humble beginnings as a village, it became highly valued as a starting point for further exploration and trade to the uncharted "wild west".

The village was initially seen on maps as Ville-Marie. Later it was seen as "la ville de Montréal, or Mont Réal, and finally, by its current name of Montréal (or Montreal to we Anglophones). While you explore this city and learn more about its three hundred and fifty years of documented history, you may hear it or parts referred to as Ville-Marie, especially within the "old" portion of the city.

Today's Montreal is a vibrant metropolitan city. In "Old Montreal" you can still view many of the city's original buildings and learn more about the history of the region at the Centre d'histoire de Montréal. But the opportunities for shopping and exploration are as boundless as the history. In this city of over three million, with its extensive history, culture, and energy

there is something for everyone.

Attending the conference will include the opportunity to network, shop, explore, learn, and celebrate in one of Canada's premiere cities. The location is second to none and the speakers and delegates will be, as usual, top rate. I look forward to seeing you there! Our hosts will also provide us with an exhibit hall full of adventures.

This is my last message as President of ORNAC. I have had the time of my life meeting and working with my perioperative peers across the country and abroad over the last two years.

It has truly been a pleasure for me, thanks to each of you. I wish I had been able to accept every invitation, and my only regret is the difficult choices I had to make when it came to choosing what events I would attend. Every event offered the opportunity to visit interesting locations, meet fabulous people, and be exposed to excellent learning opportunities. I thank all of you who invited me and those of you who welcomed me.

I am proud to have been involved with ORNAC and represented such a great association. It has been a pleasure meeting and working with so many of you. Once again, thank you and keep up the great work! 🍁

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