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ICM Triennial Congress: Prague, June 2014

Canadian midwives pose in front of the Prague Congress Centre, just after the Closing Ceremonies of the 30th Triennial Congress of the International Confederation of Midwives. CAM looks forward to hosting the midwives of the world in 2017 in Toronto! PAGE 6-7

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Canadian Association of Midwives
Association canadienne des sages-femmes

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President Joanna Nemrava and CAM Executive Director, Tonia Occhionero in Prague, June 2014.

If you have never been to an ICM Triennial Congress, put it on your bucket list! Imagine being part of an event where thousands of midwives gather from all over the world. This year in Prague, ICM 2014, more than 3700 midwives came together representing nearly 200 countries. The program offered a myriad of educational, practice and research topics as well as vibrant social events with sister midwives from every continent. It is an experience that will change your life.

The week prior to the Congress in Prague, more than 200 Council Delegates from 160 countries attended Council meetings that spanned three inspirational and sometimes challenging days. Lively discussion ensued over important issues such as the impact of failing to complete newborn birth registration, the role of midwives in emergency response efforts, the increasing trend toward task-shifting as an economic strategy of governments, the impact of climate change on health service delivery, and issues of gender bias and female sex-based abortion or infanticide and neglect. Many midwives spoke eloquently and passionately to these issues, offering evidence of the impact in their own countries and powerful

stories of women and communities affected. Reproductive rights, access to safe abortion services and the role of midwives in these issues are particularly challenging topics. Canada spoke strongly in support of every woman's right to self-determination and access to safe abortion services, which remains illegal in many countries. Finally, Council members had the opportunity to give direction to the ICM Board for developing ICM Strategic Directions 2014 – 2017. Many of the themes from the previous Strategic Directions document remain relevant for the coming triennium.

The 2011-2014 ICM Strategic Directions can be accessed at <http://www.internationalmidwives.org/assets/uploads/documents/Position%20Statements%20-%20English/ICM%20Strategic%20Directions%202011-2014-Final.pdf>

The challenges of bringing together so many midwives from all over the world are impressive, but none more so than the challenges faced by midwives from low-resource countries where travel visas and economic hardship present significant barriers to simply getting to the venue. Many midwives, often from countries in Africa and also South America, approached me with heart wrenching appeals for help to attend the ICM Congress in Toronto, 2017. One midwife, the founder of the Independent Midwives Association Lethoso, described her profound gratitude to attend the Congress in Prague, made possible through months of fundraising and applications for charitable sponsorship. The experience of global sisterhood and the opportunity for leadership, support, education and networking nurtures the preservation of hope, the strengthening of association and contributes to increasing access to quality midwifery care for women all over the world.

We hope that many Canadian midwives will join us in Toronto in 2017 and please consider supporting the CAM initiative *Deliver Midwives to Toronto 2017* to help midwives around the world experience ICM 2017.

Donate Now at <http://www.indiegogo.com/at/midwives2017.org>



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ADVOCACY AND INITIATIVES



Attendees of the Roundtable hosted by Rona Ambrose. Katrina Kilroy pictured fourth from left and Minister Ambrose pictured sixth from left.

GLOBAL SUMMIT ON MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH

As an active partner with the Canadian Network for Maternal Newborn and Child Health (www.can-mnch.ca), CAM was invited to attend a high-level Summit, *Saving Every Woman Every Child: Within Arm's Reach*, hosted by the Canadian Government from May 28-30, 2014, in Toronto, Ontario. Board Vice President, Katrina Kilroy, represented CAM at the historic event.

Convening Canadian stakeholders and experts, as well as global leaders from developed and developing countries, international organizations, and the private sector, the Summit provided an opportunity to evaluate the progress made since the launch of the Muskoka Initiative in 2010. The agenda focused on specific maternal, newborn and child health issues that need further support and must continue to be prioritized beyond 2015. Speakers included Dr. Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank, Ban Ki-Moon, United Nations Secretary General, Dr. Margaret Chan, Director of the World Health Organization, and Jakaya Kikwete, President of Tanzania.

Canada committed \$2.85 billion over five years to MNC initiatives in 2010, and reaffirmed its leadership at this Summit by committing a further \$3.5 billion over the next five years. CAM is heartened by this commitment to women's health, and we will continue to advocate for the inclusion of maternal health as a critical part of these initiatives both in Canada and internationally.

