

FoAN (Canada) in Botswana

We are very excited that our first venture in Africa has been a success. In March, 2012, FoAN Canada's Secretary Jean Naude travelled to Gaborone, Botswana to accompany Angela Konstanz and Kate Woodhead (UK). There they delivered a five day "Train the Trainer" workshop to help perioperative nurses sustain good practice in their hospitals. This was the fourth and final visit in the series of workshops developed by FoAN (UK). However, the nurses requested that FoAN return to provide resources and updates in infection prevention, as well as in theoretical and practical knowledge.

FoAN (Canada) sponsored the workshop in part, covering the costs of the participants' meals, travel and lodging for one day.

Jean introduced the FoAN (Canada) day by giving a slide show of Canada. Canadian flags, pens and pins were handed out to the delight of the participating nurses.



Jean Naude presenting during a "Train the Trainer" workshop presented by FoAn in Gaborone, Botswana

Some statements from participating nurses:

- '...I developed skills and knowledge which I will go to teach my colleagues.'
- '... great impact on my career and professional development and recognition in my area of work.'
- '...I will teach my colleagues skills and knowledge because I have gained confidence and I know how to do it. No more worry during teaching sessions.'
- '...FoAN has transformed us into future managers.'
- '...I have a positive influential power because of liaising with FoAN.'
- '...enabled us to evaluate the way we were doing things and added new information.'

Visit www.foan.ca for
Jean's full report

FoAN (Canada) Attends ORNAO

In June, several of the FoAN Canada Directors attended the ORNAO conference in Toronto. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet perioperative nurses, recruit new members and spread the word about FoAN Canada.



Marilyn Flynn and Helen Vandoremalen at ORNAO

Membership Renewal

Please consider renewing your membership for 2012/ 2013. We are hoping to have this process online soon but in the meantime you can visit the website for information on renewing.

Our website is currently being updated and will be completed and online by October, 2012.

Future Plans

Our goals for 2012-13 are to work with FoAN (UK) to develop more programs and to send more nurses to Africa to help implement and deliver them. Stay tuned to the website for details.

How You Can Help

Volunteer

We are currently looking for volunteers to help fundraise and to become actively involved in our effort. We eventually hope to send some volunteers to Africa – members will be notified once the criteria for travel to Africa is posted on the website.

Sales

The following items are for sale, with 100% of the proceeds going to FoAN Canada.

Greeting cards painted by Lesley Fudge, co-founder and membership secretary of FoAN (UK), have been very popular.

Barn Owl (right) is one of 4 cards available for only \$3 each (4 for \$10) plus shipping.



For a truly global culinary experience, consider purchasing a **FoAN Cookbook**. Perioperative colleagues from around the globe have contributed recipes to tempt your taste buds. Only \$24, shipping included!

See our website for details.

FoAN at your Event

If you are interested in having a FoAN Board member attend or present at an event you are planning, please contact us!

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