

Canadian Society of
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Spring Newsletter 2011

Happy Spring CSORN Members and Welcome to our New Members!

COS/CSORN 2012 Conference - Toronto

This year's Canadian Ophthalmological Society (COS) will be held Tuesday June 26th to Saturday June 30th, 2012 at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto, Ontario. Our nursing (CSORN) day will be Thursday June 28th, 2012. The COS exhibits will open Wednesday June 27, 2012. In case you missed the Fall Newsletter, we would like to once again remind everyone, of this upcoming event.

Claire Brown, our Conference Coordinator in Toronto, along with her team, have worked very hard to create an exciting and interactive day for you. Special Guest Speaker Dr Penny Kendall/Reed, will discuss Stress and Stress Related Pathology. Dr Kendall/Reed is the author of two best-selling books, and travels throughout Canada and the US lecturing. Once again Claire has used your feedback from previous Conferences and created an interesting mix of topics. The day will end, with a private boat ride, that will whisk you across to Muggs Island, one of the prettiest of the Toronto Islands, to the Island Yacht Club. There you will be treated to a "Meet and Greet", from 5-7 pm. Unwind after a busy day at the Conference, watch the boats float in the lagoon of Blockhouse Bay, sip a glass of wine, nibble on sumptuous appetizers, chat with old friends, and make new ones. We look forward to welcoming you to our lovely city with this relaxing venue!

Your 2012 CSORN membership will ensure that you receive the allied health member's registration fee for the COS Conference (\$190 vs \$240 for non-members plus taxes). Please register via the COS website as "Allied Health Members" under CSORN (or SCIO if registering on the French version of the website): <http://www.eyesite.ca>

Please note the registration deadline for the COS is May 26, 2012. Register early to avoid the late fee! (\$240 for late members and \$300 for non-members, plus taxes)

The official accommodation for the COS is the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, Ontario. Special Group rates of \$229.00 night available till May 23, 2012. Reservations for the Westin Harbour Castle can be made via the COS website <http://www.eyesite.ca> or by phone at 416-869-1600. Remember to mention you are attending the COS Symposium to receive the preferred rate.

Business Meeting for CSORN Executive Meeting/Provincial Rep. meeting on Wednesday June 27, 2012 from 2-4pm. Janet or Marlene will send this invitation out again to remind everyone closer to the date. The 2013 COS will be in Montreal, Quebec. If anyone has interest in coordinating the CSORN Conference please contact Janet Powers. Suggestions for speakers/topics of interest can also be forwarded to Janet.

Future Conferences

ASCRS: Chicago - April 20-24, 2012.

COS/CSORN: Toronto - June 26-30, 2012.

AAO: Chicago - November 10-13, 2012.

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.

News from our Provincial/Local Representatives

B.C.: (*submitted by Kate Callaghan, the new B.C. Rep*) Since CSORN Conference in June our group have met twice. In November, 40 members attended a meeting with Laure Hall Supervisor of “Eye Care Centre Ophthalmology Imaging Department“, who spoke about Fluorescein Angiography, OCT and HRT. A tour of the Department was given. In February 30 members met for a talk given by Dr. Pat Saunders, who spoke on a Mission that he and several of his colleagues and nurses from Burnaby General Hospital attended. It reinforced to all there, how fortunate we are to have our medical system. We are hoping to send members to this years CSORN Conference in Toronto.

Novia Scotia: (*Wanda Mulrooney*) Our chapter has not been very active lately. We have switched from paper to Electronic charting in the main OR's, however the eye clinic continues to be paper.

Ontario: The Ottawa Chapter, (*submitted by Rosemary Bickerton, University of Ottawa Eye Institute*) The Ottawa Chapter of CSORN met in the fall for our annual dinner meeting. We had 42 members attend. The presentation on Ocular Emergencies was well received by all. This spring we are getting busy with plans to attend the COS in June. We have over 16 nurses that plan to attend the CSORN day on June 28th at the Westin Harbour Castle. This large delegation from Ottawa is keen to attend, learn and network with our national members. We look forward to meeting everyone once again.

Our focus this past year in Ottawa has been on patient safety and budget restraints. Patient safety is always a concern especially in a fast flow area such as eye care. We praise any “near misses” and congratulate the team for picking these up. Our hospital has gone to an on-line patient incident reporting system which is working well. We have also successfully rolled out electronic charting in the Pre Admit Area, Day Care Unit, and the OR areas. Computer literacy amongst our nursing staff has grown tremendously. Looking forward to the upcoming conference and to hear what other centres are working on.

Please note, the Ontario Chapter can provide funding for 5 Ontario CSORN members in good standing for reimbursement of COS registration fees. Please let me know if you are requesting funding by May 31st. (awarded every 2 years as per bylaws). rbickerton@toh.on.ca

Saskatchewan: *(submitted by Shirley Ozipko)*

We currently have 12 members, and after a very successful year we had members attend ASCRS, COS and AAO. We are hoping to be able to have some members attend Ophthalmology conferences this year as well. We have met once this year so far and are meeting again in April to discuss sending members to the COS.

By-Law Amendments

Two amendments to the CSORN by-laws were presented and approved at the June CSORN General Meeting. The website will be updated by Kathy to reflect the amendments.

If you would like to start a provincial or local chapter of CSORN, please contact CSORN President Janet Powers @ jpowers@toh.on.ca

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