

Awards and Appointments

New CEO at Canadian Nurses Association

Ms. Kaaren Neufeld, president of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Rachel Bard as chief executive officer of CNA effective January 5, 2009.

As CEO, Ms. Bard will work to position nurses as leaders in the Canadian health system, while further defining and advancing the nursing discipline in the interest of the public. She will provide leadership and vision to drive policy agendas that focus on health human resources, health system renewal and global health and social justice. Through national advocacy and national regulatory policy work she will continue to build and articulate CNA's vision for the future of healthcare.

Before joining CNA, Ms. Bard held various positions with the government of New Brunswick, namely deputy minister of the environment; deputy minister of post-secondary education, training and labour; deputy minister of training and employment development; assistant deputy minister of public health and medical services with the Department of Health and Wellness; and assistant deputy minister responsible for post-secondary education with the Department of Education. She has also worked as a nurse in mental health for over 27 years, holding a number of positions in the clinical, administrative and educative fields. Ms. Bard has been very active on the international and national scenes. She is past president of CNA and has represented Canada on the International Council of Nurses and on international working groups on the workforce and on healthcare. She was the Canadian delegate at the International Labour Conference – Youth Employment and was on the Governing Board of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation Development for the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation.

New Appointments at CIHR

Dr. Alain Beaudet, president of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), along with CIHR's Governing Council, has announced the appointment of Dr. Malcolm King as incoming scientific director of CIHR's Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health (CIHR-IAPH) and Dr. Philip M. Sherman as incoming scientific director of CIHR's Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes (CIHR-INMD).

Malcolm King, a member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, is a professor and an Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical



Research (AHFMR) senior scholar in the Pulmonary Medicine Division of the Department of Medicine at the University of Alberta (U of A). He also heads the U of A's Aboriginal Health Care Careers program and chairs its University Aboriginal Advisory

Council. He is the principal investigator of the Alberta ACADRE Network for Aboriginal health research training, as well as a researcher in respiratory diseases. He also served as one of the founding members of the CIHR Governing Council from its creation in June 2000 until June 2004.

Dr. King completed a PhD in polymer chemistry at McGill University in Montreal and fellowships at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, and the Meakins-Christie Laboratories at McGill University. He has been a guest professor at several prestigious universities, including the University of Freiburg (Germany), the University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), the University of Bern (Switzerland) and the University of Auckland (New Zealand). His areas of research interest include respiratory health issues among Aboriginal peoples, health service delivery to vulnerable populations, the interaction of education and health, airborne disease transmission and chronic obstructive lung diseases. He is the author of some 160 scientific papers and has supervised some 20 biomedical trainees.

Philip Sherman is currently a professor of Paediatrics, Microbiology and Dentistry at the Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto; holds a Canada Research Chair in Gastrointestinal Disease at the University of Toronto; and is associate director of the Institute of Medical Science at the University of Toronto. He completed his medical degree (MD) at the University of Calgary and is a fellow of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (FRCPC) in Paediatrics and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP). His areas of research interest include disease-causing gastrointestinal bacteria and probiotics. He is the recipient of many awards, including the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG) Visiting Professor Award (2008) and the Institute of Medical Science Mel Silverman Mentorship Award (2007).

Dr. Sherman is also the author of some 200 articles in prestigious journals such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Infection and Immunity*, and the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of*

America (PNAS), the editor of three textbooks and the author of multiple book chapters.

News from the International Council of Nurses



New Leadership Institute
The International Council of Nurses (ICN) recently announced the establishment of a new leadership institute for senior nurse executives from across the world. The Global Nursing Leadership Institute will offer an advanced leadership program for nurses in senior level and executive positions in developed and developing countries, drawing on the expertise of faculty from United Nations and intergovernmental agencies, governments, business, recognized management schools and leading health professionals. The program will be tailored to enhance existing leadership knowledge and skills related to national and global health priorities.

ICN has been a pioneer in leadership, management and negotiation skill development for nurses for some 20 years, through highly successful Leadership for Change™ (LFC) and Leadership in Negotiation (LIN) programs. The Global Nursing Leadership Institute represents the third arm of ICN's leadership development strategy. The Institute's program will operate in Geneva, Switzerland, and will feature five-day retreats addressing intensive and cutting-edge global leadership content. More information at: www.icn.ch.

New CEO



The ICN recently announced the appointment of David Benton as the new chief executive officer. David takes over from Judith A. Oulton, who is stepping down after 12 years at the helm of ICN.

David has held the post of consultant in Nursing and Health Policy at ICN since 2005, specializing in regulation, licensing and education. Prior to coming to ICN he filled senior management roles across a range of organizations over the past 20 years. These roles have included executive director of

nursing in posts in Scotland and England; chief executive & accounting officer at the National Board for Nursing Midwifery & Health Visiting of Scotland; and regional nurse director, Northern and Yorkshire Region, UK. David qualified as a general and mental health nurse at the Highland College of Nursing and Midwifery in Inverness, Scotland, and has a postgraduate degree focused on the application of computer-assisted learning to post-basic nurse education.

David is the recipient of several awards and honours. He is particularly proud of having been awarded the inaugural Nursing Standard Leadership award in 1993. He was presented with Fellowship of the Florence Nightingale Foundation in 2001 and awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom in 2003 for his contribution to health and nursing policy. He was selected as ICN's chief executive among highly qualified candidates from around the world.

New Specialist on Regulation and Licensure

Highly respected senior nurse leader Anne Morrison has joined the staff of the ICN as a nurse consultant, focusing primarily on the areas of licensing and regulation. She assumes the position formerly held by David Benton before his appointment as ICN's chief executive officer. Anne served from 2003 to 2008 as executive officer of the Queensland Nursing Council (QNC), an independent statutory body that regulates nursing and midwifery in Queensland, Australia.

