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President's Message

This is my first message to you since I became president at the annual meeting in Milwaukee last fall which was held in conjunction with the AAHN Conference. I want to thank Carol Helmstadter, our past-president who has been most

generous and patient in responding to my numerous requests for information during this transition period.

Since last fall much of the Executive's energies have been focused on planning for two very important events. First the CAHN/ACHN 2004 annual conference will be held from June 11 to June 13 at York University. The planning committee has been very active and high quality abstracts have been selected for the program. There will be good international representation with submissions from the UK, France, Norway and the USA. We are very pleased that student involvement has been actively sought and several abstracts have been selected. Their participation should assist us in recruiting new members who are essential for the vitality of the Association.

The second important event is the June 2005 annual conference in Ottawa, which is being organized consecutive to the Associated Medical Services' Hannah Invitational Conference. The year 2005 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the *Canadian Nurse*, and the Canadian Museum of Civilisation will launch its exhibition on nursing history. Several CAHN/ACHN members have contributed chapters to a book on nursing history that will be published at this time. Lynn Kirkwood will be chairing our 2005 conference and she has been working with a team to plan these special events. Marg Gorrie and the Long-range Planning Committee have been very active and we encourage you to plan to attend these historical events and visit the exhibition.

The Canadian Nurses' Association requested Executive's feedback on their proposed position statement on nursing history. Several drafts were circulated among us last fall and the final version should be published soon.

Our association has had many successes over the past year, and we have several significant activities planned for the next few years. We have, however, an important challenge to address; our relatively small membership. The increase in scholarly work and the increasing numbers of students of nursing history are encouraging. Sometimes it is surprising to realize that we have fewer than 100 members.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in June at our annual meeting.

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Membership Report

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Our membership is slowly growing with three new members added this year. Sixty-seven members have renewed their membership for 2004 thus far. That leaves about thirty members who have yet to register. If you cannot remember if you have submitted your membership form, you may e-mail me at florence@mhc.ab.ca. Again, I would like to remind retired members to include your registration number if you are an associate member of your provincial association. This is very helpful when we calculate our numbers for affiliation with the Canadian Nurses Association. Many thanks to all of you who provided that information for me.



Archival Resources

The *Guide to Canadian Nursing Archival Resources* created by Diana Mansell in 1999 is on the CAHN website at www.ualberta.ca/~jhibberd/CAHN_ACHN. Click on "Resources" on the homepage. Many thanks to Diane for creating this important resource.

OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS

It is with great sadness that I write this note to inform you of the death of EDITH ANN LEES nee LANDELLS.

We all owe Edith a debt of gratitude we can never repay. The factual history of our Association was dealt with by Col. G.W.L. Nicholson in *Canada's Nursing Sisters* published in 1975.

Fortunately for us, Edith saw the need of a more intimate anecdotal type of history based on personal experiences. To her everlasting honour, she made this her retirement project. In her own modest words she says, "My contribution is simply that of collecting, organizing and arranging for the publishing of the material. I have always wanted to continue my association with military people. Why not publish a book?" And she did. Not a book, but three!

Not content with telling the story of World War II's nursing sisters, Edith introduced us to some of our predecessors of World War I. As well, she told us some aspects of wartime not well known to some of us: hospital ships and trains, a serious polio epidemic, the restorative work of badly burned and dreadfully disfigured men, and the story of our fellow Canadian sisters in South Africa.

She continued the story beyond the confines of World War II by collecting the stories of those men and women serving as peacekeepers and peacemakers in such far away places as Bosnia, Eritrea and in Afghanistan today.

Their stories are essentially the same: professional nurses, men and women, fulfilling their duty in giving selfless and compassionate care to the sick and wounded of Canada's Armed Forces.

The stories over the years are summed up in a quotation from June Newton of Vancouver, who says, "My military experience would be incomplete without paying tribute to the wonderful, brave and grateful patients we were privileged to have in our care.

It was quite a retirement project! Edith devoted years of painstaking and meticulous detail to the telling of the story of the *Military Nurses of Canada*. New generations of nurse historians will find accurate and massive amounts of material for future research.

