



Fall Newsletter 2018

Message from the President of CSORN

Hello to all the CSORN members

I hope that all of you have enjoyed the Fall so far. We have been extremely fortunate in Vancouver as the temperatures have been very mild and the rain held off until November this year!

The 2018 COS/ CSORN symposium was held in Toronto and it was well attended by 72 members. I'd like to give a big thanks to Donna Punch and her group for organizing a very informative day with a good cross section of dynamic speakers.

Also we had a wonderful CSORN dinner that was organized the evening prior to our symposium. The event was held at the Royal York Hotel with the supported of Paul Charrette from J&J. Paul arranged an excellent guest speaker for us - Dr. Elise Heon. Her presentation was titled "Staying Afloat in Difficult Times". She gave us a heart-warming presentation speaking about her professional experiences and personal challenges as a Pediatric Ophthalmologist.

This year was an election year and I'd like to welcome our new executive. Carole Desharnais from Montreal as the incoming Vice President, Lillian Smithson from Halifax is the new Treasurer and Adonis Manglapus from Vancouver will stand for another term as the Secretary. Donna Punch will now be the Past President. Thank you, Donna for all your hard work and dedication as the President for the past 2 years.

I'd like to thank our departing executive members Kathy Bruce the Past President and Linda Wong the national Treasurer. Kathy was instrumental in updating the CSORN website and Linda dedicated many hours maintaining our bank account.

Please remember it's that time of year to renew your annual memberships. The 2019 deadline requires a completed your registration form and fee payment due on January 31st. All memberships' fees are to be paid through PayPal, cheques or cash are no longer be accepted.

Essay Writing Contest

The CSORN membership has been offered a wonderful opportunity this year for an all-expenses paid trip for 1 person to attend the COS in Quebec City which will be generously supported by Johnson & Johnson.

The winner will receive the conference registration, flight & 3 nights' hotel accommodation, fully paid for.

What is the catch you ask?

It is an essay writing contest and all that is required is to be a CSORN member in good standing for 2 years and an opportunity for you to display your creative writing skills!

We would like you like to write an essay that consists of 1-2 pages (approximately 1000 words) with the theme of **“Why I’m Proud to be a CSORN Member”**. This is an opportunity to express how CSORN has enhanced your Ophthalmology practice or connected to your colleagues locally &/or across Canada.

A panel of experts will judge the compositions and we will announce the winner and publish his/her essay in the 2019 CSORN Spring Newsletter.

Please submit your compositions to Adonis Manglapus the CSORN Secretary at secretery@csorn.ca

We announced this contest in Toronto at the CSORN conference with a deadline of September 1st but I do not feel we have reached all the membership so I'd like to extend the deadline to December 21st

Kate Callaghan

President, CSORN.

CSORN Conference

Once again this year the annual CSORN Conference held in Toronto in June was a success! It was great to meet our new members and colleagues from across Canada. 72 nurses attended the Conference. Our Conference Coordinator is our CSORN past-president, Donna Punch. Minutes from the 2018 General Meeting can be viewed on the website: www.csorn.ca/meeting

COS/CSORN Conference June 2019 - Quebec City, Quebec

Please mark the date and plan to attend next year's Canadian Ophthalmic Society (COS) Symposium at the Quebec Convention Centre, June 13th to June 16th. The CSORN symposium will take place on Saturday, June 15th. The national executive will organize this symposium with the assistance of Laurence Robichaud-Hale from Quebec City & Carole Desharnais from Montreal.

This year's Conference Coordinator is Kate Callaghan. Kate works at Vancouver General Hospital - Eye Care Centre as the Nurse Coordinator. She is also our National CSORN President and has been busy organizing the upcoming CSORN Conference for 2019, and it promises to once again be very informative, and interesting. We are busy organizing the speakers within the theme of the day “Patient Advocacy and Leadership”

We are looking for a nursing speaker who can do a presentation on leadership. Please contact Kate if you have someone in mind.

Updates will be included in the Spring Newsletter. Please check the COS website <http://www.cos-sco.ca/cpd/annual-meeting/> for more information, and to register for next years CSORN Conference. A reminder that to be eligible for reduced rates for COS you must be a CSORN member (\$25). Keep in mind that CSORN Membership Registration MUST be completed by Jan 31st, 2019 or a \$10 late fee will apply!

