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**Newsletter of the Canadian Association of Midwives** 

# **CAM makes waves in Ottawa!**

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# PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



CAM Executive Director, Tonia Occhionero and CAM President, Joanna Nemrava during the panel event on Parliament Hill.

The CAM conference and exhibit in Ottawa, November 6-8th, was a success in more ways than one. Not only did we have the chance to listen, learn and share with each other, CAM was also able to bend the ear of many Members of Parliament (MPs) and government employees throughout the week. CAM participated in a panel event on Parliament Hill organized by MPs Libby Davies, NDP Health Critic and Peggy Nash, which provided an opportunity for midwives and other health professionals to speak directly with representatives of the government on issues regarding access to care. Thirteen MPs attended the conference opening night, and were able to learn from midwives in their constituency about the important work that must be done to ensure access to midwifery care for all. And to top it all off, Peggy Nash introduced Bill C548 to make May 5th the official National Day of the Midwife here in Canada. These activities are some of the stepping-stones that will help to increase CAM's influence regarding policy around maternity care at the federal, provincial and territorial levels.

As we look forward to next year's conference in Saskatoon, we are reminded that every midwife plays a critical role in increasing access to midwifery care in Canada. There are only 14 registered midwives in Saskatchewan, but these midwives care for hundreds of families every year. We want to thank each and every member of CAM for not only doing the hard work that you do each day as a midwife, student midwife or allied health professional, but also for contributing to your national association. A part of the membership dues that you pay to your provincial, territorial or member association go towards supporting CAM, the national association. These dues, as well as the sponsorship and exhibitor revenue generated at our annual conference, make up the largest portion of our annual operating budget. Indeed, it is what makes us run!

It is your membership dues that allow us to hire staff, campaign government leadership, advocate on behalf of midwives, provide support to unregulated jurisdictions, and all the other work we do. This is why it is so important for midwives to be involved in their national association. Whether through attending the conference, providing feedback, answering surveys, volunteering at events, writing a letter to your members of parliament, sitting on a committee, being a Board member, or contributing in any other way, your actions strengthen the national midwifery association. Just by being a member, you are contributing to a future where midwifery care is accessible for all women and families in Canada. We count on your support to continue this work, and we thank you for it.

Similarly, part of the membership fees that come to CAM are passed on to the International Confederation of Midwives, who will be hosting their 30<sup>th</sup> Triennial Congress in Prague this June. With the ICM Triennial Congress in Prague this year, the next Congress, in 2017 in Toronto, no longer feels very far in the future, and there is much to be done before then! Most importantly, our work is never done until every woman and family in Canada has access to midwifery care.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Prague and Saskatoon!



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#### Caption from cover (from top left to bottom right):

MPs Raymond Côté (NDP) and Cathy Mcleod (Con) with midwives Claudia Faille (QC), Kerry Bebee (NACM), Valérie Perrault (QC) and Sinclair Harris (QC).

MP Joy Smith (Conservative), from Manitoba takes baby Sikulia in her arms from mom and CAM Secretary, Nathalie Pambrun during conference opening night.

MP Lois Brown (Conservative) from Ontario listens to Lisa Harcus, midwife from Manitoba.

MPs Peggy Nash and Libby Davies (NDP) pay close attention to midwives during a panel event on Parliament Hill.

# ADVOCACY AND INITIATIVES



Conservative MP from Ontario, Lois Brown, addresses participants during opening night of the CAM conference.

# **ADVOCACY IN OTTAWA**

The CAM conference was held in Ottawa in November 2013, and provided an important opportunity to focus CAM's advocacy efforts at the federal level.

CAM sent letters of invitation to the conference opening night to all Members of Parliament and received an overwhelmingly positive response. Twenty three MPs sent RSVPs, thus providing CAM with an important list of allies to be called upon when issues around midwifery and maternal and child health are on the table in Parliament. In addition, 13 MPs attended the opening night reception, including many that had not RSVPed. The MPs had an opportunity

are on the table in Parliament. In addition, 13 MPs attended the opening night reception, including many that had not RSVPed. The MPs had an opportunity with applause and CAM will continue to work to ensure these words translate into concrete actions that provide access to midwifery care for all Canadian families.

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Emmanuelle Hébert speaks with Quebec MPs Alexandre Boulerice and Hélène Laverdière.



Sean Casey, MP for Charlottetown, with midwife Joyce England, from PEI.