Dear Edith, you will live in our hearts and minds forever. Thank you, love and God bless.

Halle

[Lt. Col. (ret.) Harriet J. T. Sloan]

2003 Margaret Allemang Scholarship Recipient

I just received a cheque for the 2003 Margaret Allemang Scholarship and wished to thank you and the CAHN committee for your work on this! I also wanted to let you know that this award was put toward a trip to China last month when, among other things, I was able to locate and visit two former sites of the Canadian Mission at North Honan (now Henan).

This photo (right) is me on the steps of the Weihui hospital built by Canadians in 1923. It was left empty after 1947, and just this Fall was painted in the hopes of eventually restoring it as a "relic" and tourist site. Interestingly, they have next to no information on the history of the hospital since most documents were destroyed during the Cultural Revolution...this poses exciting collaborative possibilities...

Thanks again,
Sonya Grypma



Order of Canada to Haillie Sloan.

Note: At our 2002 CAHN/ACHN conference, Glennis Zilm suggested that we nominate Haillie Sloan for the Order of Canada. Even though I had never met Haillie I was assigned the task. So I set out to meet one of the most remarkable nurses of our time. It was like pulling teeth to get her to talk about herself. Haillie is truly a humble person and thinks that what she has done is commonplace. She views her remarkable career, not as her own accomplishment, but as the collected endeavor of all military nurses. Lynn Kirkwood

After meeting her in the fall of 2002, I realized that the nomination of retired Lt-Col Harriet J. T. (Haillie) Sloan was long overdue. Haillie has devoted all her adult life to military nursing and 'our boys'. She is, at the age of 87, still held in high esteem by all who know her. In fact, most people I spoke with thought she was already a member of the Order of Canada.

Haillie was born in Winnipeg and grew up in Saskatoon where she believes she had an idyllic childhood. She graduated from the Vancouver General Hospital in 1940. From the time war was declared Haillie's patriotism and idealism dictated that she would enter the military. After recovery from a serious training accident she joined the 8th Canadian General Hospital (Saskatchewan Unit) and was posted overseas. After basic training in England she was sent to France serving in Normandy, and later in Belgium and Holland. Of her time in these often horrendous conditions she says that she feels privileged to have served because the men were so terrific.

Following the war she returned to Canada and was one of 30 nurses invited to stay on in the military. She carried out postings in Regina, Calgary, Whitehorse, Petawawa and Camp Borden. At Camp Borden she was in charge of basic training of medical assistants and later, as numbers increased, of the new nursing personnel. She loved teaching. At Camp Borden she was responsible for developing the curriculum for medical assistants and was ahead of her time in advocating for male nurses in the military.

In 1950 she spent one year at the School of Nursing, University of Toronto where she completed course work for two certificates, one in nursing education and one in nursing administration. In 1958, she enrolled at the School for Graduate Nurses, McGill

University to complete requirements for the Bachelor of Nursing degree. During her time there she carried out one of the first clinical nursing research studies under the supervision of Dr. Moyra Allen. This study, *An Analysis of Patient Accident Reports in a Montreal Hospital* was published in a rather obscure journal, *The Medical Services Journal* in December 1959.

In 1953, she was appointed Command Matron of #1 Canadian Bases Medical Unit with NATO forces in Germany and from 1954-56 was Command Matron for the Western Command. During those postings she established public health clinics and along with 30 nurses cared for all the families and troops on the bases. On completion of her degree in 1959, she was promoted to the rank of Major and became Director of Military personnel in Ottawa. In 1964, she was promoted to Lt-Colonel and appointed Matron-in-Chief, Canadian Medical Services, an appointment she held until her retirement in 1968.

