



## NNBC NEWSLETTER July, 2015

*Greetings Neuroscience Nurses of British Columbia!*

### CANN Annual General Meeting & Scientific Sessions: Banff, Alta

This year, a group of 13 BC neuroscience nurses attended the 46<sup>th</sup> CANN Annual General Meeting and Scientific Sessions held in St John's Newfoundland June 23-26, 2014. Fundraising activities over recent years helped to fund 10 of our members to attend this conference.

The theme for this year's conference was **"Rock with CANN in Newfoundland"**. The Mary Glover lecture was delivered by Dr

Falah Maroun who presented on familial intracranial aneurysms in Newfoundland and Labrador. The conference and scientific program were outstanding, thanks to program chairs Jessica Dwyer-Milley and Viola Finn and Scientific Chair Patti Gallagher. Thanks Jessica, Viola &



*Patti*

for a fun-filled time in St John's!!



And.... if you are thinking about attending the next CANN conference, it will be held in London, Ontario and the theme is **"Keep Calm & Neuro On"**. London last hosted a CANN conference 20 years ago in 1996 so consider joining in the 20 year reunion of CANN members in London next June.

***Hey! Check out the conference and the CANN AGM highlights by logging into the CANN website at: <http://www.cann.ca/>***

### Membership News

Reminder: Membership renewal is due April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. If you do not renew your membership, your name is removed from the membership list and you cannot access the members' only section of the CANN website. As of July 28, 2015 our NNBC membership is a total of 25 (regular, associate and honorary memberships). For new memberships and renewals, go to the CANN website at [www.cann.ca](http://www.cann.ca).



## Certification News

Congratulations go to NNBC member Katie Fink, RN at Royal Columbian Hospital in at Fraser Health who successfully passed the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) certification in neuroscience nursing. In BC, we now have a total of 30 CNN(c) nurses. Way to go Katie and welcome to the CNN(c) group!



## The Pauline Weldon Spirit of CANN Award

At the AGM this past June, CANN membership passed a motion for a new CANN award: ***The Pauline Weldon Spirit of CANN Award***. This award intends to recognize neuroscience nurse(s) who demonstrate exceptional disposition and spirit in the areas of advocacy, teamwork, volunteerism and passion for neuroscience nursing, over the course of their nursing career. The Award guidelines and nomination form have been finalized and will be sent out to CANN members via their chapter Councillors in September. If you know of an exceptional member who exemplifies a spirit of passion, advocacy, teamwork and passion for neuroscience nursing, please consider submitting their nomination this fall. A minimum of 3 letters of support are to accompany the nomination.

## Upcoming Neuro Education Events

The National brain Tumour Foundation (BTF) is hosting an education symposium at Royal Columbian Hospital on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>. The topic of this education event is on non-malignant brain tumours. This half-day symposium will explore diagnosis & treatment, managing patient needs following the acute care phase of treatment, and the role of the BTF in supporting patients and families. More information on this symposium will be shared soon. Registration is on the BTF website at: <http://www.braintumour.ca/5466/vancouver-hcp-symposium-2015> . Please note registration is free but limited to 60 participants.

## NEXT NNBC MEETING:

*The NNBC Annual General Meeting will be scheduled for **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015** at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster at **7:00 pm**. Agenda and resolutions will be sent out in August, 2015.*

All and any resolutions for change in NNBC bylaws, funding policy & guidelines, etc. to be submitted before August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and will be sent to all members along with the agenda 30 days prior to the AGM meeting.

Look forward to another exciting year with the NNBC membership and I hope to see you in September!

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