During the Summit, CAM was invited (as part of a select group of key health stakeholders) to participate in a special Roundtable, co-hosted by Minister Rona Ambrose and Margaret Chan, Director General of WHO. The facilitated dialogue challenged participants to identify opportunities, innovations, and best practices to advancing MNCH in Canada. This provided a unique opportunity to discuss key issues in maternal and child health, and to make suggestions for how we can best support

the health and well-being of our mothers and children.

CAM and NACM are pleased to have been invited to bring our perspectives and recommendations to the table. We see this as an important step in ensuring that mothers and babies in our own provinces and territories have the support and resources they need. It is our hope that these discussions will help to inform how projects are prioritized, and ultimately, how the new funding is allocated.

TWINNING: TANZANIA AND CANADA

As part of the Improved Service Delivery for Safe Motherhood Project (ISDSM) the Harmonized Midwives Emergency Skills Training program (MEST) has been finalized and 6 Canadian midwives, from a pool of 59 applicants, have been selected to participate as ES trainers. The first set of trainings will take place Aug. 18- Sept. 4, 2014 in Tanzania. Thank you to everyone who applied and please watch this space for future opportunities.

CAM is currently working with CUSO International and the Ethiopian Midwives Association (EMA) to explore opportunities for a project partnership. In addition, CAM continues to work closely with the Tanzanian Association of Registered Midwives (TAMA) on association and peer-to-peer twinning. The individual twinning cooperation in conjunction with partner Cuso International. The individual twinning of 25 Tanzanian-Canadian midwife pairs is moving forward and a group check-in teleconference is scheduled for June to share successes and challenges.

In Prague, CAM and TAMA worked together to deliver two presentations, one an introduction to the ISDSM project, given by Dr. Sebalda Leshabari at

a Roundtable facilitated by the Sanofi-Esper Foundation and the other on the UMOJA twinning project. The presentations were well received and helped provide a backdrop for continued exchange between CAM, TAMA and other member associations. In addition, CAM submitted a white paper to ICM highlighting the need for international protocols to guide project and partnership development for ICM member associations, with the hopes that this will inform a meaningful discussion within ICM in the coming months.



Rosane Doré Lefebvre

NATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE: UPDATE

On June 3rd, MP Rosane Doré Lefebvre introduced Private Members Bill C-608: An Act respecting a National Day of the Midwife. This was a re-introduction of a very similar bill introduced by MP Peggy Nash in November 2013. This re-introduction was done strategically because Doré Lefebvre's allotted hour of debate is scheduled for October 2014 (whereas Nash's hour of debate would have fallen well into 2015). This is wonderful news that indicates that this bill has a strong chance of succeeding when it eventually is put to a vote.

See Doré Lefebvre introduce Bill C-608 here: <http://bit.ly/1osyVA7>

FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF MIDWIVES: UPDATE

In 2013, CAM and NACM identified the need for federal recognition of the profession of midwifery as the number one key issue in our advocacy efforts. Because midwifery is currently not included under the primary health care job classification category as defined by the Treasury Board of Canada, midwives cannot be hired within federal jurisdictions for service provision. This has been a major barrier to providing access to midwifery care, especially in First Nations communities. CAM and NACM have written a letter to Minister Tony Clement, President of the Treasury Board, and Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health, outlining the need for federal recognition of the profession of midwifery and providing detailed examples of how this recognition would make it possible for midwives to provide care to more women and families. Lois Brown, a Conservative MP, has also sent a letter to Minister Clement recommending that the issue be investigated further. CAM is hopeful that the long process of making changes to the Treasury Board classifications to include midwives will be begun shortly and we will continue to follow up with Minister Clement and Minister Ambrose to ensure that this happens.

CAM WORKING TO HAVE MIDWIVES INCLUDED IN THE CANADA STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

The Canada Student Loan Forgiveness for Family Doctors and Nurses program came into effect in April 2013. Under this program, family doctors and nurses who practice in **designated rural communities** are eligible for up to \$8000 per year (for doctors) and \$4000 per year (for nurses) in loan forgiveness of their Canada Student Loans. In total, doctors are eligible for a maximum of \$40,000 in loan forgiveness and nurses for a maximum of \$20,000. Currently, midwives are not eligible for any loan forgiveness under this program.