Midwives Joanna Nemrava (CAM President) and Misty Wasyluk (BC Board member) with MP Joyce Murray (Liberal) from Vancouver.



Judy Foote, MP from Newfoundland and Labrador, with midwives Aisia Salo (AB) and Ann Noseworthy (NL).

to speak with midwives in their ridings

need for a national job classification for

midwives at the federal Treasury Board, the importance of maternity care in rural

and remote regions, and the critical role

of midwives in Aboriginal communities.

Two MPs spoke at CAM's opening

reception, Conservatives Lois Brown for

Newmarket-Aurora and Joy Smith for

Kildonan-St.Paul. Their expressions of

support for midwives in Canada were met

about important issues, such as the

# **MPS IN ATTENDANCE**

Alexandre Boulerice, NDP, QC
Lois Brown, Con, ON
Sean Casey, Lib, PEI
Raymond Côté, NDP, QC
Judy Foote, Lib, NL
Jim Hillyer, Con, AB
Hélène Laverdière, NDP, QC
Irene Mathyssen, NDP, ON
Cathy McLeod, Con, BC
Joyce Murray, Lib, BC
Peggy Nash, NDP, ON
Bev Shipley, Con, ON
Joy Smith, Con, MB

# BILL C-548: NATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Peggy Nash, NDP MP for Parkdale-High Park, introduced the Private Members Bill C548 to recognize May 5<sup>th</sup> of every year as the National Day of the Midwife.

Midwives provide safe, accessible, cost-effective services and quality health care. They are key to decreasing infant mortality and morbidity across Canada, including in rural, remote, and aboriginal communities. The International Day of the Midwife is observed in over 50 countries around the world. Declaring May 5 as national day of the midwife in Canada would increase public awareness of the contribution midwives make to our communities. - Peggy Nash in her speech before the House of Commons.

Scroll to time 15:33:56 to see her speak in Parliament!

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# PANEL ON PARLIAMENT HILL

CAM participated in a panel event on Parliament Hill, hosted by MPs Peggy Nash and Libby Davies of the NDP Party. The panel speakers were Nathalie Pambrun, Co-Chair, National Aboriginal Council of Midwives, Dr. Bill Ehman, College of Family Physicians of Canada, Professor Denise Moreau, University of Ottawa School of Nursing, and Joanna Nemrava, CAM President. They addressed a packed room of government aides, MPs and midwives on the topic of the current and future role of the federal government in the provision of child and maternal health care. CAM is hopeful that the concrete suggestions and illuminating visions shared during the event will help inform the federal government's next steps in supporting access to midwifery care in all jurisdictions.



Left to right: Bill Ehman, Joanna Nemrava, Peggy Nash, Nathalie Pambrun, Libby Davies.

# INTER-JURISDICTIONAL COLLABORATION ON MIDWIFERY

During the CAM conference, CAM brought together a group of government policy makers from federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions across Canada to discuss how to better ensure that midwifery care is a real option for all Canadian families, no matter where they live. Their meeting provided an opportunity for provinces, territories and the federal government to learn from each other regarding the best ways to implement and support midwifery practice. The attendees collectively decided to meet once a year from now on, to ensure that the midwifery dossier in all jurisdictions continues to advance.

In 2014, CAM will continue to work with the public relations firm NATIONAL to advocate at the federal level for midwives and midwifery care for all Canadian families. CAM will continue to focus on the need for a national job classification of midwife at the federal level, an important step towards making sure that midwives can practice and be funded in all jurisdictions of Canada. In addition, CAM will be providing direct financial and resource support to the Atlantic Provinces, as Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick continue to work towards regulation and implementation of midwifery. This support is made possible through revenue generated at CAM's annual conference.

# **CAM CONFERENCE**



Left to right: Bridget Lynch and Mary Sharpe.

# CAM COMES TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL!

The 13th annual CAM Conference and Exhibit was held in Ottawa, November 6-8th, 2013. The conference was attended by over 250 midwives and other health professionals from across Canada. The presentations, posters, and panel discussions ranged in topic from research and clinical practice to reflections on the profession. Some of the most popular presentations included Eugene Declercq with his fast facts on who is choosing midwifery care in the US and why; Mary Renfrew with her presentation on the Lancet Series on Midwifery, bringing together data from five continents, and Vicki Van Wagner's insightful reflection on defining normal birth. Once again the Pre-conference workshops were well attended and as always, the suturing workshop was a tremendous

hit, sure to be back on the program at the next conference in Saskatoon!

