

THE PINARD

Newsletter of the Canadian
Association of Midwives

Canada wins the bid to host ICM in 2017!

Canadian midwives walk with
midwives of the world on the Road
to Durban in South Africa. PAGES 6-7

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Canadian Association of Midwives
Association canadienne des sages-femmes

DIRECTOR'S WELCOME



Anne Wilson, CAM President, and Tonia Occhionero in Durban, South Africa.

Tonia Occhionero Executive Director

It is my pleasure to announce the launch of CAM's member newsletter.

The Pinard is partially in response to the results of our 2010 survey, in which members asked for more information on CAM's activities. Indeed, as midwifery in Canada grows, so too does CAM, and it has become essential to have good communication with our members on all activities of the association. This newsletter will provide information on CAM's national advocacy initiatives, CAM's global partnership work, and the various services we provide to our members. The Pinard will include a forum for members to share news and updates from their communities (see p. 11). The Pinard will be published three (3) times per year and emailed to all CAM members. We hope that The Pinard will help you to feel connected to your association and provide opportunities for further engagement.

Since I began working with CAM in 2005, I have witnessed tremendous growth within the profession of midwifery: regulation now in place in almost all provinces and territories, increased funding for the profession in certain jurisdictions, expansion of midwifery education programs, and most importantly, the doubling of the number of midwives practicing in Canada (from 500 in 2005 to over 1000 today).

These are exciting times for midwifery in Canada and for the profession around the world. As the profile and visibility of midwifery increases regionally, nationally, and globally, it is an important time for CAM, as the national association, to strengthen the linkages between midwives from coast to coast to coast. It is the time for us to stand united as we continue to hold our governments accountable for the health and well being of mothers and children in this country and worldwide.

In June of this year, I had the opportunity to attend the ICM Congress in Durban with CAM's Council delegates (Anne Wilson & Gisela Becker), observers (Emmanuelle Hébert & Madeleine Clin) and a strong delegation of Canadian midwives. What an honour and inspiration it was to walk with over 1500 midwives from around the world through the streets of Durban, raising awareness of the astounding rates of maternal and infant mortality and collectively urging our governments to act. Canadian midwives, dressed in red and white, were present with their global colleagues, walking united to open the first ICM Congress to ever take place in Africa.

In 2017, the midwives of the world will be in Canada. I look forward to working with CAM over the next six years which will undoubtedly be as exciting as the last six have been.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter, and look forward to hearing your feedback. ■



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Above:
Eby Heller,
Project
Coordinator



Below:
Annie Hibbert,
Administrative
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ADVOCACY AND INITIATIVES



1-Chantal Bourbonnais, RM in Ottawa, ON.

2-Debbie Mpofu, RM (right) in Saskatoon, SK.

3- Diane Parkin, RM, in Ottawa, ON.

In June 2010, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) made international headlines as it was pushed to the top of the G8 and G20 agendas. Midwifery emerged as a key element in reducing maternal and infant mortality. CAM has stepped forward to raise the profile of midwifery both nationally and globally. CAM participated at the Ministerial Roundtable on the Muskoka Initiative and has become a member of the Canadian Network for Maternal Newborn Child Health. The CAM Board of Directors is currently focusing on the fifth of its key strategic goals: Strengthen international partnerships and outreach.

CANADA & TANZANIA – TWINS

In 2011, ICM secured funding to initiate a twinning project amongst eight countries. Canada was selected by ICM and asked to twin with Tanzania.

What is “twinning”?

ICM defines twinning as a two-way mutually beneficial exchange and a formal collaboration between two member midwifery associations.

The objective of twinning is to strengthen midwifery associations through the exchange of information, skills and technology. This will

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allow midwives to more effectively contribute to the reduction of maternal, newborn and child mortality globally.

CAM Board members participated in a Twinning meeting and a reception hosted by ICM in Durban in June 2011. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet with colleagues from

9000
midwives practice
in Tanzania

Tanzania. The next meeting will be held in The Hague in September 2011. Each association will be sending three representatives to attend.

CAM is currently using the Midwifery Association Capacity Assessment Tool (MACAT) developed by ICM to assess our association's capacity.