CAM has compiled information from the Midwifery Education Programs in Canada to better understand how many midwifery students would benefit from this loan forgiveness and what the total cost to the government might be. Given that roughly 75% of midwifery students qualify for Canada Student Loans, and that currently less than 12% of midwives in Canada work in designated rural communities, CAM estimates that approximately 20 midwifery graduates per year would benefit from the program, and if midwives were entitled to up to \$30,000 in loan forgiveness, the total cost to the government would be under \$300,000 per year. CAM has written a letter to Finance Minister Joe Oliver, requesting that the program be extended to midwives who practice rurally after graduation. Including midwives in this program would be one small step towards ensuring access to midwifery care in rural areas across Canada.



Midwifery graduates from Ryerson, 2014.
Photo credit Kama Lee Jackson.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES



All videos can be seen
on our Facebook page

[facebook.com/
CanadianMidwives](https://facebook.com/CanadianMidwives)



MIDWIVES AND SUPPORTERS SING IN HONOUR OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE!

On May 5th 2014, CAM invited all members and supporters to participate in a fun singing activity to promote midwifery in Canada. Sarilyn Zimmerman, midwife in Toronto, wrote new lyrics to the song Amazing Grace and Angèle Trudeau, midwifery student in Quebec, translated the song into French. CAM received videos of midwives and others singing the song, from across Canada as well as Switzerland, Brazil, the United States, and Oman! The song has now been translated into German and Dutch and the translations just keep coming! Thank you to everyone who sent in a video. We look forward to continuing to share in song with midwives from around the world. As always, the conference provided a space for midwives to learn, share, network, be inspired, and dance!

Midwives from around the world sang the song together during the closing ceremonies of the ICM Congress in Prague, led by CAM's President Joanna Nemrava, her daughter Teasha, and midwife Nathalie Pambrun's daughter Nuna (see photo above). An inspiring invitation to Toronto in 2017!

MIDWIVES' SONG

Lyrics by Sarilyn Zimmerman
& Jack Gabriel

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Sung to the tune of "Amazing Grace"
Composer - unknown

*Amazing birth
How sweet the babes
That midwives bring to light
Our hands, our hearts
Our skills, our care
We share
Both day and night*

*With love and strength
In every breath
Each women
Finds her way
To bring sweet life
Into this world
A blessing to the day*

*Midwives of the
World join hands
To keep
new moms from harm
To bring their babes
To safely sleep
Into their loving arms*

ICM CONGRESS IN PRAGUE

The 30th Triennial Congress of the International Confederation of Midwives took place in Prague, Czech Republic from June 1st to 5th. Over 3700 participants from around the globe exchanged ideas, research, and best practices through workshops and lectures. Congress attendees includes over 100 Canadian midwives, more than 25 of whom gave presentations, facilitated sessions, or presented posters.



Canadian midwives with shadow puppets during the Closing Ceremonies.

VOICES OF MIDWIVES

Canadian midwives made up one of three choirs that sang in Kampa Park at the pre-Congress event *Voices of Midwives*. The event broke the world record for midwives singing together; a total of 1563 midwives sang to bring attention to maternal and infant health around the world. Canadian midwives sang the songs *One Love*, *Let it Be*, and *Lean on Me*.

CAM BOOTH

Throughout the Congress, midwife volunteers and Tonia Occhionero, CAM Executive Director, were present at the CAM Booth, intended to promote the ICM 2017 Congress in Toronto. CAM, with support from the Association of Ontario Midwives and Toronto Tourism, provided information on visiting Toronto and how to obtain visas to thousands of midwives from around the world. CAM sold many “Made in Canada” items, with all profits going towards the *Deliver Midwives to the 2017 ICM Congress Fund* (more information on next page).

CLOSING CEREMONIES

As the hosts of the next ICM Congress (Toronto 2017), CAM was given the honour of presenting the final 15 minutes of the Closing Ceremonies of the ICM Congress in Prague. Created by artists Clea Minaker and Andréa de Keijzer, CAM presented a beautiful montage of video and shadow puppetry on the subject of supporting women through birth. Eight Canadian midwives were on stage to manipulate the shadow puppets, and together with the video, the images were mesmerizing and celebratory. CAM also shared a video that included short clips of Canadian midwives inviting the midwives of the world to Toronto in ten different languages, which was received with enthusiasm by the audience! The presentation ended with the entire audience singing along to the Midwives Song, led by Joanna Nemrava and her daughter; an emotional end to a busy week!



