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Spring Newsletter 2017

Message from the President of CSORN

Greetings to all CSORN members across Canada,

Spring is here! We are having a great time here in Toronto with our winter and summer sports teams colliding, the boys of summer starting baseball season, and our Leafs and Raptors in Playoff run! The warm sunshine is starting to appear as well, so all is right with the world.

June is fast approaching so hoping you are all considering the trek to Montreal for our annual education day. Carole Desharnais and her team have put together what sounds like a great full day of education and fun. We will top off our day with a lovely dinner courtesy of Paul Charette and Johnson and Johnson .Please check out details. Looking forward to seeing you all at this event.

I want to thank Adonis for the great job he is doing in moving us into the age of technology and working with us all to ensure we are registered on our website and connected across the country. This communication line helps us to achieve our most important goal, giving and sharing knowledge and ideas to help us in our day to day work of improving and giving quality care to our Ophthalmology patients from Vancouver to Newfoundland!

Have a great spring, and safe travels to all how are able to meet us in Montreal on June 16th.

Donna Punch

President, CSORN.

COS/CSORN Conference June 2017 - Montreal, Quebec

This year's Canadian Ophthalmological Society (COS) Symposium will be held June 15th -18th, 2017. The official nursing CSORN Conference day will be held on Friday June 16th, 2017. Our Conference Coordinator is Carole Desharnais, Carole is also the chair for the Quebec regional group. The theme will be "I care about Eye care – Les yeux, Je les ai à l'œil"

CSORN invites all members to join us for a dinner at the "Auberge Le Saint Gabriel". Johnson and Johnson (formerly Abbott Medical Optics AMO) is sponsoring this evening with a dynamite guest speaker Dr Elise Heon (Sick Kids) about her near death experience on the side of a mountain for over 24hrs and how she kept herself alive. Please give it lots of attention as it is \$100/plate dinner with wine etc and we want a big turnout. Please take note that the Cocktails will be at 6:30pm to 7:00pm, Dinner – 7:00pm to 8:30pm and the Presentation of the guest speaker at 8:30pm. We have a capacity for a maximum of 70 people. After you register for the COS/CSORN Conference, don't forget to RSVP to Paul Charette @ pcharett@its.jnj.com, for this wonderful dinner. Attached you will find the invitation. Reserve your space as soon as you register for COS/CSORN conference. Like last year, we will be asking for \$20 (refundable) deposit the morning of the conference to guarantee your attendance at the dinner that evening.

COS website is open for registration at this time. Please register as "Allied Health Member" under CSORN: <http://cos-sco.ca/montreal2017/en/home/> . The fees are \$360 plus GST, until April 21, 2016, and \$460 after this date. This registration fee is for the entire COS/CSORN conference. You have access, and are encouraged to attend the COS Lectures and Exhibit Hall. The official accommodations for COS are: Le Westin Montréal for \$249/night, InterContinental Montréal for \$239/night. These rates are guaranteed until May 24, 2017. Remember to mention COS Symposium to receive the preferred rate.

CSORN Executive Business meeting will be held June 15th, 2017. Executive/Provincial Reps are invited to join this meeting. Donna Punch and Adonis Manglapus a will send this invitation out again closer to the date.

Conference Funding

Funding for COS Conference registration fee is available to the first 10 members who contact the national treasurer. These members must be in good standing and have been CSORN members for at least 2 years. Please send you requests to Linda Wong at treasurer@csorn.ca. Requests may be made every 2 years for funding. We also encourage you to check with your Provincial or Local Chapter Representatives to obtain additional funding, if available. Receipts will be required for reimbursement

Future Conferences

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery(ASCRS) Symposium:

- May 5-9, 2017 — Los Angeles Convention Center

Canadian Ophthalmological Society(COS) Annual Meeting & Exhibition

- June 15-18, 2017 — Palais des Congrès in Montréal, Quebec

Sally Letson Symposium

- September 15-17, 2017 — Westin Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario

American Academy of Ophthalmology(AAO)

- Nov. 11-14, 2017 — Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana

Walter Wright Symposium

- December 1-2, 2017 — Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Ontario

Provincial Reports

Nova Scotia: *Mary Stairs*

Halifax has been very busy in a province wide RFP process for packs, machines and lenses for cataract surgery. We have had an opportunity to trail current technology in all 3 aspects. It has been very informative and busy time. In February, we had a local meeting, where we had a presentation on Cornea transplants, and new techniques'. This was well attended by the members. We are busy now starting preparation for members to be send to COS. Looking forward to Montreal and some warmer Spring weather.