ASSOCIATION DES INFIRMIÈRES SAGES-FEMMES D'HAÏTI (AISFH)

CAM continues to work closely with the AISFH to support their efforts to build capacity. In 2008, the UNFPA promised to fund the AISFH for basic office space and administrative support. The funding however was withheld, because the President of the Association was not residing in the country at the time. The President has since stepped down, and in April of 2011, elections were held, and Mme Almaida Augustin Auremil was voted in as the new President of the AISFH. CAM will continue to lobby the UNFPA in Haiti to follow through with the funding that was promised to the midwifery association. CAM and UNFPA worked together to fund two Haitian midwives to attend the recent ICM Congress. Unfortunately, due to difficulties in obtaining visas for entry into South Africa, the two midwives were not able to attend. >>>

ADVOCACY AND INITIATIVES CONTINUED

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»» RAISING THE PROFILE OF MIDWIFERY IN CANADA

Joint Position Statement: *Nurses and Midwives Collaborate for Woman and Family Centred Care*

CAM is currently developing a joint position statement with the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) and the Canadian Association of Perinatal and Women's Health Nurses (CAPWHN). The three organizations recognize the importance of and need for strong interprofessional partnerships between midwives and nurses. The position

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statement aims to increase the development of interprofessional and collaborative models for health service delivery, important for improving access to primary maternity care.

CAM members will be given an opportunity to send their feedback before publication. A link to an online survey will be available in the coming weeks.

CAM Position Statement: *Midwifery Model of Care*

During the 2009 CAM Board Intensive in Winnipeg, a decision was made that CAM "elaborate a policy statement on (the) Canadian Model(s) of Care." The need for this statement has arisen due to a confluence of factors which include:

- Rapid growth and evolution of midwifery practice across Canada.
- Differing regulation and development plans for midwifery among various provincial governments.
- Successes and challenges of working with

other health professional organizations.

- Increasing pressure from governments, health professionals, and policy makers for midwives to expand and integrate their practices in order to respond to the "maternity care crisis" in Canada.
- A rising call for interdisciplinary care among health professionals and policy makers.
- Growing desire of some to extend their practice to meet the needs of more diverse populations.
- Expressed desire of some midwives to create practice models that accommodate different family or personal life styles.

A CAM working group is currently developing this position statement. Consultation with CAM members should begin by winter 2012.

National Representation

CAM has appointed midwives to represent the association on some of the following national initiatives

- The National Advisory Committee on Migration and Reproductive Health (Manavi Handa)
- Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) Review of the Joint Statement: *Reducing the Risk of SIDS in Canada* (CAM Board)
- Health Canada's revision of Canada's *Infant and Young Child Feeding Policy Statement: Nutrition for Healthy Term Infants* (Jane Erdman & Sky Dasey)
- Accreditation Canada's Obstetrics/Perinatal Care Standards Working Group (Anne Wilson)
- Canadian Perinatal Surveillance System Committee (Liz Darling)
- Maternal Newborn Care Committee of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (Elizabeth Brandeis)
- National Working group to update the Joint Position Paper on Rural Maternity Care (Carol Couchie)
- CAM and NACM were also asked to endorse a joint policy statement on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights and Realities and Access to Services for First Nations, Inuit and Métis in Canada
- CAM will soon be appointing a new representative for the National Neonatal Resuscitation Program committee and the RM Advisory committee of the SOGC.

If you are interested in becoming involved with CAM's national and international initiatives, contact director@canadianmidwives.org ■

COMMITTEE UPDATES

CAM INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE (CIC)

Since its inception in spring 2010, the CIC has been instrumental in providing expert insight and guidance to the CAM Board concerning strengthening international partnerships and pursuing opportunities for global involvement. The CIC is currently developing guidelines for CAM's involvement in global projects and partnerships. The CIC has recently developed a questionnaire for all CAM members that will help CAM understand the global expertise of its members. The survey will be sent to all CAM members by email in Fall 2011. The members of the CIC are Moya Crangle (Chair), Kelly Dobbin, Cathy Ellis, Sandra Gervais, Bridget Lynch, Beverly O'Brien, Genevieve Romanek, and Anne Wilson.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EMERGENCY SKILLS WORKSHOP (ESW)

The CAM ESW committee has been working to create a unified Canadian midwifery emergency skills program. The committee aims to maintain a strong focus on midwifery scenarios in all places of birth. Building on the AOM ESW, adaptations from across the country and additional midwifery emergency skills programs and responding



Top left: Karyn Kaufman, GFF Chair; Bottom Left: Rebecca Wood, ESW Chair; Right: Moya Crangle, CIC Chair

to the voices and needs of midwives from across the country remains a priority. The committee members are Rebecca Wood (Chair), Kim Campbell, Sinclair Harris, Patty Lenstra, Valerie Perreault, Leslie Viets, and Anne Wilson.