Canadian Booth at the Prague conference.



Left to right: Irene dela Torre (ICM Americas representative), Joanna Nemrava (CAM President), and Debrah Lewis (previous ICM Vice-President).

The 2014 update of the State of the World's Midwifery Report was released by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and partners during the ICM Congress in Prague. The report shines a light on the vast shortage of midwives across low- and middle-income countries, and on the progress made since the inaugural report in 2011.



Learn more

<http://unfpa.org/public/home/pid/16021> about the 73 countries in the report, which carry the burden of more than 96 per cent of maternal deaths and 93 per cent of newborn deaths globally.



From left to right, Frances Ganges, ICM Chief Executive, Laurene Nyenpan Kempeh, and Francis Day-Stirk, ICM President.

DELIVER MIDWIVES TO ICM 2017 FUND

Please help us bring midwives from around the world!

In 2017, the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) will hold its 31st Triennial Congress in Toronto, Canada. Over 4000 midwives and allied health professionals are expected to attend this inspiring and important conference. The Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM), as the host of this Congress, wants to go the extra mile to ensure that midwives from around the world are able to attend. In particular, CAM would like to provide financial support to midwives who would otherwise be unable to attend. This support will help midwives take back important knowledge about maternal and child health to their home countries.

Every dollar raised will go towards the registration and travel costs for midwives from under-resourced countries to attend the ICM Congress in Toronto. This Congress is an amazing opportunity for midwives from around the world to network with one another, improve their knowledge and skills, and be

inspired and rejuvenated. By supporting midwives to attend this Congress, who would otherwise be unable to attend, you are helping share knowledge that will help save the lives of mothers and babies around the world.



Midwife colleagues from Burkina Faso.

Please help CAM make the next ICM Congress, in Toronto in 2017, the most accessible Congress yet by supporting the Deliver Midwives to the 2017 ICM Congress Fund. The current phase of the fundraising runs until July 29th, 2014, please help us achieve our \$5000 goal for this phase! Every donation makes a big difference in supporting midwives from under-resourced countries to attend ICM 2017! Donate online at: igg.me/at/midwives2017.org

In the spirit of making the ICM 2017 Congress accessible, Toronto Tourism donated an all expenses paid trip to the ICM 2017 Congress in Toronto for one lucky midwife at the 2014 Congress in Prague. Midwives were encouraged to fill out interest cards for the 2017 Congress in exchange for being entered into a lottery to win the big prize! We are pleased to announce that Laurene Nyenpan Kempeh, from Monrovia, Liberia has won the trip!



Midwife colleagues from Mali.

ICM 2017

The logo and website for the ICM Triennial Congress in 2017 has been launched! The website can be found at www.midwives2017.org.



The maple leaf, representing our Elders, the land and our mothers, watches over the maple seeds, representing birth, children, and the future. The colours remind us of the Four Directions, or Medicine Wheel, which in First Nations teachings represent a holistic definition of health and a life lived in balance.

ACROSS CANADA



Charlotte Naugler from Fredericton, NB at the IDM event at the Legislature

NEW BRUNSWICK

Midwives and families are making their voices heard as they push for regulated and funded Midwifery in NB. With strong activism efforts and a solid media presence this winter, MANB has seen some recent successes. These include: the creation of a provincial consumer group; the reinstatement of the NB Midwifery Council, announced for the fall of 2014; and the inclusion of a Midwife representative in NB's new Perinatal Health Program that will advise the province in best practice.

On May 5th, over seventy supporters gathered on the NB legislature's lawn to celebrate International Day of the Midwife. A windy picnic was enjoyed as families listened to speakers relay their positive experiences with midwives, including representatives from two different political parties. Supporters held signs, wrote postcards to their MLAs, and participated in media interviews.

Consumer Group Facebook:
Familles pour les sages-femmes
au NB Families for Midwives

New Brunswick families were promised midwifery care in 2008 and six years later, we are still awaiting consistent regulation and funding for midwives to practice. MANB and consumers are putting a lot of pressure on government and we believe we have raised the visibility of midwifery in NB significantly in the past year. However, there is still no commitment to publicly funded midwifery care in the province. We are dedicated to bringing change and choice to families who desire midwifery care.

