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FoAN (Canada) to attend 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) will be at the ORNAC/IFPN 2013 Conference to be held in Ottawa, April 21- 25. See <http://www.ornac.ca>

Members of the board will present our journey and accomplishments to date in a presentation 'An International Alliance to Promote Best Practice in Perioperative Nursing in Africa'.

The presentation will describe our alliance with FoAN (UK) and our exciting first experience in Africa in 2012, delivering a program with FoAN (UK). We will describe both the rewards and challenges of the educational programs and the perspective it gives volunteers upon returning home. Finally, we will describe our future goals and challenges. If you are attending the conference plan to join us **Wednesday, April 24 at 0830hrs**, Concurrent session rooms 206/208.

Visit us at booth 112! We will be in the Exhibit Hall at booth 112. Stop by, meet FoAN(Canada) Board members, get more information about our Charity and become a member or renew your membership. Our popular greeting cards and cookbooks will also be on sale. Support us and help your nursing colleagues in Africa.

Website update

The FoAN (Canada) website is currently undergoing revision and will be accessible early next month. The website will keep you up to date on what's new, allow you to join or renew your membership and be where you can make donations online. We also plan to sell FoAN merchandise such as greeting cards and cookbooks from the website.

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 two more educational programs in Africa in 2013 and 2014.

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

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