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Spring Newsletter 2011

Happy Spring CSORN members and Welcome to our New Members!

COS/CSORN Vancouver, B.C. 2011

This year's Canadian Ophthalmic Society (COS) Symposium will be held from Thursday, June 9th to Sunday, June 12th, 2011 at the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, Beautiful British Columbia. Our nursing (CSORN) day will be **Saturday, June 11th, 2011**. In case you missed the Fall newsletter, we would like to once again remind everyone, of this upcoming event. The COS exhibits will also open on Friday, June 10, 2011.

The Conference Coordinators from Vancouver, Shona Lobo and her team, have been hard at work and have an interesting and educational day planned! We have included the Agenda for the day with the newsletter. As in previous years the day will be followed by a social evening organized by the conference committee. Topics on the agenda include Surgical Safety Checklist, Experiences of Nurses volunteering with ORBIS, Pediatric Surgery, Comparisons of Surgery in third world countries and Canada and much more. Our educational day will end with a motivational speaker who is a well renowned Ophthalmologist. We have planned this day, with you in mind, after your feedback from the last conference. We will end the day with a Sunset Dinner Cruise, which will last for 2.5 hours and will provide us with live music. A sumptuous dinner consisting of sirloin of beef bordelaise & fillet of BC salmon along with all the accompaniments will be served on board. If you need a special meal or a vegetarian meal, please let us know ASAP.

Your 2011 CSORN membership will ensure that you receive the allied health members' registration fee for the COS conference (\$170 vs. \$220 for non-members plus taxes). Please register via the COS website as "Allied Health Members" under CSORN (or SCIIO if registering on the French version of the website): www.eyesite.ca

Please note the registration deadline for the COS is May 8, 2011. Register early to avoid the late fee! (\$220 for late members and \$280 for late non-members, plus taxes).

The official accommodation for the COS is the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, B.C. Special Group rates of \$250.00 night available till May 5, 2011. Reservations for the Westin Bayshore can be made via the COS website www.eyesite.ca or by phone at 1-800-937-84611. Remember to mention you are attending the COS Symposium to receive the preferred rate.

Business Meeting for CSORN Executive Meeting/Provincial Rep meeting on Friday June 10th from 2-4pm. We are booked in the Director Room. Janet or Marlene will send this invitation out again to remind everyone closer to the date.

Conference Funding

Funding for the COS conference registration fee is available to 15 members who contact the national treasurer, are in good standing, and have been CSORN members for at least 2 years. Send your requests to Wanda Mulrooney at: wandaeye@hotmail.com. Requests can be made every 2 years. You can also check with your Provincial or Local Chapter Representative to obtain additional funding, if available. Receipts will be required for reimbursement.

Future Conferences

ASORN 2011 will be held in Orlando, Florida October 21-23, 2011.
COS Symposiums/ CSORN Conferences in Toronto 2012, and Montreal in 2013.

News from our Provincial/Local Representatives

Ontario/Ottawa-Rosemary Bickerton

The Ottawa Chapter held their annual fall dinner meeting in November. The guest speaker was Dr Kashif Baig, a corneal specialist from the Eye Institute. Pascale Rinfret, Nurse Educator for ophthalmology, provided highlights from the ASORN meeting in Chicago. Membership is up to 56 at this present time provincially. Reminder that there is funding available for 5 Ontario registered CSORN members, to cover COS registration. Members are eligible for funding every 2 years, which will cover the cost of COS registration. Financial support is dependent on the financial status of the chapter. Please email or write Janet Powers at: jpowers@ottawahospital.on.ca

Saskatchewan – Charlene Talbot

The Saskatchewan chapter met this fall. They are now doing Cross-linking for treatment of Kerataconus. This new program is progressing well.

British Columbia - Veronica Mills

British Columbia Chapter held a chapter meeting in early April. The guest speaker from Chilliwack, gave an overview of a patients journey from the office to the O.R., which proved to be very enlightning! Three meetings a year are usually held, which promotes networking with the nurses from all over the Lower Mainland, and is most enjoyable.