MANB Facebook:
New Brunswick Midwives / Sages
Femmes du Nouveau Brunswick

ONTARIO

In early May, Ontario midwives celebrated the 20th anniversary of regulated midwifery, Aboriginal Midwifery and the path to legislation at the AOM's annual conference. Inaugural AOM lifetime achievement awards were presented to Eileen Hutton, RM, PhD and Vicki Van Wagner, RM, PhD. Markham Stouffville Hospital and Trillium Health Partners received awards for midwifery hospital integration, and Globe and Mail journalist André Picard was recognized for raising public awareness about midwifery. The AOM produced a video to thank midwives called "Midwifery Milestones", shown at the conference opening ceremonies. Watch online at youtube/ontariomidwives. Many practices are celebrating the 20th anniversary of regulation with client picnics and other events in the community.

The AOM promoted Equal Pay Day on April 16 with an op-ed published in the Toronto Star and photos of midwives wearing red to show support.

The Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario pay equity discrimination case is in early stages and ongoing.

Ontario midwives marked International Day of the Midwife in a variety of ways. Caring Hands Midwifery Services, Alliston organized a movie night to raise money to support traditional birth attendants in East Africa; a movie night hosted by Midwives Grey Bruce raised money for "Save the Mothers"; and the 5K Footsteps for Change Walk, a fundraising event that Midwives in the Hamilton area started in 2011, generated donations for the Ghislaine Francoeur Fund.

The AOM supported NDP MP Peggy Nash's private member's bill to declare May 5 National Day of the Midwife in Canada by circulating her petition to members and supporters. An event that Nash hosted in Toronto on May 4 to celebrate midwifery was attended by numerous midwives, AOM staff, consumers and supporters.



MANITOBA

Midwives Association of Manitoba would like to congratulate the new graduates from the University College of the North providing Canada's only Aboriginal Midwifery Degree Program. There were two graduates in 2013 and now seven

graduates in 2014. The new program, a partnership between the University of Manitoba and the University College of the North, will accept intakes for the bachelor program next year.

In March 2014 the College of Midwives of Manitoba offered an assessment process for internationally educated midwives living in Manitoba. The assessment process is part of a Manitoba Health project that will provide midwifery assessment and midwifery gap training to help prepare internationally educated midwives apply for registration in Manitoba.

Our provincial theme for the International Day of the Midwife, 'Growing Midwives', was celebrated in Winkler and in Winnipeg this year. As usual, this was a successful event raising awareness, advocating for more midwifery positions in Manitoba while at the same time having fun!

As employees of the Regional Health Authorities, midwives in Manitoba enjoy a steady paycheck, vacation time, sick time, benefits and a generous pension. Computer, cell phone, administrative support, clinic and birth supplies are also provided. Mileage is paid for by the region. For any Midwives seeking employment in beautiful Manitoba, please contact the College of Midwives of Manitoba for more details.

SASKATCHEWAN

Midwifery continues to grow in Saskatchewan. All practices are committed to growing community-based care and fostering the growth of midwifery. Regina's program now has five full-time midwives and is welcoming women to their new clinic space. They



The first birth at the Women's Health Centre, Fort Qu'Appelle

are looking forward to adding well-woman and contraceptive care to the services they provide. Congratulations go out to Midwife Teegan Odell from the Regina midwives on the homebirth of her beautiful daughter this spring.

Saskatoon currently has four midwives and is actively recruiting for an additional two positions. They continue to experience a nearly 50% homebirth rate.

Swift Current is pleased to be offering waterbirth at the local hospital and after much work, is able to provide homebirth to multiparous women.

Fort Qu'Appelle's Women's Health Centre is pleased to announce the opening of their new low risk midwifery birthing centre, allowing women to give birth in the same place they receive prenatal and postpartum care. The recruitment of a second midwife, Tracy Hydeman, will help to meet the needs of women and families in this community.

We look forward to welcoming midwives from across Canada for the CAM conference in November 2014 with a novel program and fantastic social events!

BRITISH COLUMBIA

As of this writing, the MABC is in the midst of contract negotiations with the BC Ministry of Health, advocating for improved supports for midwives, increased access to midwifery services particularly in rural, remote and First Nations communities, and better integration of the profession into provincial and regional health care systems. These negotiations follow the launch of our Vision Campaign and [Vision Document](#) in January, which has since been widely shared on social media. We are optimistic about the future of maternal and child health care in BC while acknowledging the enormous efforts and political will required to implement change.

