



FoAN (Canada) attended ORNAC/IFPN 2013 Conference

FoAN (Canada) was officially launched at the 2011 ORNAC (Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada) Conference in Regina. This year FoAN (Canada) attended the ORNAC/IFPN 2013 Conference held in Ottawa, April 21- 25.

Members of the board presented our journey and accomplishments to date in a presentation 'An International Alliance to Promote Best Practice in Perioperative Nursing in Africa'. The presentation described our alliance with FoAN (UK) and our exciting first experience in Africa in 2012, delivering a program with FoAN (UK). The presentation was generally very well received. Some of the feedback included:

- Makes me interested in becoming a member
- More info is needed on how the work in Africa is done, how many people involved, expected knowledge levels of volunteers.
- Plan to access the website for further information

We also had a booth at the Conference where we had the opportunity to present our Charity to our colleagues, to raise funds selling our popular greeting cards and cookbooks and to recruit new members.

The experience was very rewarding and we thank the ORNAC Board and Conference Planning Committee for their help and support.

FoAN (Canada) Presenters-ORNAC/IFPN 2013.



From left, Jean Naude, Linda Whyte, Helen Vandoremalen, Marilyn Flynn, Mary Knight

Website update

The FoAN (Canada) website construction is now finished so please visit us at www.foan.ca. The website will keep you up to date on what's new, allow you to join or renew your membership and make donations online. The membership year is calculated from when you join. If you are due to renew please visit our site.

You may also order FoAN merchandise such as greeting cards and cookbooks from the website FoAN (Canada)

Annual General Meeting

FOAN (Canada) held their Annual General Meeting on April 24, 2013 in Ottawa. Donna Yates was elected and welcomed to the Board. We were honoured to have Kate Woodhead from FoAN (UK) present at the meeting. Kate brought greetings from our colleagues in the UK.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors for the 2013-2014 term:

Mary Knight - Chair

Jean Naude - Vice Chair

Marilyn Flynn - Treasurer

Helen Vandoremalen - Secretary

Linda Whyte - Member-at-Large (Website)

Donna Yates - Member-at-Large

Our Financial Statement for 2012 was presented and approved.

Plans and goals for 2013

Our first Educational Program in Botswana in March 2012 was a great success for FoAN (Canada). We are once again planning to send nurses to work jointly with FoAN (UK) on educational programs in Africa in the near future. The plans are not yet finalized, but we will keep you posted

We also hope to significantly expand our membership and its involvement in FoAN activities over the next year as well.

Fundraising

Our plans and dreams to support our perioperative nursing colleagues in Africa all depend on our ability to raise funds. As you are well aware there are many demands on people in this respect. We are currently seeking corporate or individual sponsors and will continue to sell our greeting cards and cookbooks. These are available for order on the website.

If you have any ideas for raising funds or would like to assist us please contact Marilyn Flynn at treasurer@foan.ca