Five of CAM's six past-presidents were present at the conference (Kelly Klick, Kim Campbell, Kerstin Martin, Gisela Becker, and Anne Wilson. CAM's first president, Carol Cameron, was not in attendance.) This incredible show of leadership reminded us not only of the amazing history of the organization, but also of how much CAM has accomplished in such a short time, because the past-presidents were all looking very youthful!

Other special attendees of the CAM conference included midwives from Haiti Mme Almaida Augustin Aurémil, Marie-Carmèle Charles and Soeur Rose-Myrtha Evenou and the ICM regional representative, Irene de la Torre. As always, the conference provided a space for midwives to learn, share, network, be inspired, and dance!



Vicki Van Wagner, Nathalie Pambrun, and Jennie Stonier join with over a hundred midwives in an impromptu round dance during opening night.



Left to right: Emmanuelle Hébert, CAM President-elect and Joanna Nemraya. CAM President.



A delegate visits one of the many exhibitor booths.

# **CAM CONFERENCE: LISTENING TO PARTICIPANTS**

This year, as every year, we collected feedback from participants through our conference evaluation process. We would like to share some of the comments we received and do our best to respond to them!

# Q: "Why is the conference so expensive if we have so many exhibitors?"

A: The registration fee is used to cover direct conferencerelated expenses so that the money generated from exhibitors and sponsors can go towards CAM's operating budget for the following year. This revenue makes up 10% of CAM's annual budget, which allows us to advocate on behalf of midwifery, provide support to unregulated jurisdictions, and share information with our members.



I loved the debates, multiple opinions and the openness and eagerness people seemed to feel to share and engage in difference.

I liked the Canada-wide perspective and the involvement of government. It felt like midwives had the opportunity to be seen and heard for a moment.

I enjoyed the variety of topics, particularly the combination of intellectual research and tender / emotional moments.

I love the opportunity to network, discuss, compare and contrast important issues facing midwives across the country, and better understand the direction that midwifery is taking as we grow as a profession. It is an important opportunity to recharge my midwifery batteries!

### **CAM DEPENDS ON YOU!**

# Q: The CAM Social was too expensive! Why it is not included in registration?

A: Each year the CAM social takes on a slightly different form, partially based on where the conference is located. Because the social event must cover its own costs, and not everyone is interested in attending, we frequently keep it as a separate fee to reduce the registration cost for those not interested in the social. However, we have heard from many of you that a social event, such as an after dinner event, included in the full registration fee would be appreciated. We will do our best to balance everyone's interests and find a social event that is accessible and lots of fun!

# Q: How is the conference program decided each year?

A: Every year a call for interest is sent to all members to recruit qualified midwives to be part of the Program Planning Committee. The Committee is tasked with the large and time-consuming job of reading all abstracts submitted and organizing a blind peer-reviewed process for receiving additional recommendations from academics and clinicians across the country. Using these recommendations, the Committee does their best to accept a balance of abstracts that include research, clinical practice, and stimulating reflections on the profession. But of course, they can only choose from the abstracts that are submitted. So don't hesitate to submit abstracts for presentations, and encourage your colleagues as well!



### **SASKATCHEWAN FACTS:**

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# **COMMITTEE UPDATES**





From left to right: Amanda Tomkins (NU), Joyce England (PEI), Maryellen Boyes (student), Lisa Harcus (MB), Katrina Kilroy (VP), Nathalie Pambrun (Sec), Joanna Nemrava (Pres), Lisa Weston (ON), Claudia Faille (QC), Kate Leblanc (NB), Maud Addai (outgoing SK rep.), Ann Noseworthy (NL), Kerry Bebee (NACM), Aisia Salo (AB), Jane Erdman (Tres), Emmanuelle Hébert (Pres-elect), Misty Wasyluk (BC). Board members not pictured: Kathleen Cranfield (YT), Megan Lalonde (SK), Leslie Niblett (NS), Tracy Pittman (NWT), Ellen Blais (NACM).