GHISLAINE FRANCOEUR FUND COMMITTEE (GFF)

The Ghislaine Francoeur Fund was established in 2008 in the name of Madame Ghislaine Francoeur, founder, midwife and educator at the École Nationale d'Infirmières Sages-Femmes in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The fund's purpose is to contribute to the reduction of maternal and infant mortality and to promote the development of midwifery and of midwifery

education in Haiti. The committee overseeing this fund is made up of Karyn Kaufman (Chair), Sinclair Harris, Denise Campeau (with the Canadian Foundation for Women's Health), Barbara Sriver, and Anne Wilson. In the past year, the committee was instrumental in supporting Haitian midwives in their efforts to attend the ICM Congress in Durban.

Building on the successful live art auction at last year's CAM conference, the GFF committee will be organizing another live art auction to raise money at this year's North American joint midwifery conference. The auction will be held during the social event, on Thursday evening, November 10th. Don't miss the excitement and a chance to support midwifery in Haiti! ■

Live art auction to support the GFF! Thursday, November 10th at the North American Joint Midwifery Conference Social Event.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES



Bridget Lynch gave her final address as President of the ICM on June 23rd, 2011. Bridget was the first Canadian to head ICM, which represents more than 250,000 midwives in 94 countries. Bridget played a pivotal role in securing UN funding to address the global shortage of skilled birth attendants, including midwives and helped push Stephen Harper to make global maternal health a priority at the G8 Summit in 2010. CAM would like to congratulate Bridget and thank her for her tireless efforts on behalf of midwifery in Canada and around the world.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE 2011

The International Day of the Midwife, May 5th, was celebrated with over 30 walks across Canada, as part of the ICM's Road to Durban campaign. These walks were to raise awareness around the global rates of maternal mortality and to remind our leaders that THE WORLD NEEDS MIDWIVES NOW MORE THAN EVER.

Walks and events were held in Antigonish, NS; Bracebridge, ON; Calgary, AB; Cambridge, ON; Charlottetown, PE; Cobourg, ON; Collingwood, ON; Courtenay, BC; Cranbrook, BC; Edmonton, AB; Fort Smith, NT; Guelph, ON; Hamilton/Burlington, ON; Kamloops, BC; Kingston, ON; Kitchener/Waterloo, ON; London, ON; Ottawa, ON; Penticton, BC; Québec, QC; Rankin Inlet, NU; Saskatoon, SK; Scarborough, ON; St-John's, NL; Sussex, NB; Toronto, ON; Victoria, BC; Whitehorse, YT; Winnipeg, MB; Yellowknife, NT. Thank you to all the midwives and supporters who walked!

INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF MIDWIVES (ICM) TRIENNIAL CONGRESS, DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

Over 60 Canadian midwives attended the first ever ICM

Congress to be held in Africa from June 19th-23rd. The day before the Congress over 1500 midwives walked five kilometres in the streets of Durban, demanding that the world take action on unacceptably high maternal and infant mortality rates. During the Congress, Bridget Lynch, President of ICM, announced the release of the first ever State of the World's Midwifery Report, published by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). This report aims to document the shortage of midwives globally, as a first step to addressing the needs of women and infants.

Prior to the Congress, Gisela Becker and Anne Wilson represented CAM at the ICM Council meetings. Discussions around global standards for midwifery education, midwifery competencies and midwifery regulation were among the focal points of the four day meetings. Madeleine Clin and Emmanuelle Hébert attended the Council meetings as observers. For more information, visit internationalmidwives.org

The final decision of the ICM Council was to vote for Toronto, Canada to host the ICM Triennial Congress in 2017! Toronto won 71 out of 132 votes in the first round of voting, against other finalists Hyderabad, India and Bali, Indonesia. This is wonderful

news for the midwives of Canada, the Americas, and the world, as Canada has promised to make this the most accessible Congress yet. A very warm thanks to all those who participated on the ICM Bid Working Group (Anne Wilson, Tonia Occhionero, Katrina Kilroy, Gisela Becker, Emmanuelle Hébert, Eric Chou, Kelly Stadelbauer, Yolande Salotto, and Alice Au) and an extra thanks to all those who helped secure the bid on-site.