Quebec: *Carole Desharnais*

Time is flying so quickly it's all ready spring. Our CSORN conference organization committee, Carole Desharnais, Barbara Kerr, Philippe Marcoux and Valérie Rivet have been hard at work organizing an educational and interactive day! The theme of this year will be "I care about Eye care" We have included the Agenda for the day to the newsletter. Once again we included a "Town Hall" with Pascale Rinfret. If you have any topics that you would like to be discussed please send those to prinrfret@toh.ca. Our guest speaker this year is Dr. Pierre Marsolais, internal medicine intensiviste and coordinator of the *Centre régional de prélèvement d'organes pour la transplantation* of the Montreal Sacré-Cœur Hospital (HSCM). He will discuss the positive effects of raising health professionals' awareness of the cause of organ and Tissue donation.

It's a very important year for us ophthalmic nurses in Québec. We will have an educative evening coming up May 4 with nurses coming from all different hospital. This will be a recruitment event in order to establish a CSORN Chapter in Québec.

Ontario GTA Chapter: *Marcela Tutay*

February 25, 2017: The Toronto Cataract Conference, the Sheraton Centre
This jointly accredited educational program is a collaboration by the University of Toronto, Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences, with Ike Ahmed as Conference Chair. This year's conference, attended by Technicians, nurses, and Ophthalmologists, had the following objectives for all participants:

- able to identify and understand issues in current funding models and volume targets
- improve leverage new technology to improve postoperative refractive accuracy
- identify current and future application of femtosecond laser cataract surgery, and,
- Approach and manage patients' comorbidities presenting with cataract

We had nursing representation from the Kensington Eye Institute, Brampton Civic, Scarborough Eye Centre, and North York General , Branson Cataract Centre. The learning(s) were abundant and relevant to our nursing practice, continuing to inspire our nurses in this speciality.

The vendor sponsors were also available to showcase the newest and greatest in the ophthalmology world.

Hope to see most of you in Montreal in June !!!

Ontario Ottawa Chapter: *Rosemary Bickerton*

The Ottawa Chapter is thrilled to send 10 members to the upcoming COS/CSORN meeting in Montreal this June. We have some new faces this year as we are experiencing a high rate retirements these days. Our Chapter meets once a year in the fall for our annual CSORN Chapter dinner meeting. We are concerned about local funding from reps as it is must more difficult to obtain funds for these events these days.

The Ottawa Chapter has 32 members this year. We operate out of 2 sites, the Riverside Eye Care Centre (ECC) and the General Eye Institute (EI) . The centers compliment each other as the ECC does the high volume fast flow cataract surgery, 9000 cases per year and over 1500 retina cases. The EI does 2000 cataracts and many combined, complex cornea, glaucoma and oculoplastic cases. Both centres are teaching centres affiliated with the University of Ottawa.

What's new?

- We are using new implants for glaucoma, the XEN and the istents.
- we are doing many variations of corneal transplants such as the DALK, DMEK, and DSAEK.
- our clinics are bursting with high volumes of patients and high volumes of Diagnostic texting especially HVF and OCT
- we are constantly standardizing processes to increase efficiencies
- we have a new " robo-call" system to remind patients of their appointments
- we have a new web based system called Synergy so that we don't have to print out all our diagnostic tests. Physicians go on- line to view them now (most of the time)
- 2 new microscopes for retina have been a huge purchase and a big installation challenge

Looking forward to networking , sharing and learning new ideas with our CSORN group.

British Columbia: *Adonis Manglapus*

We will be having a summer meeting early June. Dr. Peter Dolman will be speaking on Oculoplastics. This meeting is expected to be well attended. The BC-CSORN Chapter stands at 43 members. We are Grateful for Johnson & Johnson's Support.

In the Eye Care Centre(ECC) at Vancouver General Hospital, we have 2 new microscopes installed for 2017. This is a great upgrade that staff are excited to have. We have started 2 new procedures for the surgical suites: The Kahook Dual Blade and the Gonioscopy Assisted Transluminal Trabeculotomy (GATT).

We look forward to seeing everyone at Montreal in June!

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