During much of Haillie's career, she was involved with changes in nursing, most particularly military nursing. She saw the Canadian military nursing force grow from 30 to almost 500 nurses. For many of those nurses, she provided their orientation and training. She is a very 'hands on' person and worked diligently to improve the condition of military nurses in isolated areas such as radar stations in the north where often one nurse was responsible for all the health care at the station. She traveled widely to visit nurses, problem solving both personnel and practice issues. She was responsible for evaluating their practice and the care they provided. She has worked to improve standards of nursing education and recommended nurses for advanced preparation. Of those years, particularly in Ottawa she says that she tried to get "man-



Nursing sister Harriet J. T. Sloan. Belgium, 1944. Photo provided by C. Toman. Used with permission of Lt. Col. (retired) Haillie Sloan.

agement to agree to do things they didn't want to do". Knowing Haillie's quiet but determined nature, her graciousness and ability to communicate and bring out the best in people it is likely that she was more successful in changing the system than she is willing to admit. Her enthusiasm for life, her commitment to veterans of all wars is an inspiration to military nurses even today.

More than any other nurse, Haillie has bridged the gap between military and civilian nurses. Following retirement Haillie's strong administrative and communication skills were called upon by the Canadian Nurses Association to organize the 1969 International Council of Nursing congress held in Montreal in June 1969. She was responsible for co-ordinating all Canadian

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activities and acted as liaison between the Canadian Nurses Association and the International Council of Nurses. This conference attracted 10,000 nurses from 64 countries. Following the Congress, Haillie became co-ordinator to all Canadian Nurses Association standing committees and to the Board of Directors. For a time she became director of the Nursing Abroad Programme sponsored by CNA and of the National Nursing Administration programme, sponsored by CNA and the Canadian Hospital Association. She was instrumental in starting the Research Committee and became the first secretary of the Canadian Nurses Foundation. At CNA, she prepared and presented government reports, represented CNA on various committees such as the St. John Ambulance bursary committee.

Like many nurses of her generation, Haillie never retired. Until recently, she worked one day a week at Perely-Rideau Health Care Center. She is a long time president of the Ottawa Unit of the Nursing Sister's Association and now, Honorary President of the National Association attempting to keep in touch with the dwindling group of nursing sisters throughout Canada. At present, she is the link between the nine units still functioning. For 12 years, until 2001 she was chair of the programme committee of the Defense Medical Association responsible for planning the speakers programme. She has been called upon to select a nursing sister to represent Canadian Military nurses to attend the 50th Anniversary at Dieppe and to determine

recipients of Queen's Jubilee Medals. Haillie, herself, has both the 25th and the 50th Anniversary Medals. She was nominated by three groups for the 50th Anniversary Medal — the Nursing Sisters Association, the Canadian Nurses Association and the Royal Canadian Legion.

She is a member of the Valiant's Group which is planning the commemorative monuments of great Canadian men and women. She has been adviser to, and appeared in, numerous radio and television productions and educational videos including: **Angels of Mercy: Nurses on the Battlefield, Voices of War**, and a Canadian Broadcasting Company's Remembrance Day Town Hall Meeting with Peter Mansbridge. She served as an advisor to the costume designer for the movie, **The English Patient** for which the designer won an Oscar! Her experiences as a nursing sister have been recorded in three books: Lisa Bannister's **Equal to the Challenge**, Edith Landells' **The Military Nurses of Canada** and Gerald Nicholson's **Canada's Nursing Sisters**.

Over the years Haillie has been the recipient of numerous awards both military and civilian. Military honours include the 1939-45 Star, the France and Germany Star, NATO medal, and she is the Honorary President of the Nursing Sisters Association. She has represented Canadian Nursing Sisters and Canadian nurses at innumerable Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Cenotaph and was invited by the Department of External Affairs to

participate in the End of War pilgrimage to WWII sites in Burma, Singapore and Japan in 1995. Most recently Haillie represented military nurses at the Cenotaph for Queen Elizabeth's 50th Anniversary celebration in October 2002. She received the Canadian Nurses Foundation award for service to Nursing in 2001 and is a CNA patron for the **Lighting the Lamp** campaign to raise money for the 100th Anniversary of CNA in 2008. Last year she was awarded the Minister of Veteran's Affairs Commendation Award. Haillie does not see these awards and accolades as personal achievements, but as "honours to nursing sisters and to what nurses have done for our men; to what women have done in war-time in a man's world." She feels lucky to have lived during these times and thankful that she is still able to give to others. She is extremely devoted to and proud of her family. She would much rather talk about them than she would herself. Haillie's outgoing nature, her warmth, gentle competence, enthusiasm and her humility are the likely reasons why she has only now received this honour which she deserves from her country.