Strengthening Midwifery Globally

The CAM Board is pursuing multiple fundraising avenues in order to fulfill our promise to help support midwives across the Americas and in developing countries around the world to attend the ICM Congress in 2017. Stay tuned to find out how you can help make ICM 2017 the most accessible and well-attended Congress yet!



See photos of ICM at: facebook.com/CanadianMidwives

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES CONTINUED



Getting ready to walk five kilometres in Ottawa. Left to right: Anne Wilson, CAM President, Maureen McTeer, White Ribbon Alliance, and Dr. André Lalonde, SOGC.



Moya Crangle (holding megaphone), Ottawa area walk organizer, listens as Paul Dewar, MP Ottawa Centre speaks of his positive personal experience with midwives.



Midwives raise their voices against maternal mortality around the world.



The Canadian delegation of midwives to the ICM Congress in Durban, just before they begin their five kilometer walk.



Midwives from around the world march together in Durban to highlight the need to reduce high rates of maternal and infant mortality globally.



The first lady of Mali, Touré Lobbo Traoré (in pink), is greeted by Bridget Lynch (on left) and the midwives delegation from Mali.



Anne Wilson stands at CAM's exhibit table at the ICM Congress in Durban. Thank you to all the midwife volunteers who (wo)manned the table during the Congress.



The team that won the bid to host ICM in 2017 stand with Bridget Lynch. Left to right: Katrina Kilroy, Emmanuelle Hébert, Corporal Jennifer Warren (RCMP), Bridget Lynch, Anne Wilson, and Tonia Occhionero.

ACROSS CANADA

ADVOCACY CROSSES PROVINCIAL BORDERS

In February 2010, Juana Berinstein, Director of Policy and Communications at the AOM, made a trip to Quebec to gather information in preparation for the AOM's campaign for birth centres in Ontario. The visit turned out to help not only Juana and the AOM, but also Quebec, as word of the trip made its way to the Minister of Health of Quebec, Yves Bolduc, who was impressed to hear that Quebec's model was being studied by other provinces. For more information about short term work opportunities in a birth centre in Quebec, check out The Heartbeat on page 11!

QUEBEC

After many months of concerted lobbying, petitioning and negotiation efforts, the Regroupement Les Sages-femmes du Quebec (RSFQ) received great news earlier this year. On May 5th, the Minister of Health, Yves Bolduc, announced that future birthing centres would be financed 100 percent by the Ministry and that 15 new midwife jobs would be added to existing services, effective immediately. This marks the lifting of a huge barrier to the opening of new birthing centres and a major success of the RSFQ's campaign to increase access to midwifery services. In addition, the Commission d'équité salariale's (Pay Equity Commission) review of pay equity for midwives in Quebec determined that midwives have been underpaid. Midwives will be receiving a pay adjustment of 9.31%, effective this summer and retroactive to November 2001.

ONTARIO

Ontario midwives are currently engaged in two campaigns. At the last AGM of the Association of Ontario Midwives (May 2011), midwives voted overwhelmingly in favour of a resolution which expressed frustration at the Ontario government's unwillingness to grant a pay equity increase, despite an independent report which

indicated such an increase is warranted. Since then, members have been holding rallies and meeting with their Members of Provincial Parliament to move pay equity forward. Midwives have also launched a campaign to bring midwife-led birth centres to Ontario, crafted to coincide with the provincial election happening in October. The campaign involves a postcard drive, social media outreach and a lobby day on September 15th. For more information visit:

ontariomidwives.ca



Right to left: Kris Robinson, RM; Yvonne Peters, Project Manager; Leigh-Anne Caron, Birth Centre Manager

MANITOBA

...IS ABOUT TO HAVE ITS FIRST BIRTH CENTRE!