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Welcome to the new CAM Board members and thank you to all the continuing CAM board members. New members are:

- Megan Lalonde, SK
- Tracy Pittman, NWT
- Kate Leblanc, NB
- Amanda Tomkins, NU
- · Aisia Salo, AB
- · Maryellen Boyes, Student Rep
- Ellen Blais, NACM

Our new Executive Committee is: Joanna Nemrava, President, Emmanuelle Hébert, President Elect, Katrina Kilroy, Vice President, Nathalie Pambrun, Secretary, Jane Erdman, Treasurer.

# NEW STANDING COMMITTEE: PAST PRESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Past Presidents Advisory Committee is to help preserve the institutional memory and knowledge of CAM, and take advantage of the experience of its Past Presidents after their term of office has ended. The mandate of the committee is to provide strategic advice and guidance to the CAM Board on policy and procedural matters, as requested. CAM would like to thank all of its Past Presidents for continuing to support CAM with their wisdom and leadership.

UMOJA has recruited six Emergency Skills instructors to work in Tanzania for one month each, as part of the continuation of our twinning relationship with TAMA, the midwives association of Tanzania. Thank you to everyone who applied; we had a very talented pool of applicants to choose from!

# PROGRAM COMMITTEE: SASKATOON 2014

The program committee for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual CAM Conference and Exhibit in Saskatoon will be publishing a call for abstracts soon. In addition, the committee is always looking for dynamic keynote speakers. If there is anyone you would love to hear speak in Saskatoon, please send your suggestions to Tonia Occhionero at director@canadianmidwives.org.

# **ACROSS CANADA**



An exceptionally high turnout of midwives for the vote on the new agreement.

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Quebec midwives and supporters were mobilized and determined throughout the two and a half years of negotiation.

### **QUEBEC**

Midwives negotiate with Minister of Health and Adopt a New Agreement Quebec midwives voted in favour of a new agreement with the Minister of Health on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The agreement, which will end in 2015, includes some improvements, such as a certain increase for on-call time, a critical element of the midwifery model of care. However, this compensation remains far below what is given to all other health

professionals. The agreement now recognizes additional university education as one element of the salary scale and puts in place a more appropriate compensation for birth centre directors. The agreement also includes professional development days, as well as the option of unpaid leave for midwives who wish to work in the North of Quebec, internationally or on the development of additional midwifery services in the province.

Though this agreement marks improvement on many fronts, it is nevertheless just one step in a continuing struggle for just and equitable working conditions for Quebec midwives. After two and half years of negotiation and unprecedented mobilization of popular support, the midwives of Quebec are satisfied with the work accomplished so far and are thankful for the wonderful support of the women, families and midwifery community of Quebec.



Midwife Claudette Leduc and AOM President and midwife Lisa Weston.

#### **ONTARIO**

The Association of Ontario Midwives (AOM) filed a human rights application at the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario regarding pay equity on November 27, 2013.

http://www.ontariomidwives.ca/
support/equity/resources

Both the Toronto and Ottawa birth centres are now open! With huge excitement, the AOM congratulates all the midwives and supporters who realized the vision of giving normal birth an address. The two new centres join an existing birth centre at Six Nations on the Grand River Territory.

The AOM annual conference will take place May 5-7 at Hockley Valley Resort near Orangeville. Registration is open at <a href="mailto:aom.on.ca">aom.on.ca</a>. Midwives from across Canada are invited to attend!



# NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL COUNCIL OF MIDWIVES

Evelyn Harney hosted a booth and facilitated a popular interactive workshop at Soaring: Indigenous Youth Career Conference, in Edmonton on November 6<sup>th</sup>. This event provides an opportunity for Indigenous high school students to learn about career options and educational pathways.



Evelyn Harney

NACM, represented by Laurie Jacobs and Ellen Blais, co-hosted a booth with the AOM at the First Nations Health Managers Association Conference on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Niagara Falls. During the conference, NACM had the opportunity to discuss Aboriginal midwifery with health managers who are at different stages of bringing birth back to their communities.



Ellen Blais and Laurie Jacobs

NACM held its annual Gathering from Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 in Ottawa. Over 40 NACM members were able to listen and share with dynamic speakers Jessica Danforth from the Native Youth Sexual Health Network, Kim Anderson and Leanne Simpson, as well as Koby Elliot, an Aboriginal student who came all the way from Australia to participate!