Preparations for the annual conference are going smoothly, Shona, Marilyn, and Catherine are doing a great job bringing all aspects together.

A special thanks to Shona Lobo for taking on the role of the new B.C. Representative, and for all her time and effort to envision this educational and informative Conference.

Newfoundland- Kristine Noseworthy-Feaver

Had nothing to report, but tells us she will join us in Vancouver. We look forward to seeing her there.

If you would like to start a provincial or local chapter of CSORN, please contact our President Janet.

Attached you will find information from ORBIS, the flying eye hospital. Should you be interested in applying please contact:

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Hoping to see many of you in Beautiful Vancouver!

Janet, Kathy, Wanda, and Marlene

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June 9-12 Juin 2011



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Annual Meeting Congrès annuel

Canadian Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses

Bringing Our World into Focus

Saturday June 11th 2011

- 0700-0800h **CSORN Registration**
- 0800-0815h **Welcome address**
Shona Lobo - Conference Coordinator and BC Chair
- 0815-0845h **Surgical Safety Check List**
Tamara Younger
- 0845-0915h **Keratoconus, DSAEK and Cross linking**
Dr. Greg Maloney
- 0915-0945h **The Child's Eye: Amblyopia and Strabismus**
Dr. Roy Cline
- 0945-1015h **Coffee Break**
- 1015-1045h **Eye Problems and Treatments in Canada vs Third World Countries**
Dr. Paul Dubord
- 1045-1130h **Town Hall**
Pascale Rinfret RN
- 1130-1200h **Annual Business Meeting**
- 1200-1315h **Lunch Break**
- 1315-1345h **Volunteering Experience with ORBIS**
Donna Punch RN
- 1345-1415h **Slippery Slope of Social Media**
Kathy Bruce RN
- 1415-1515h **Motivational Speaker: Dr. Carolyn Anderson**
"Energy Management"
- 1515-1530h **Closing Remarks**
- 1830- 2130h **Sunset Dinner Harbour Cruise** www.boatcruises.com
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

*Use your professional skills and talents to participate in
ORBIS' challenging sight saving mission
to reduce blindness in developing countries around the globe.*

The ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital (FEH) is a unique mobile teaching and operating facility on board a DC-10 jet aircraft that travels to developing countries worldwide to share the gift of sight. Our Flying Eye Hospital staff travel up to 45 weeks per year to countries such as Peru, Dominica Republic, Syria, Niger, Nigeria, Uganda, China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos and India.

OPHTHALMIC STAFF NURSE

The Ophthalmic Staff Nurses on the ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital (FEH) deliver quality nursing care to patients in the operating, sub-sterile, and recovery rooms on the Flying Eye Hospital and in local hospitals and participate in training local health professionals (particularly nurses) in current ophthalmic surgical, pre and postoperative procedures / protocols and patient care.

ORBIS welcomes applicants who meet the following profile:

- Degree from an accredited school of nursing + a current RN license or registration and CPR certification.
- Min. 3 yrs experience in ophthalmic operating rooms and demonstrated familiarity with ophthalmic surgical procedures and patient care.
- Up-to-date knowledge and experience in either pre & post-operative patient care, anesthetic nursing, pediatric nursing or instrument cleaning techniques is preferred.
- Successfully completed coursework in ophthalmic nursing, sterilization, anesthetics and recovery or nurse education is highly desirable.
- Prior experience with adult education in an international medical program setting is a plus.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, diplomacy, and organizational skills with attention to detail.
- Team oriented, pro-active, open-minded, and flexible work style.
- Ability to function effectively in a fast-paced, constantly changing work environment.
- High degree of computer literacy and willingness to learn the online medical supply inventory system.
- Ability to travel to developing countries up to 80% of the time. This includes having no significant disqualifying factors that would preclude approval of entry visas in the countries on the flying eye hospital travel schedule.

For more information about ORBIS and this employment opportunity, please visit our website: www.orbis.org.
To apply, email your resume or C.V. and cover letter to HR@orbis.org

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