Anne Morrison's university degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Dundee College of Technology, Scotland, a Bachelor of Educational Studies from the University of Queensland and a Master of Business Administration from Queensland University of Technology, Australia. She joined the QNC in 1993 and served as director of the Nursing Program and in other positions before being named executive officer in 2003. Previously she worked in clinical nursing, midwifery and education, and she chaired the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council from 2004 to 2007.

ICN is a federation of 132 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses for nurses since 1899, ICN is the international voice of nursing and works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

Sigma Theta Tau Aims to Influence Healthcare Globally with Creation of Advisory Council

President Huston has appointed David M. Keepnews, RN, PhD, JD, FAAN, as chair of the advisory council. Keepnews currently serves as an associate professor at Adelphi University School of Nursing and is the editor-in-chief of Policy, Politics & Nursing Practice.

The advisory council's objective is to identify opportunities to strengthen the global influence of the Honor Society in order to continue to improve the health of individuals worldwide.

The members of the advisory council are:

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Canadian Dr. Dana Hanson Named President of World Medical Association

Canadian Medical Association past-president Dr. Dana Hanson has become the first Canadian in four decades to be elected to the presidency of the World Medical Association (WMA). Dr. Hanson was elected for 2009/10 at the WMA's Annual General Assembly in Seoul, South Korea. He takes office in a year's time.

Dr. Hanson, a dermatologist in Fredericton, served as CMA president in 2002. A highlight of his presidency was the CMA's "100-Day Challenge," which helped spur government action following the release of the report from the Romanow Commission on the Sustainability of Canada's Healthcare System.

Health and the environment will be the topic of the WMA's scientific session at its Annual General Assembly in Vancouver, Canada, in 2010.

In 1946, long-time CMA secretary general Dr. T.C. Routley served on the original organizing committee that helped form the WMA. Dr. Routley went on to serve as the first WMA chairman, when the organization had only 27 members. The WMA now consists of 85 member countries.

Ontario Integrates e-Health Activities under One Agency



Ontario has appointed Dr. Alan Hudson as the chair of eHealth Ontario, a restructured agency responsible for all aspects of e-health in Ontario, including creating an electronic health record for all Ontarians.

eHealth Ontario will bring together the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's e-Health Program and the province's Smart Systems for Health Agency (SSHA) under one banner.

Three key e-health priorities have been identified for the next few years, including a diabetes registry, an e-health portal to centralize health information on an easily accessible website, and e-prescribing, which will eliminate handwritten prescriptions and reduce medication errors.

Dr. Hudson – who is leading the government's efforts to reduce wait times in emergency rooms and for key procedures – will chair eHealth Ontario's board of directors, which will include individuals from the broader health, business and information-technology sectors.

The ultimate goal of the e-health strategy is to create an electronic health record (EHR) for all Ontarians by 2015. An electronic health record will provide patients and providers with the ability to access, share and use health information. It will improve healthcare delivery, increase patient safety, reduce ER wait times and create a more effective health care system.

RBC Chair in Cardiovascular Research Draws Nursing Researcher Home



After a decade in American academia, Dr. Sean Clarke returns to Canada as the inaugural RBC Chair in Cardiovascular Nursing Research and the newest recruit to the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing and University Health Network. Clarke, a

leading international expert in nursing outcomes research, has a clinical background in cardiovascular nursing and a PhD in psychological and social aspects of cardiac disease. The RBC Chair in Cardiovascular Nursing Research is supported with \$1.5 million from the RBC Foundation, matched by the University of Toronto.

Clarke aims to be a catalyst for collaborative research projects and push the opportunities of the RBC chair to their maximum, encouraging research projects among nurses and advanced practice nurses in the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre at University Health Network, as well as doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows at the Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing. Clarke is an associate professor at the Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing and a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN).

UW Graduates First Master of Public Health Class

The University of Waterloo graduated its first class of 19 master of public health students as well as award three honorary doctorates at fall convocation in October.

UW's is the first master of public health applied professional degree program in Canada available on-line with a practicum degree component. It aims to prepare a new generation of public health professionals skilled in protecting health, preventing illness and helping people to achieve a healthier life for themselves and their communities.

The program, which the 19 students successfully completed over the last two years, builds on the successful master's and doctoral degrees in population health offered by the Health Studies and Gerontology department in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences.

Bursaries Offered to French-Speaking Nurses

French-speaking nursing students will have extra incentive to begin their careers in Nova Scotia.

The Department of Health is offering bursaries to students and recent graduates of nursing programs who have completed, or are completing, their final term of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program or Licensed Practical Nurse program. The department is committed to providing more patient care in French to the province's Acadian and francophone communities.

Estate of Bluma Appel Donates \$500,000 to Student Awards

Paying for their education has become a little easier for some nursing students, thanks to a \$500,000 gift from the estate of Bluma Appel, given to support student awards at the University of Toronto's Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing.

Undergraduate awards will receive a boost of \$300,000 and graduate awards will receive \$200,000. Graduate awards are uniquely earmarked for students experienced in or interested in the following areas of nursing: pain management, neuroscience or palliative care.

The endowments are eligible for matching from the provincial government's Ontario Trust for Student Support fund, bringing the total injection to \$1 million in support of student awards.

The awards were made in honour of Ms. Jeannie Butler, a long-time friend of the late Mrs. Appel. Ms. Butler, a registered nurse, is an enthusiastic supporter of and volunteer with the LSB Faculty of Nursing.



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