Just at the time that her Order of Canada was announced, Haillie was diagnosed with breast cancer. On February 20th she underwent a mastectomy (Day Surgery!) and as of March has been given a clean bill of health. There are times when you can't keep good people down! Well done Haillie. 

Canadian Museum of Civilisation History of Nursing Book *Progress Report*

The fourteen chapters of this book are now being put together with their vignettes, photos and illustrations. This history of Canadian nursing will be of academic quality while accessible to the general public. It will be published by University of Ottawa Press in soft cover and will probably cost a bit less than \$50. It will be the first Canadian history of nursing book published in both a French and an English edition. You are encouraged to pre-order copies of the book as every pre-order of 50 copies or more will help to negotiate a better price with the publisher. Please contact Louis Robillard (louis.robillard@civilization.ca) of the CMC for any suggestion of groups or organisations that could commit themselves to buying a large number of copies.

Nicole Rousseau

Co-editor of the book with Dianne Dodd and Christina Bates

Louise Clara Preston: Missionary Nurse to China, 1922 - 1947

by Sonya Grypma

The following article is the first in a series of vignettes made available to the editors of the CAHN Newsletter through the generosity of the authors and Dianne Dodd. These vignettes were originally submitted for the upcoming History of Nursing book being published in conjunction with the exhibit at the Museum of Civilization. More vignettes were received than space allowed and so, at Dianne's suggestion and with the author's permission, they are being published here.

Western missionaries introduced nursing to China in the 1880s. When the Chinese Nursing Association joined the International Council of Nurses in 1922, Louise Clara Preston had just graduated from the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal and was headed to the Presbyterian (later United Church) North Honan Mission at Changte. Preston (1891-1959) was one of over sixty Canadian nurses who served as missionaries to China between 1888 and 1949.

After three years of language study Preston became the nursing superintendent at Changte hospital, where she found nursing care hindered by poor buildings, inadequate equipment and lack of trained help.

Although Canadian missionary nurses had been in North Honan since 1888, Preston believed their emphasis on evangelism over nursing care hampered nursing progress. She eagerly joined in with plans to develop modern medical services in North Honan.

Envisioning a western-style medical system run by skilled Chinese nurses and doctors, missionaries headed up construction of new hospitals at Changte, Weihwei and Hwaiking, and opened a central training school for nurses. Little did they know that, while Preston was settling into the new Changte hospital in 1926, China was entering an unprecedented period of revolution, invasion and war.

The Nationalist revolution led by Chiang

Kai-shek precipitated the "Great 1927 Exodus" of more than eight thousand foreign missionaries. This was to be the first of four such evacuations to Canada for Preston during her quarter-century tenure as a China missionary. After each crisis, Preston returned to North Honan to reestablish Chinese nursing services and nurses training. Her dreams for China evaporated in 1949 when the Communists came to power and expelled all foreign missionaries. Although their work was terminated, Preston and other missionary nurses left behind a rich legacy through their nursing work as pioneers and leaders during the early period of Chinese nursing.

Further Reading:

Preston, Robb. *Flowers Amongst the Debris: A Canadian Nurse in War-torn China*. (Brockville, ON: Author, 1993).

Milestone Study Seeks Long-term Solution to Canada's Nursing Crisis

by Valerie Ward

The following article was received in response to Carol Helmstadter's article The Past is Present: Looking at Victorian Strategies for Addressing the Nursing Shortage which appeared in the Fall 2003 edition of the Newsletter.

Nursing shortages are nothing new, in Canada or internationally. What is new is that the current shortage won't be solved by short-term solutions that may have worked before. Health-care downsizing, cutbacks in education, inadequate human resources planning, and an aging workforce are some of the factors turning shortage into crisis.