The birth centre, to be run by Women's Health Clinic, will open in Winnipeg in early September. The birth centre will offer women a range of primary maternity services including

prenatal, intrapartum and post partum care. A practice of midwives will be located at the birth centre, however, all midwives employed by the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) will have the opportunity to bring their clients to the centre to give birth. Says midwife Kris Robinson, Clinical Midwifery Specialist for the WRHA, "The midwives of Winnipeg are thrilled to welcome this birth centre; it represents a dream come true! It will offer a place to support normal birth, an alternative birthplace within the larger system. We hope that we can assist and inform the development of this concept in other Canadian provinces and territories."

ALBERTA

Midwifery in Alberta is growing! The first cohort of twelve students will begin their Bachelor of Midwifery (B. Mid.) at Mount Royal University this September. This will be the first and only midwifery education program offered in Alberta, an important step in filling the growing demand for midwifery services in that province, especially in rural and remote areas. In addition, the midwives of Alberta are working to renew their three-year agreement with Alberta Health Services.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The association launched



ACROSS CANADA CONTINUED



NUNAVUT-ARGENTINA EXCHANGE

Midwives from Nunavut participated in an expertise and knowledge sharing program with health professionals in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, funded by the Pan American Health Organization and Health Canada. Catherine Connelly, midwife at the Rankin Inlet Birth Centre, traveled to Argentina along with Clara Evalik, Regional Director of Health and Social Services Kitikmeot region, and Fiona Buchan-Corey, Dean of Nunavut Arctic College Kitikmeot region. The exchange is designed to share strategies on tackling health issues that both regions share.

» a public and government relations campaign in the spring of 2011 to educate the public about midwifery services and engage the BC Government about the future growth of the profession. Campaign initiatives include: improvements to the [MABC website](#), an online MLA letter writing campaign, a postcard campaign addressed to the Minister of Health, free t-shirts and bumper stickers, International Day of the Midwife events throughout the province and a first foray into social media. Please give MABC's Facebook page, The Midwives Association of British Columbia, a 'like' and feel free to follow their Twitter thread, @bcmidwives! ■



ABORIGINAL MIDWIFERY

THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL COUNCIL OF MIDWIVES

The National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM), an organization under the umbrella of CAM, has made great strides over the past year. NACM has adopted its Mission Statement and will be unveiling its Core Values in the coming months. Information on Aboriginal midwifery in Canada will be available on NACM's website as of November 2011: www.aboriginalmidwives.ca. The 2011 NACM Annual Gathering, timed every year just before the CAM conference, will be graciously hosted by the Six Nations midwives, in Ohsweken, Ontario. This year's theme, and vision of NACM, is "Aboriginal Midwives Working in Every Aboriginal Community." This year will feature a special one-day Symposium on Midwifery for Aboriginal Leadership on November 7th, intended to provide information to communities interested in bringing birth closer to

home. Invitees will include First Nations, Inuit and Métis leadership from communities that are working to bring midwifery to their territories. The next day of the Gathering will be for professional development, knowledge sharing and networking for Aboriginal midwives, open to midwives from Canada, the United States and Mexico.

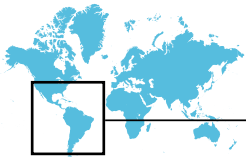
NACM Mission

The National Aboriginal Council of Midwives exists to promote excellence in reproductive health care for Inuit, First Nations, and Métis women. We advocate for the restoration of midwifery education, the provision of midwifery services, and choice of birthplace for all Aboriginal communities consistent with the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. As active members of the Canadian Association of Midwives, we represent the professional development and practice needs of Aboriginal midwives to the responsible health authorities in Canada and the global community. ■

Don't miss a great opportunity to visit the Six Nations Birthing Centre and support NACM by attending the **NACM Benefit Dinner on November 11th, 2011**. Purchase your tickets online at midwifery2011.org. All proceeds will go to NACM to help support Aboriginal midwives, students and Elders to attend the Gathering in this year and future years.