Our 2014 Annual General Meeting took place on June 16th where MABC members were able to discuss the status of negotiations and next steps - more information will be available in the coming weeks. As there are so many midwives and organizations across the country, we are once again faced with the challenges of negotiating with a difficult provincial mandate due in no small part to ever-increasing health care costs.



MABC staff from left: Mel, Patricia, Annwen, Adriana, Sunya & Ganga

With the transfer of federal funding to the Provincial First Nations Health Authority in October 2013 come new initiatives looking at improving health outcomes, and several include midwives as a significant part of the solution. We are pleased to announce the Seabird Island midwifery project as the first of its kind in BC, featured in the [Globe and Mail](#) shortly after its opening. The project has been a success in its first six months of operation and has generated interest from other health centers wishing to incorporate midwifery services in Aboriginal communities.

This year has been full of positive, forward-thinking work by our Board of Directors and the irreplaceable women who manage daily operations of the association. We are in the process of implementing many new and ongoing 2014-2017 [Strategic Plan](#) items, keeping the focus on sustainability and growth of both the profession and the association.

QUEBEC

The RSFQ has finally signed a contract renewal with the MSSS, on April 1st, 2014. In this renewal, salaries have been increased and on-call pay has been doubled, which brings salaries to between \$62,000 and \$99,500 with 15 pay levels. In addition, the agreement includes accelerated pay steps, professional development, the addition of unpaid leaves, progressive retirement and recognition for additional studies.

There have been three new committees put in place: Organization of work, Interprofessional collaboration, and Northern working conditions. Together,

the consumers and midwives of Quebec led an amazing campaign to reach this agreement!

A new committee has been formed of midwives and MSSS representatives to plan the development of new birthing centres. After four years of struggle, this is a long-awaited victory! In the past five years, six new birthing centres or midwifery service points have been added in Quebec, and we have grown by 60 midwives, not including the 20 new graduates of 2014.

We have launched our new web campaign on May 5th, 2014 "No midwife? Make yourself heard!" This campaign aims to expose the lack of services, whether due to absence of services or insufficient places. Learn more at www.rsfq.qc.ca.

A new complementary insurance has been put in place for members of the RSFQ this year, for legal support to midwives. Previously, midwives had to personally assume all legal costs during disciplinary procedures and other legal actions; this insurance is necessary and long overdue.

Finally, the RSFQ is proud to have participated in the ICM Triennial Congress in Prague in June. What an amazing event and how wonderful to see the high standards being put forward by ICM for the profession of midwifery. Bravo!



Nathalie Pambrun and Melissa Brown hosted a booth during the Winnipeg edition of the Soaring: Indigenous Youth Career Conference which took place on March 20th. Lauren Redman co-hosted a booth with Ace Porter from the MABC for the Vancouver Soaring Conference on May 13th.



Nathalie Pambrun and Melissa Brown, NACM members, at the Winnipeg Soaring: Indigenous Youth Career Conference.

There were two regional events that were held to promote the Aboriginal Midwifery Toolkit. The first event took place in Montreal on March 27th, and was co-hosted with Quebec Native Women. NACM members Jasmine Benedict and Joyce Leaf gave a presentation, highlighting some of the challenges facing Aboriginal midwives in Quebec. A second event took place at



Lauren Redman, NACM member, and Ace Porter at the Vancouver Soaring Indigenous Youth Career conference.

the Toronto Birth Centre, co-hosted with the Native Youth Sexual Health Network. These events helped to attract media attention: Evelyn Harney was interviewed by Daybreak North on CBC Radio One, Ellen Blais by Native America Calling and Kerry Bebee by the Ontario Morning show on CBC Radio One.



Participants and instructors of the Inuit Introduction to Midwifery Training, Montreal, April 2014.

NACM is very busy completing activities relating to the 3rd phase of funding which was received through the Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Initiative (AHHRI). The print version of the Aboriginal Midwifery Toolkit was reedited and the online Toolkit was completely redesigned to make it easier to navigate. A second *Introduction to Midwifery* training took place in Montreal, at the beginning of April. The training was offered by Jo Muise, an experienced doula trainer from Alternative Naissance, as well as midwives Colleen Crosbie and Mina Tulugak. The participants really enjoyed the experience and one has expressed an interest in becoming an Aboriginal midwife!

