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President's Message

By Margaret Farley, RN, CPN(C)

As the season changes to winter, and this year is followed by a new year, I begin to reflect on the last year. ORNAC has had many changes in 2004 and our progress seems to be unstoppable.

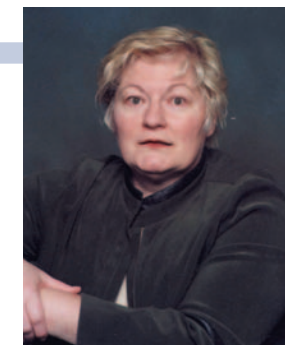
One of the most noticeable changes is the revamped, updated website – www.ORNAC.ca. It is a marvel, thanks to the direction and dedication of Marcy McKay! To see what I mean you need only to visit the site – the changes are obvious and we welcome any and all comments. The ORNAC constitution has also undergone review and revision, as has our Board structure. Please stay tuned for more information regarding the ORNAC structure.

ORNAC activity on an international level has also changed. My last message dealt with an explanation of the relationship ORNAC has with the International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN), and the key benefits to ORNAC members that are the result of this liaison. The giving and sharing of this type of professional relationship results in increased knowledge, vision, friendship, and success. The combination of friendship with knowledge can be a powerful tool. In my opinion adding these two components to your professional arsenal makes one quite formidable in facing any task or challenge. When combined with the information outlined in the June 2004 CORNJ, regarding ORNAC's continued relationship with IFPN, the following announcement takes on even more meaning.

The ORNAC Board voted, in June 2003, to allocate funds to support one nation in its goal of acquiring membership in the IFPN. Careful consideration was given to the idea. While helping our fellow team members occurs daily in theatres around the globe, we wanted to assist theatre staff as an organization as well and to support Cana-dians reputation as a caring and giving people. ORNAC has committed to the sponsorship of one nation – Kenya – over the course of the next three years.

We are pleased to welcome the theatre nurses chapter of the National Nurses Association of

Kenya (NNAK) as the newest member of IFPN. ORNAC is proud to offer a fellow group of perioperative peers the opportunity to participate on an international level through this IFPN membership.



The Council of National Representatives (CNR) Kenyan delegate to IFPN is James Musela of Nairobi. Mr. Musela is a charge nurse in the Aga Khan Hospital and I recently had the pleasure of meeting him at the 40th National Association of Theatre Nurses (NATN) Congress in Harrogate, UK (see page 14)! He was attending his first NATN Congress and his inaugural IFPN Meeting. I was thrilled by the opportunity for this face-to-face meeting as colleagues and representatives of our respective perioperative nursing organizations. I look forward to having more to share with you about the Kenyan involvement in the future.

As 2004 draws to a close I wish each of you all the best in the coming year. Do not forget that 2005 brings *Today's Projects, Tomorrow's Progress* the 19th National ORNAC Conference, May 1-6, 2005, in Montreal, QC. I look forward to working with you all in 2005 and to continuing the promotion and advancement of the excellence in perioperative patient care in Canada and around the world. ✨

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