For more information on NACM, contact nacm@canadianmidwives.org

AROUND THE WORLD



MEXICO

POPULATION: 109.6 MILLION
 LIFE EXPECTANCY: 76
 BIRTHS PER YEAR (2009): 2,021,000
 FERTILITY RATE: 2.2
 MATERNAL MORTALITY RATIO PER 100,000: 85
 LIFETIME RISK OF MATERNAL DEATH: 1 IN 500
 UNDER 5 MORTALITY RATE PER 1000: 17
 SKILLED ATTENDANT AT BIRTH 2005-2009 (%): 93
 C-SECTION RATE 2005-2009 (%): 40
 NUMBER OF MIDWIVES: MIDWIFERY REMAINS UNREGULATED
 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION: NONE

2017

is the year that Canada will host the ICM Triennial Congress and welcome thousands of midwives from the around the globe. In this section, we will highlight some important facts regarding maternal, newborn and child health in different countries.

PORT-AU-PRINCE

HAITI

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POPULATION: 10.1 MILLION
 LIFE EXPECTANCY: 61 YRS
 BIRTHS PER YEAR (2009): 274,000
 FERTILITY RATE: 3.4
 MATERNAL MORTALITY RATIO PER 100,000: 300
 LIFETIME RISK OF MATERNAL DEATH: 1 IN 93
 UNDER 5 MORTALITY RATE PER 1000: 87
 SKILLED ATTENDANT AT BIRTH 2005-2009 (%): 26
 C-SECTION RATE 2005-2009 (%): 3
 NUMBER OF MIDWIVES: 174
 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION: ASSOCIATION DES INFIRMIERES SAGES-FEMMES D'HAÏTI (AISFH)
 MEMBERS OF AISFH: 80

The Honourable Beverley J. Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, reinforced Canada's commitment to Haiti and announced support for eight new initiatives in Haiti. These initiatives will improve Haiti's health services and increase access to life-saving healthcare for mothers and children. — JANUARY 11, 2011

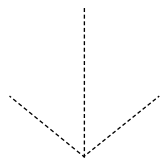
CAM IS WORKING TO HOLD THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE TO THIS IMPORTANT PROMISE!

PERU

POPULATION: 29.3 MILLION
 LIFE EXPECTANCY: 73
 BIRTHS PER YEAR (2009): 605,000
 FERTILITY RATE: 2.5
 MATERNAL MORTALITY RATIO PER 100,000: 98
 LIFETIME RISK OF MATERNAL DEATH: 1 IN 370
 UNDER 5 MORTALITY RATE PER 1000: 21
 SKILLED ATTENDANT AT BIRTH 2005-2009 (%): 83
 C-SECTION RATE 2005-2009 (%): 21
 NUMBER OF MIDWIVES: 26 890
 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION: COLEGIO DE OBSTETRICES DEL PERU
 WEBSITE: COLEGIODEOBSTETRASDELPERU.ORG
 PROFESSION OF MIDWIFERY RECOGNIZED SINCE 1826



THE HEARTBEAT



WHAT IS IT?

The Heartbeat is a place for CAM members to place an announcement that will be seen by all CAM members. Anyone in your practice having a baby? Has a midwife in your community recently won an award? Did you have a wonderful experience with a preceptor and want to thank her? Want to welcome a new practice member or congratulate a retiring practice member? The Heartbeat is the place to announce any of these occasions and more! We will also place job postings here if we have space, though the CAM website is still the best place for all job related news.

Please send title, location, and announcement to eheller@canadianmidwives.org.

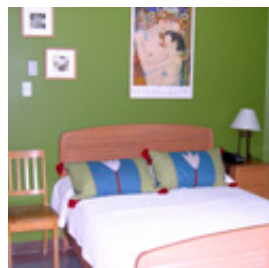
Announcements longer than 50 words will be accommodated if space permits.

Deadline for next issue: January 4th, 2012

May 5th proclaimed British Columbia Midwives' Day

VICTORIA, BC

On May 5th, 2011, the Honourable Kevin Falcon presented the proclamation of BC Midwives' Day on the legislature floor while midwives and over 200 supporters walked to the Provincial Legislature Buildings to celebrate the International Day of the Midwife. Congratulations to all the midwives of BC! From the MABC.



Looking for a new experience?

POINTE-CLAIRE, QC

Come and work for a time in a Community Birthing Centre in Pointe-Claire, Quebec.

We need to hire replacement midwives for periods of 4 - 6 weeks between now and June 2012.

Schedule and responsibilities are negotiable. Working knowledge of French a necessity.