To implement a lasting solution to the problem, decision-makers need comprehensive information about nursing human resources in this country, as well as strategy options that have the support of all nursing stakeholders.

Building the Future: an integrated strategy for nursing human resources in Canada is working to fulfill this need. Overseen by a national multi-stakeholder steering

committee, the study's goal is to develop an integrated labour market strategy for Canada's Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs),

It points out that shortages and supply problems characterize the market worldwide," says Dr. Linda O'Brien-Pallas. "As a result, it calls for national and international planning and research in recruitment, retention, and other areas.

Registered Nurses (RNs), and Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs). It is the first national nursing study led by the country's

nursing stakeholder groups, which include professional nursing organizations, unions, employers, researchers, educators, physicians, provincial and territorial governments, and the Government of Canada.

Scheduled for completion later this year, the first phase of Building the Future involves gathering information about all aspects of nurses' work environment. The Nursing Effectiveness, Utilization and Outcomes Research Unit (NRU) is leading this phase, headed by Dr. Linda O'Brien-Pallas at the University of Toronto.

Last fall, the research team asked more than 40,000 randomly selected LPNs, RNs, and RPNs across Canada to participate in a comprehensive survey about their workplaces, their health, their patients, job

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satisfaction, and career paths. The team also surveyed 550 senior nurse managers, and is asking Canadian nursing schools to provide information about their current and future capacity.

The research team's first report, released March 4, 2004, examines the international nursing labour market. "It points out that shortages and supply problems characterize the market worldwide," says Dr. Linda O'Brien-Pallas. "As a result, it calls for national and international planning and research in recruitment, retention, and other areas."

Another report, to be released later this spring, looks at the movement of nurses between jurisdictions to identify mobility patterns. Future reports will feature topics such as immigration and emigration trends and why students choose nursing as a career. A final report on all of the Building the Future research is planned for December 2004. Phase two of the study -- consultations with stakeholders to develop a long term strategy that address the research recommendations -- will begin soon afterwards.

"Building the Future is a milestone project," says Verna Holgate, Building the Future co-chair. "For the first time, all health care stakeholders are studying the three regulated nursing professions in all provinces and territories. The results will help governments, educators, and employers make decisions to ensure there are enough skilled nurses to meet Canadians' evolving health care needs."

"We must ensure that nurses and their employers are heard," says Mary Ellen Jeans, who also co-chairs Building the Future. "Their input is essential in arriving at workable, long-term solutions."

For more information on Building the Future, and to view our research reports, please visit: www.buildingthefuture.ca.

Hannah Conference on the History of Canadian Nursing June 15-16, 2005

Two professors at the University of Ottawa School of Nursing, Meryn Stuart and Cynthia Toman, have received funds from Associated Medical Services Inc.¹ to host a Hannah Conference on the History of Canadian Nursing in 2005. Based on the theme of **Identities, Diversity, and Canadian Nursing History**, this conference will explore the following questions: What is the state of knowledge accumulated to date in Canada? What kinds of work have been identified historically as "nursing"? What approaches, sources, and categories of analysis are being used? What are current foci for the study of nursing history?

This Hannah conference will be the first-ever, invited event to focus specifically on Canadian nursing history, and it will draw together a broad range of productive scholars working in the field today. The conference will culminate with the gala opening of the Nursing History Exhibition at the Canadian Museum of Civilization on June 16, 2005. The gala will also serve as the initial event for the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing (CAHN) annual meetings (June 17-18). We believe this confluence of events should attract a substantial audience and enhance the visibility of Canadian nursing history.