A reception to celebrate the launch of the Aboriginal Midwifery Toolkit was held on November 9th. The Toolkit includes jurisdiction specific sections on bringing birth back to communities and also includes video documentation that speaks to the impact midwifery can have on improved health outcomes and on building stronger community ties, connection to the land and place and space for self-determination. NACM would like to thank the MABC, the AOM, FNIHB and CAM whose sponsorship of this event will allow NACM to continue sharing this resource. To view the online version of the Toolkit, please consult: http://aboriginalmidwives.ca/toolkit



Instructors and midwives at Six Nations with the graduates of the doula training workshop.

NACM is currently busy with activities relating to the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of funding the Aboriginal Health and Human Resources Initiative (AHHRI). One project is the organization of Aboriginal doula workshops in two communities. The 1<sup>st</sup> workshop was a postpartum doula training and it was organized in partnership with the Tsi Non:we Ionnakeratstha Ona:grahsta' Birthing Centre at Six Nations. NACM member, Dorothy Green co-facilitated this workshop with DONA trainer Susan Martensen from December 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. There were 14 participants who completed the training and several have already expressed an interest in becoming Aboriginal midwives!

# AROUND THE WORLD



Brno

**GERMANY** 

# Prague

This year, the International Confederation of Midwives are holding their triennial congress in Prague, Czech Republic, with activities from May 31st to June 5th, Midwives from over 84 countries have already registered! This will be an amazing opportunity to network with midwives from around the world and learn more about midwifery in the Czech Republic and Eastern Europe!

# Canadian midwives are needed in Prague to SING!

Canadian midwives will make up one of three choirs to sing during the inspiring Voices of Midwives on May 31st.

# Canada will present the final 15 minutes of the Closing Ceremonies!

This is when Canadian midwives will have the chance to tell the midwives of the world why they must attend ICM 2017 in Toronto. **AUSTRIA** 

More information below:

SLOVAKIA

Ostrava

## **CANADIAN MIDWIVES GOING TO PRAGUE**

- Let us know you are going to Prague so we can keep you up to date with all the event details!
- Like the walk in Durban, *Voices of Midwives* is a special ICM event intended to raise global awareness on maternal and newborn health. *Voices of Midwives* will feature three choirs "Lean on Me", "One Love", and "Let it Be." Date: Saturday, May 31st – Time: 2pm in Prague
- We may need you for a brief stage appearance! More details to come via email.

- Population of the Czech Republic is 10.5 million people, of which almost a quarter live in the metropolitan area of Prague.
- Birth rate: 8.55 births per 1000 people, one of the lowest in the world.
- The Czech Republic is ranked 8th lowest in infant mortality rate around the world, with just 3.2 deaths per 1000 live births.
- National currency: Koruna (CZK).

# THE HEARTBEAT

# PHOTOS NEEDED!

CAM is looking for wonderful photos of birth with midwives! Do you or your clients have photos you would be willing to share? CAM is in the process of creating new promotional material to be used at the International Confederation of Midwives Congress in Prague in 2014 and at future events and we want to make sure to include photos that reflect all elements of midwifery practice and community. If you have photos that you would be willing to share with CAM, for use in printed and web materials, please send an email to eheller@canadianmidwives.org. We need your help in order to better represent the profession of midwifery in Canadal



#### Positive Pregnancy Program (P3) Official Launch

Midwife Jay MacGillivray and Dr. Mark Yudin are very pleased to announce a Canadian first: stable Midwifery-specific funding for their Positive Pregnancy Programme. This will mark a Canadian funding first: Jay MacGillivray becomes the first Midwife in Canada to receive funding specifically and solely for work with HIV positive women and for those women at greatly increased risk of acquiring the virus. The Positive Pregnancy Programme is recognized as the first programme of its kind in Canada for HIV positive women which has co-care provided equally by a Midwife and an Obstetrician. Although the programme began in 2005, funding has been patchwork, with a considerable amount of Jay's work volunteer. This funding announcement allows the work of P3 sustainability and growth. The Minister of Health attended the programme funding event on Wednesday December 4th to personally announce the funding. Congratulations to Jay, Mark and everyone at the P3 programme!

A new course for midwives: Surgical assistant in obstetrics A new training course to become a surgical first assistant with a focus on obstetrics will be offered at the June SOGC conference in Niagara Falls. This two day workshop is appropriate for midwives, family physicians and residents. The workshop has been developed by the Midwifery Education Programs at McMaster University and University of British Columbia. It will be a useful skill for midwives working in rural communities. The course has three components: Online readings, in-person workshops and a clinical practicum in the OR. The clinical practicum will follow completion of the online and workshop components. For more information visit <a href="https://www.sogc.org/acsc">www.sogc.org/acsc</a>. Location: Marriott Gateway on the Falls;

Thursday June 12 and Friday June 13; 09:00-16:30 Maximum participants: 20

#### Congratulations Kara!

Congratulations to another NACM member who has just recently graduated: Kara Bonkowski graduated from the Midwives College of Utah in September. Congratulations on all your hard work!