For information, contact Christiane Leonard at 514 697 1199 or by e-mail: christiane.leonard.louis@sss.gouv.qc.ca

Congratulations on Manitoba's first Birth Centre

WINNIPEG, MB

The Midwives Association of Manitoba would like to congratulate Women's Health Clinic and the Winnipeg

Regional Health Authority on the upcoming opening of the Manitoba's first Birth Centre! Thank you to all who have worked on this project and who continue to work on it, particularly project manager Yvonne Peters, Clinical Midwifery Specialist Kris Robinson, midwives Toni Fehr, Tracey Novoselnik, and Beckie Wood, public reps Bec Suek and Liz Heatherall, the Community Advisory Committee, Women's Health Clinic representatives Madeline Boscoe, Joan Dawkins, Valerie Regier, Amanda Harris and Carol Scurfield, and WRHA managers Margaret Kozlowski and Gail Vande Vyvere. This project would also not be possible without the many other Winnipeg midwives who participated in various planning committees and all our colleagues on the maternity care system, from EMS to our referring hospitals and consultants. A special thanks to Sinclair Harris and Emmanuelle Hebert for arranging site visits with the Quebec Birth Centres. Best wishes as you open the doors!

Welcome first midwifery students at Mount Royal University

CALGARY, AB

Congratulations to the first cohort of twelve students in the midwifery education program at Mount Royal University! We wish you all success! From the AAM.

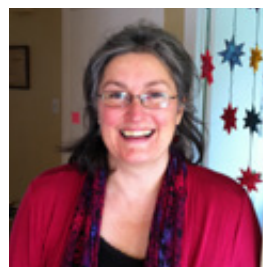
Good luck, Nathalie Pambrun

MANITOBA, NB

Nathalie has just moved from Manitoba to New Brunswick and we wish her all the best in her steps to practicing as a midwife there. We are here to

help you make the connections needed to make it a reality!

From Carol Couchie.



Congratulations to Angèle Trudeau

TROIS-RIVIÈRES, QC

Congratulations to Angèle Trudeau, coordinator for the Regroupement Les Sages-Femmes du Quebec on her new path! She is off to Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières's MEP this September after years of service to the RSFQ. Warm wishes from your office mates!

Congratulations Diane!

BURLINGTON, ON

Diane Beard (McMaster class of 2009) had a beautiful home waterbirth of her first child, Dylan, on June 26th, 2011. He weighed in at 8lb1oz. Congratulations Diane and Ian from all your colleagues at Burlington Area Midwives.

Congratulations Aimee!

LONDON, ON

The midwives (Jane, Marie, Elizabeth, Binh, Carly, Annette, Frances, Leanne, Jennifer and Sarah) and staff (Wendy, Libby and Kelly) of Womancare Midwives in London Ontario are thrilled to congratulate Aimee Fehlner and her partner JD on the birth of their gorgeous 9 lb 2oz baby girl born August 18, 2011 at 42 weeks gestation!

Congratulations Dorothy!

OHSWEKEN, ON

Congratulations to Dorothy Green who graduated from the Tsi Non:we lonnakeratshta Ona:grahsta' Aboriginal Midwifery Training Programme in August 2011. Dorothy hopes to practice midwifery in her home territory, Tyendinaga. The midwives and staff at the Six Nations Birthing Centre are very proud of her accomplishment and wish her great success in the future!

Time for an adventure?

Work as a midwife in Canada's Arctic

RANKIN INLET AND CAMBRIDGE BAY, NU

We are seeking registered midwives to work on a casual basis at either one of the two birthing centres in Nunavut. See full posting on [CAM website, Jobs section](#).

Work in Quebec!

QUÉBEC

The RSFQ encourages midwives from across Canada with a working knowledge of French to check the CAM website for job postings at birth centres across Quebec. Come and experience working in a "maison de naissance"!