Organizers have invited a wide range of speakers (in French and in English) who represent the diversity found in the field of Canadian nursing history today. Many of these scholars may not self-identify as "historians of nursing", but nonetheless, they are investigating the broad category of nursing work /ideology within a variety of settings and contexts. Organizers have not limited participation to the prevailing discourse that has shaped the history of the registered nurse as female, white, unmarried, and 'trained', although that scholarship is included as well. Nuns, volunteer white women, missionaries, middle class wives and mothers, men, black women, First Nations healers, and student nurses

are among those who have also performed the work of nursing within the wider Canadian context. Invited speakers include those who are engaged in these fields and diverse analytical approaches, in addition to practitioners of nursing history research, who reflect diversity of region, race, class, gender, and practice settings. Speakers include both established and junior scholars, as well as graduate students. Meryn Stuart and Kathryn McPherson, will open and close the conference respectively. Sessions will be organized around emerging themes within mainstream history and the sub-fields of medical/nursing and women's history. Audience participation and discussion of the questions that form the core of this conference will be stimulated through extra time allotted in the program and through designated facilitators in some of the sessions.

Organizers and AMS would like to extend a cordial invitation to all members of CAHN, as well as a wide range of medical and social historians, and those working in the history of health care/women/religion/race from Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. Graduate students in history, nursing and women's studies are especially invited, as is the local nursing community. The minimal conference registration fee of \$50.00 is made possible due to the extensive support from AMS. There are plans for simultaneous, French/English translation in the budget to facilitate communication among the participants.

Please consider maximizing your travel to Ottawa during June 2005 by attending both the CAHN annual conference and the Hannah Conference on the History of Canadian Nursing. Look for registration application in the fall newsletter.

¹ The Associated Medical Services Inc. (AMS) sponsors focused, Hannah Conferences in support of health care history research. These conferences are distinguished by certain features: a precisely defined theme of broad general interest related to the history of medicine; readily identifiable as a prestigious event; Canadian scholars well represented among the invited speakers; and subsidization by AMS for travel and accommodation for speakers.

Canadian Museum of Civilization Nursing Exhibit

The Canadian Museum of Civilization will open an exhibition on the history of nursing in Canada, from New France to the present, on June 16, 2005. Curator, Tina Bates, is looking for specific artifacts/visuals to illustrate certain themes in the exhibition. If you have, or know of, any of the following, she would appreciate your contacting her:

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WISH LIST (loan or acquire)

Artifacts — Any substantial collection related to a particular nurse • Breast pump used by nurse • Testimonial Book: Gibbon's book mentions that nurses were provided with Testimonial books – notebooks with the nurses name on front, in which doctors and nurses testified as to their efficiency. Or any other notebook written about a nurses work • Miniature lamp graduates held in graduate ceremonies • Candlestick held in Catholic graduation ceremonies • Early (pre-1970) male nurse's uniform • Any objects related to visible minority or Aboriginal nurses, or to nursing visible minorities or Aboriginals • Objects related to the care of children in hospitals • Cartoons of nurses at work • Objects related to outpost nursing stations/nurses • Objects related to any Acadian nurses • Teeth extractor used by nurse • Any objects relating to the Grey Nuns (Soeurs de la charité) • Paintings of nurses/nursing • Public health nurse uniform, bag and any other accoutrements • Well-baby clinic milk bottles • Public health posters –TB, healthy babies, immunization, cleanliness, communicable diseases, etc. • VON bag and contents or artifacts other than uniform • Artifacts related to mental hospitals or TB sanatoria

Photographs — student nurses throwing out their old black shoes upon graduation • Photos showing student nurses horsing around, or dating (sexuality) – crawling in or out of the window during curfew? • Students in university programme classroom or lab (BA or MA) • doctor lecturing to student nurses • Student nurses showing deference to doctors, interns or matron • visible minority or Aboriginal nurses, or to nursing visible minorities or Aboriginals • photos or newspaper articles about contemporary nursing crisis, union strikes and union marches in New Brunswick • interior of a pre-Confederation non-Catholic hospital • pre-Confederation nurses • Photo of 19th century male nurse

Please note: The CMC does not need any nursing caps.

2004 Hannah Lecture

Professor Daniel Hickey of the University of Moncton is our Hannah Lecturer this year. Professor Hickey is a specialist in modern French history and has published books and articles on French hospitals and health care under the ancien regime in both Canada and France. Hickey's most recent book, *Local Hospitals in Ancien Regime France: Rationalization, Resistance, Renewal, 1530-1789*, (1997) has received critical acclaim. He is currently working on the destabilization of religious nursing and hospital care during and after the French Revolution. Professor Hickey's subject for the Hannah Lecture will be "Care and Prayer: Women's Religious Orders and Hospital Service in France 1658-1880/Soigner et prier: les religieuses hospitalières et leur oeuvre en France 1658-1880."