#### Congratulations Jill

The CAM office would like to congratulate Jill DeWeese-Frank (CAM Events Coordinator) and her husband Mike on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, Lydia Maura DeWeese-Frank! Lydia was born on November 7th, 2013, weighing 7lbs7oz. Good work Jill, Mike and Lydia!

#### Locum Position in Kamloops

Mighty Oak Midwifery Care is looking for a locum midwife for a 6-12 month maternity leave, starting in August or September 2014. We are a cooperative group of 4 independent midwives working together in the community of Kamloops under a primary caseload model. Our home birth rates range from 30-50% of our clientele. We are well connected with our medical community and have excellent working relationships with consultants, family physicians and nurses. New graduates are welcome to apply (start date may be negotiated earlier.) If you are interested in this position, please send your CV and a letter of interest to joanna@mightyoakmidwifery.ca.

#### Congratulations to the new Ontario birth centres!

NACM and CAM wish to congratulate the midwives of Toronto and Ottawa on the opening of their new birth centres! The Ottawa Birth and Wellness Centre and the Toronto Birth Centre are wonderful new options for place of birth for families in Ontario. The Toronto Birth Centre becomes the second midwife and indigenous led birth centre in Ontario, after the longstanding birth centre at Six Nations. Thank you to all of the midwives who have worked so hard to make this happen... what a beautiful vision you have birthed!



Midwives from Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto celebrate with midwives and staff from the Six Nations birth centre.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### FEBRUARY, 2014

Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies: New Research and Best Practice Perinatal Conference 2014

FEBRUARY 21, 2014 Vancouver, British Columbia www.bcmidwives.com/events/details/884

#### **Best Start Resource Centre**

FEBRUARY 26-28, 2014 Toronto, Ontario www.beststart.org

#### **APRIL**, 2014

Midwifery and Child Care in South Africa- A Study Tour

APRIL 2-13, 2014 South Africa www.jonbainestours.co.uk/itinerary.

# MAY, 2014

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#### **AOM 2014 Annual Conference**

MAY 5-7, 2014 Hockley Valley Resort, Orangeville, Ontario

#### 59th ACNM Annual Meeting

MAY 13-17, 2014

http://www.midwife.org/am

# Motherisk Pregnancy, Breastfeeding and Chronic Illness

MAY 21, 2014 Toronto, Ontario www.motherisk.org

#### JUNE, 2014

#### **ICM Triennial Congress**

JUNE 1-5, 2014 Prague, Czech Republic www.midwives2014.org

# 70th SOGC Annual Clinical and Scientific Conference

JUNE 10-13, 2014 Niagara Falls, Ontario www.sogc.org

1ère journée euro-méditerranéennes (Euro Med) de techniques avancées en Gynécologie, obstétrique Médecine de la Reproduction, Néonatologie et Pédiatrie

JUNE 5- 8, 2014

Montpellier, France

www.journées-euromediterranneenes.com

#### SEPTEMBER, 2014

3rd World Congress of Clinical Safety (3WCCS) Main theme: Clinical Risk Management SEPTEMBER 10 - 12, 2014

Madrid, Spain www.iarmm.org/3WCCS/

#### OCTOBER, 2014

#### **Birth and Beyond Conference**

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

#### MANA Annual Conference

OCTOBER 23-26, 2014 St. Louis, Missouri www.mana.org/

# NOVEMBER, 2014

#### 2014 CAM/ACSF Annual Conference

NOVEMBER 5-7, 2014 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

# 2014-EMERGENCY SKILLS WORKSHOPS FOR MIDWIVES (ESW)

Quebec: info@rsfq.qc.ca

Ontario: www.aom.on.ca/Continuing\_education/emergency\_Skills\_Workshop/

Manitoba: midwivesofmanitoba@gmail.com

British Columbia: For information on the MESP program contact Sunya Lai Thom-Midwives

2014-Advances in labour and risk management (ALARM): www.sogc.org