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

We hope you have enjoyed reading CAM's first newsletter. We would love to hear your comments so that we can improve future issues of the newsletter to best address your needs. Please send us your feedback at: eheller@canadianmidwives.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER, 2011



Médecins sans frontières (MSF) Canada: Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City

ST. JOHN'S, NFL @ SEPTEMBER 8TH- 11TH 2011
 HALIFAX, NS @ SEPTEMBER 15TH-18TH 2011
 MONCTON, NB @ SEPTEMBER 22ND-25TH 2011
 QUEBEC, QC @ SEPTEMBER 29TH - OCTOBER 2ND 2011

ENGLISH ONLINE WEBINAR @ SEPTEMBER 10TH, 12:00 PM 2011 ('LIVE' FROM ST. JOHN'S NL)
 FRENCH ONLINE WEBINAR @ OCTOBER 1ST, 12:00 PM 2011 ('LIVE' FROM QUEBEC CITY)

Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) will be holding recruitment information sessions during its REFUGEE CAMP IN THE HEART OF THE CITY exhibit scheduled to set up camp this September in St. John's NL, Halifax NS, Moncton NB and Quebec QC.



International Midwifery Symposium in Uganda

SEPTEMBER 10TH-17TH
 Earth Birth is an organization run by midwives for the purpose of reducing perinatal mortality in areas affected by war. Our clinic in Atiak, Uganda is run jointly by traditional midwives and nurse midwives, and serves

women from Uganda, Sudan and Congo. One of our core values is cross cultural dialogue and skill sharing to build best practices. For this reason, we are inviting our extended midwifery community from across the globe to join us for a week of living in community on our land, workshops, skill sharing, dialogue, storytelling, food, dance and birth. The conference is open to midwives and birth attendants from all over the world. For more information, visit www.earth-birth.com



Maternal and Newborn Care Conference

SEPTEMBER 20TH
 TORONTO, ON
 Welcome to the 2nd annual Maternal and Newborn Care Conference. Join fellow colleagues and health care practitioners for a day of learning, information sharing and networking. This year's conference will focus on the theme of using evidence to inform decision-making, at the clinical, institutional and health system planning levels. Each of the sessions explores the use of data, information and knowledge in clinical practice, system administration and system change. For more information or to register now please visit oha.com/maternalandnewborncare

OCTOBER, 2011

Canadian Lactation Consultant Association National Conference

OCTOBER 14TH-15TH
 VANCOUVER, BC
www.clca-accl.ca

The Perinatal Loss Conference 2011

OCTOBER 19TH-20TH
 REGINA, SK
 Organized by the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Perinatal Loss Committee and the Greystone Bereavement Centre of Regina. For more information contact:
 Kelly Kingston, Kelly.
kingston@rqhealth.ca



Midwifery Today's 2011 International Conference: Preserving Our Traditions, Improving Our Skills

OCTOBER 19TH-23RD
 BAD WILDBAD, GERMANY
 We offer a rich blend of frequently-requested classes – Traditional Midwifery Skills; Birth, Breastfeeding and Bonding; First and Second Stage Difficulties, and Waterbirth; to name a few – and classes in broader topics such as Counseling, Social Media, and Communicating with the Unborn Child.
www.midwiferytoday.com/conferences/Germany2011



Canadian Association of Perinatal and Women's Health Nurses First National Conference

Tides of Change: Currents of Innovation
 OCTOBER 27-29TH
 VICTORIA, BC
www.capwhn.ca

NOVEMBER, 2011

The International Stillbirth Alliance, 7th ISA Annual Conference

NOVEMBER 5 AND 6, 2011
 SANDS ANTIGUA, BARBUDA
www.isa2011antigua.com

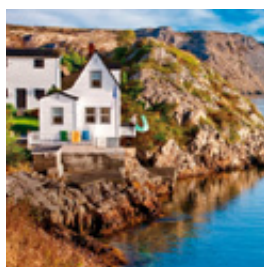


North American Midwifery: Beyond Boundaries Joint Conference of CAM and Midwives Alliance of North America

NOVEMBER 9TH-12TH
 NIAGARA FALLS, ON
 Canada at the Sheraton on the Falls.
www.midwifery2011.org



More info on events at:
facebook.com/CanadianMidwives



ST-JOHN'S, NFL IN 2012!

The CAM Annual Conference and Exhibit will be held in beautiful St-John's in Fall 2012! Canada's most easterly city, St-John's is known for its history, architecture and stunning natural surroundings. Newfoundland/Labrador is one of the last provinces in which midwifery is unregulated and unfunded; this conference will be an important way to show national support for the midwives of that province! Come support your sisters in St-John's!