CAHN/ACHN ANNUAL CONFERENCE & OPENING OF THE NURSING EXHIBIT: NURSING THE CARING PROFESSION

OTTAWA, JUNE 15-19, 2005

Our 2005 Annual Conference will be held in Ottawa in conjunction with the opening of the Museum of Civilization's exhibit: **Nursing: The Caring Profession**. This is an important conference for CAHN/ACHN and for all nurses interested in the preservation of our past. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

The meeting will open on Thursday evening, June 16 with a reception celebrating the opening of the exhibit at the Museum of Civilization. During the conference there will be an opportunity to view the exhibition, visit the National Archives which is the new repository of all the CNA files, as well as attend presentations of papers related to our history.

The theme of the conference will be **Nursing History Collections: Technology and Nursing** and, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of our professional journal, second theme **The Canadian Nurse and Canadian Nursing**. Other topics related to our history will also be considered. Our keynote speaker will be Margarete Sandelowski author of **Devices and Desires: Gender, Technology and American Nursing**, University of North Carolina Press: Chapel Hill, 2000.

At our banquet on Friday evening, Tina Bates will speak about producing the exhibit and the book of readings compiled for the event by Tina, Dianne Dodd and Nicole Rousseau.

A block of rooms have been set aside at the Novatel Hotel in downtown Ottawa.

Conferences and Calls for Papers

Society for the Social History of Medicine 2004 Roy Porter Student Essay Prize Competition

The Society for the Social History of Medicine (SSHM) invites submissions to its 2004 Roy Porter Student Essay Prize Competition. This prize will be awarded to the best original, unpublished essay in the social history of medicine submitted to the competition as judged by the SSHM's assessment panel. It is named in honour of the late Professor Roy Porter, a great teacher and a generous scholar.

The competition is open to undergraduate and post-graduate students in full or part-time education. The winner will be awarded 500.00 pounds, and his or her entry may also be published in the journal, *Social History of Medicine*.

Further details and entry forms can be downloaded from <http://www.sshm.org>

The deadline for entries is: 31 December 2004.

Readers are urged to submit historical articles on nursing leaders for publication in the Canadian Journal of Nursing Leadership. For details, please contact the editor, Dot Pringle.

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Zilm Garners Prestigious Award

Glennis Zilm (*pictured right*) has been named the 2004 recipient of the John B. Neilson/Spaulding Award given by the Associated Medical Services. The Award consists of a citation plus the sum of \$1,500. It is named in recognition of Dr. Neilson, a former president of AMS who initiated and implemented many of the AMS history of medicine activities, including the transition to a charitable organization focussing on support of history of medicine and health care in Canada. It is given to a Canadian (not a professional medical historian) who has made significant continuing, long-standing contributions to the history of health care in Canada. This was the first year that the recipient is a member of a health profession other than medicine.

Glennis was nominated for the award by Dr. Cynthia Toman, Faculty of Nursing, University of Ottawa, and the nomination was supported Dr. Shirley Stinson, professor emerita, University of Alberta. In her letter of support, Dr. Stinson stated that "I would rank Glennis Zilm as the nurse who has made the most exemplary combined contributions to the development and promotion of the history of nursing in Canada. Put another way, there are several Canadian nurses who are excellent: nurse historians, teachers of nursing history, officers and organizers of nursing history infrastructures at local, provincial and/or national levels, presenters at conferences, editors of nursing history newsletters, or fund-raisers for archives. But I believe it is Glennis Zilm who best exemplifies what it is to make outstanding contributions in all these areas in continuing long-standing, substantive and integrated ways."

Glennis says she is deeply honoured by the support of these two distinguished colleagues, and overwhelmed by the recognition from the Associated Medical Services.



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