Conference Funding

Funding for COS/CSORN 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 your requests to Lillian Smithson at treasurer@csorn.ca. Requests for funding can be made once every 2 years. We also encourage you to check with your Provincial or Local Chapter Representatives to obtain additional funding, if available. Receipts are required for reimbursement

Future Conferences

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

- May 3th -7th, 2019 — San Diego Convention Center, Quebec

Canadian Ophthalmological Society(COS) Annual Meeting & Exhibition

- June 13th - 16th, 2019 — Centre des congrès de Québec in Québec City, Québec

American Academy of Ophthalmology(AAO)

- October 12th -15th, 2019 — Moscone Center in San Francisco, California

Walter Wright Symposium

- Nov. 30th - Dec. 1st, 2018 — Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto, Ontario

Sally Letson Symposium:

- September 12th -14th, 2019 — Westin Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario

Provincial Reports

Quebec: *Carole Desharnais*

We are currently in the recruitment phase for the CSORN Québec division. We find that it is a challenge to maintain contact between the different centers of our vast region. We hope to have our first meeting in early 2019 with J & J.

The JGH ophthalmology clinic will have its own room for minor procedures.

We would like to welcome two ophthalmologists who have joined our team. Dr. Hasan Retina Specialist as well as Dr. Khan Uveitis Specialist.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Holiday season

Nova Scotia: *Mary Stairs*

Happy Fall to everyone

Just wanted to update you on the happenings in Nova Scotia

The province has closed on a Provincial contract and we have received new Phaco machines and a new contract for lenses

We all continue to try to manage a change of staff due to retirements. So many new faces, and so much learning going on. Change is definitely inevitable.

The Province has identified our new site for when they close the VG hospital, there is growth and development everywhere.

We are wishing all a good season and a Very Happy New Year

Ontario Ottawa Chapter: *Rosemary Bickerton*

Our big news is that The Ottawa Hospital is launching a new electronic medical record called EPIC on June 1st 2019. This is keeping everyone very busy. Ophthalmology will be using a program called Op-time for anything related to surgery such as PAU, DCU, and OR and in the clinics we will be using a specially designed program called Kaleidoscope. It's a huge roll-out for our physicians, nurses and support staff. We have been very busy developing the templates, creating order sets and customizing the program to meet our needs. We have been advised to reduce volumes in the OR and clinics for the first 3 weeks to give everyone a chance to feel confident with the program. Change is always daunting but our nurses seems to be taking it in stride. Our docs are panicking! Nothing on paper anymore... hard to believe. I will keep you all posted if we survive it.

Cataracts and more cataracts are keeping us busy day to day. We aim to complete 11,300 cases this fiscal year. Due to budget constraints we are revamping our PAU visits. This will reduce the number of visits for our patients as the most healthy cataract patients will not require a PAU visit anymore. They will complete a patient self-assessment tool instead.

We are struggling to find revenues to support XEN implants for glaucoma patients. These are not funded by OHIP which is a cause for concern as they seem to be very successful in lowering IOP in patients and are minimally invasive.

Our annual CSORN Ottawa Chapter dinner meeting will be held late November. Our guest speaker is Dr Maryam Abtahi who will be presenting on glaucoma. She has recently joined the Eye Care Program after completing her fellowship in glaucoma in Edmonton. We hope to have 35 nurses renew their membership for 2019.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Quebec City on Saturday June 15th.

Rosemary Bickerton
CSORN Ottawa Chapter Chair

British Columbia: *Adonis Manglapus*

Greetings to All

We had a great turnout of 37 nurses for our Fall Meeting on October 25th. We had Dr. Nawaaz Nathoo Present an interactive session on “Cataract Surgery: The Patient Journey” We would like to thank Alcon for their support of nursing ophthalmic education.

We are lucky to have Anna Pasternak-Banarer as our new Co-chair and Arlene Vanderhoeven as our new Regional Treasurer.

Linda Wong has stepped down as BC Treasurer. She has been tremendous with keeping our chapter books in order and has made major improvements through the years to streamline the registration process so that our new Regional Treasurer, Arlene, will transition easily into her new role. Anna has been an Active member with the BC Chapter and will be an excellent addition to the team. Special Thanks to you both!

Updates:

- ❖ The VGH - Eye Care Centre has begun using Alcon's "Ultrasert" Clear Preloaded Lens. We are also close to finalizing custom cataract pack with Alcon. We are increasing our Cataract numbers as well to help with waiting times.

Ontario GTA Chapter: *Marcela Tutay*

There has been a retirement trend looming in our Eye Centre. Not a surprise as the boomers are moving on to the next chapter of their lives....

Nurses and surgeons have expressed their plans and rightfully so.

The reality is there will be a palpable impact to our centre (as surely is in other centres) so succession planning is imminent.

We are currently busy planning for the new Ambulatory Centre as the Regional Centre will be relocated to a new space, closer to the North York General site.

There is no definite date at this time but we are all looking forward to our new space.

November education session is not confirmed at this time.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Quebec City in June!

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