

NURSING NOTES

Former RNAO president to lead ICN

This spring, Judith Shamian was elected the 27th president of the International Council of Nurses (ICN). The former RNAO president (1998-99) will lead more than 130 national nursing associations and over 13 million nurses globally for a four-year term. "ICN has an important role to play in extending the reach of the nursing profession in setting policy agendas at the national and international level," she said in a statement. "Our ultimate goal as nurses should be to maximize our contributions to achieve optimal health for the greatest number of people." Shamian served as former president and CEO of the Victorian Order of Nurses and as vice-president of nursing at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital. She is also past-president of the Canadian Nurses Association.



In this YouTube video announcing her candidacy, Judith Shamian tells colleagues why she's the best person for the job.

Yukon welcomes first NP

Hazel Booth is the first nurse practitioner to register in the Yukon. She works in continuing care, health and social services, with the territory's government. The Yukon Registered Nurses Association (YRNA) announced this milestone at its 19th annual general meeting. This news "...demonstrates the government's commitment to increasing timely access to quality care for the public," said Joy Peacock, executive director of the YRNA, "and recognizes the importance that collaborative care plays in the health-care system."

New book addresses workplace bullying

A new book published by the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), offers strategies for nurse supervisors managing common employee challenges. *Toxic Nursing: Managing Bullying, Bad Attitudes, and Total Turmoil* aims to help nurse

managers and administrators create a positive work environment. A recent study in the *Journal of Nursing Management*, a U.S. publication, found that among 612 staff nurses, 68 per cent had experienced bullying from their supervisors. Over 75 per cent had been bullied by their co-workers. This is in stark contrast to 35 per cent of Americans working outside health care who reported workplace incivility, a statistic cited by U.S.-based Workplace Bullying Institute.

RNAO staffer picks up prominent award

RNAO's Heather McConnell received the prestigious 2013 Sigma Theta Tau International Lambda-Pi-At-Large chapter's *Gail J. Donner Award for Excellence in Nursing Education*. "I am very honoured to have been nominated, and feel privileged to have been selected as this year's recipient," she said. Since 2007, McConnell

has been associate director of the International Affairs and Best Practice Guidelines Centre.

And the 2013 Lois A. Fairley honour goes to...

Windsor chapter member Shauna Carter, an NP at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Hospital (HDGH), is the latest recipient of RNAO's *Lois A. Fairley Nurse of the Year Community Service Award*. The award is handed out by the Windsor-Essex chapter, recognizing an RN who has advocated for patients and the profession, demonstrated commitment to the service of patients, and supported co-workers. In her role at HDGH's NP-led outreach program, Carter facilitates NPs working with long-term care homes to assess sick residents and determine how best to care for them. Fairley, the award's namesake, worked at HDGH for almost four decades as head nurse and student mentor. She was also a board member for RNAO. She passed away in 2007.

Contract nurses 'urgently required' on remote First Nations reserves

Health Canada has warned that if "urgently required" contract nurses are not hired in the nursing stations and federal hospitals on First Nations reserves in northern Manitoba, northern Ontario, and northern Quebec, those nursing stations and hospitals could be closed. The federal government is "having difficulty recruiting and retaining nurses," and needs three contractors to provide relief nursing services at various isolated locations. "The contracted services will include primary health care and hospital nursing service requirements," Health Canada said. To find out more, visit www.hc-sc.gc.ca and search 'nursing station'. **RN**

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