THE HEARTBEAT

JOB POSTINGS

For all job opportunities, please visit <http://www.canadianmidwives.org/jobs>

Registered Midwife

Department of Health and Social Services
Iqaluit, Nunavut

<http://www.canadianmidwives.org/303-job/Registered-Midwife.html>

If you have questions, please contact Jan Teevan at janteevan@hotmail.com

Registered Midwife

Fort Smith Health & Social Services Authority

Fort Smith, Northwest Territories

<http://www.canadianmidwives.org/292-job/Seeking-Registered-Midwife.html>

Next deadline for Heartbeat submissions: September 30th, 2014.

New Manitoba midwives!

Congratulations to the new graduates of the Bachelor of Midwifery program through the University College of the North! We are so excited to have seven new midwives practicing in Manitoba! Cheers to you and to your families! Looking forward to many years of practicing together. Sincerely, Manitoba midwives.

Bon Voyage Raphaëlle!

Au cours des trois dernières années, la permanence du RSFQ a bénéficié de l'apport magistral de Mme Raphaëlle Petitjean! Elle a contribué au renforcement de notre association professionnelle, particulièrement au niveau organisationnel. Elle nous quittera en juin prochain pour littéralement aller naviguer sur d'autres eaux :) mais nous laissera plus établie par son passage parmi nous! Merci chère Raphaëlle, ça été un plaisir et un honneur de t'avoir à nos côtés



Congratulations Anne Barkham!

I recently was privileged to host a retirement party for one of BC's pioneering midwives, Anne Barkham. It was a lovely, intimate story-telling event. Carol Hird (past ICM and MABC president) recalled BC's first school of midwifery, the Midwives Association applying for status within ICM and BC's Government announcing their commitment to legalised midwifery at 1993 ICM. Kim Campbell (past CAM and MABC president) recalled UBC's Midwifery Program 2002 beginning and graduates that Anne supervised. Prevailing comment was that Anne taught all (mothers, fathers and midwives) how to be present. What an accolade! –Vera Berard RM



Anne Barkham

Darlene Birch wins award

Midwife Darlene Birch received the Oscar Lathlin Memorial Award during the Keeping the Fires Burning Honouring Ceremony and Dinner on June 19th in Winnipeg. It is in recognition of her lifelong devotion to Aboriginal women in families in Manitoba.

<http://www.keepingthefiresburning.ca/>

Congrats to NACM graduates!

NACM is very happy to extend our congratulations to several new graduates! Melissa Brown from the University College of the North; Mandy Commonda, Hannah Schreck and Sylvie Gervais from the Ontario Midwifery Education Program; Lauren Redman from the University of British Columbia; and Shelly O'Gorman and Heather Omilgoitok from Nunavut Arctic College. Congratulations to all of you on your hard work!



Left to right: Heather Omilgoitok and Shelly O'Gorman.

Thank you, Misty!

The MABC would like to thank Misty Wasyluk for all her work as CAM representative. Misty has completed a three-year term with our Board of Directors and has done incredible work with both her participation on the CAM Board and her co-chairing of the MABC Aboriginal Midwifery Committee. Thank you Misty and we hope to work with you again soon! Our next CAM representative will be selected at our September Board meeting - please contact the MABC office with any CAM related questions in the interim.

UPCOMING EVENTS



More info on events at:
facebook.com/CanadianMidwives

JULY, 2014

10th Conference of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery and the 4th Conference on Nursing Research of Ibero-American and Portuguese-Speaking Countries

JULY 23 TO 25, 2014
 Coimbra - Portugal
www.who2014.com

AUGUST, 2014

Yonifest

AUGUST 2 TO 3, 2014
 Estrie, Quebec
www.yonifest.org

SEPTEMBER, 2014

3rd World Congress of Clinical Safety (3WCCS)

Main theme: Clinical Risk Management
 SEPTEMBER 10 TO 12, 2014
 Madrid, Spain
www.iarimm.org/3WCCS/

4^{èmes} Rencontres à 2 mains - sur la thème de la rééducation périnéale

SEPTEMBER 11 TO 13, 2014
 Marseille, France
www.ra2m.fr

OCTOBER, 2014

Birth and Beyond Conference

OCTOBER 1-4, 2014
 London, Ontario
<http://www.birthandbeyondconference.ca/>

Normal Labour and Birth – 9th International Research Conference

OCTOBER 10-13, 2014
 Buzios, Brazil
<http://normalbirthbrazil.com/?lang=en>

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