

The 2001 NENA national conference - the Circle of Violence



The NENA national conference held in Ottawa, May 11-12, 2001, was a huge success. Thanks to all the 263 nurses who attended and helped to make it a success. As well, thank you to the wonderful presenters, whose presentations ranged from the very personal, *Personal Perspective - Violence in ED: One Nurse's Experience*; to how to deal with violence: *Zero Tolerance: Violence in the Emergency Department, Nurses as Victims of Violence: Breaking the Silence and Don't Cop Out: The Police, The Law, and the Emergency Nurse*; to caring for each other, *Caring for the Caregiver: Impact of Vicarious Trauma*.

Congratulations to the following individuals, the members of the conference planning committee who put

in many long hours of hard work organizing the conference: Corleen Muir, Chair, Liz Brennan, Julie Bourque, Kathleen Cullen, AnnMarie DiMillo, Ruth Fincham, Brenda Kucharik, Manon Mckinley, Betty Methot, JP Nadeau, Susan Phillips, Liz Rodovich, France Somers, and John Trickett.

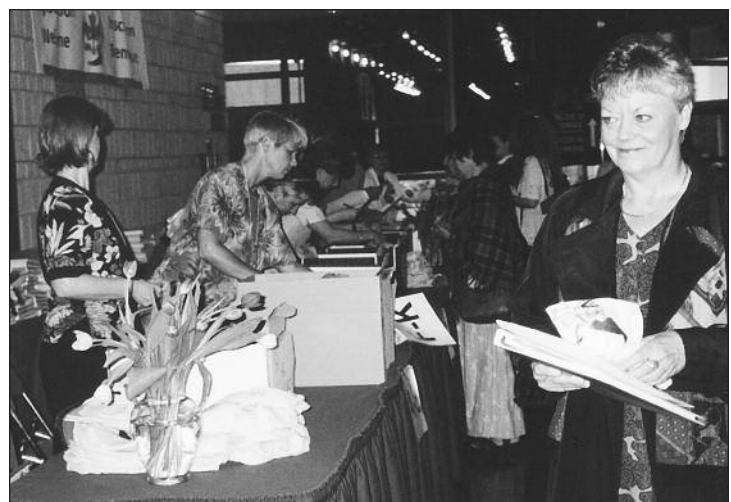
We would also like to recognize the conference sponsors whose support and recognition of emergency nurses is so

valuable: Hoffmann La Roche Limited; Crystaal; Agilent Technologies Canada Inc.; Sims Medical Systems; Stryker Bertec Medical; Ren Lor Stethoscopes; 3-M Littman; Hill-Rom; Namar Apparel; Medtronic (Physio Control); Baxter; Abbott Labs; Pharmacia; Fujisawa; Zoll Medical; Canadian Blood Services; Medical Mart; The Ottawa Hospital – Training and Orientation; Somagen Diagnostics; Lakeridge Health Care Centre; Canadian Medical Alert Foundation; Canadian Nurses Association; The Ottawa Hospital emergency physicians; Pyxis Health Care Systems; North York General Hospital Recruiting and Retention; McGill University Health Centre.

We look forward to seeing you in Saskatchewan in 2002! 



“Piping in” the NENA executive, above.



Top centre - delegates to the NENA conference enjoy the lunch buffet. Above, the registration desk.

Some photos from the NENA conference reception...



NENA's 'win a trip to the national conference' contest rules

NENA Inc. will biannually sponsor NENA member's attendance to a national NENA conference/AGM, for an article published in **Outlook**. The winner will be chosen by lottery.

1. Contest will be advertised in **Outlook**.
2. Provincial representatives are encouraged to publish the contest among their membership.
3. Articles must be submitted directly from the author. Provincial newsletters forwarded to the NENA communication officer, for selection of items to include in **Outlook**, will not be considered for the lottery. Please refer to submission guidelines.
4. Primary author's name will be entered into the draw (in the event of multiple authors).
5. Names will be entered into the draw beginning with the Summer 2001 edition of **Outlook**.
6. The communication officer will maintain a record of names entered into the lottery.
7. The NENA president will randomly draw the name of the winner.
8. The NENA president (or delegate) will notify the winner and will communicate with the winner to ensure conference registration, hotel booking

at the convention rate, and travel arrangements are made at the most economical rate to a maximum value of \$2,000.00.

9. The draw will occur in January, prior to the national NENA conference, to allow the winner to arrange their time off to attend. In addition, this allows time to obtain the best fares and booking of hotel room at conference rates.

10. The winner of the lottery will have three weeks in which to accept their prize. In the event the winner is unable to claim their prize, they must forfeit the prize and a second name will be drawn. The prize is non-transferable.

11. The winner will make his or her own travel arrangements.

12. The winner's name will be published in **Outlook**.

13. The winner must be a NENA member at the time of submission.

14. NENA board of directors and **Outlook** section editors are exempt.

15. Articles are published at the discretion of the communication officer.

16. NENA board of directors has approved the contest rules.

The next National Emergency Nurses Affiliation conference will be held in Saskatchewan in 2002.

Winner of the NENA 2001 "Win a trip to the national conference" contest

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Hextall** of Brandon, Manitoba, the winner of the NENA 2001 "win a trip to the national conference" contest. Elizabeth's article "A personal perspective" was published in the Fall 2000 edition of **Outlook**.

During the national conference, held in Ottawa in May, Elizabeth was presented with a laminated plaque featuring the cover page of **Outlook**, which contained her article. Ed Van Stiphout of Hoffmann La Roche and Anne Cessford, NENA President, made the presentation.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Hoffmann La Roche for their sponsorship of this contest.



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EVALUATION SUMMARY

NENA 2001: Conference venue, organization, food, exhibitors - summary of 138 evaluation forms.

Positives

- Great door prizes
- Enjoyed the “rant” competition, please publish them (x 4)
- Thank you for a wonderful job (x 2)
- Great conference organization (x 3)
- Very well done (x 5)
- Timing of breaks/meals excellent
- Outstanding speakers...No failures
- This was much better than ENA’s conference last year
- Exceptional conference (x 6)
- Thank you for an outstanding conference (x 2)
- Looking forward to the next one
- You will be a hard act to follow for Regina
- Great dynamic speakers
- Scheduling on track
- Binders great
- Learned a lot, looking forward to next one

- coordinate questions
- Repeat the popular sessions to give wider choice
- Better hand-outs of presentations please (x 6)
- Chairs too close together (x 10)

- Lunch cold on Saturday (x 6)
- Need more media coverage
- Better room signage for sessions
- Would like conference in same building as accommodation
- More paper to write on



Suggestions for improvement

- Days too long, want afternoons off
- Start day later and shorten lunch
- Would have liked a summary sheet of all presenters and their contact information
- Keep lectures to 45 minutes each
- Shorter breaks between sessions (x 2)
- Brochure/pamphlet needs to have enough information to make choices about break-out sessions
- Book sales at displays (eg. Mosby) (x 4)
- Gun control does not pertain to nursing
- Have audience use microphone when asking questions
- 1030 hours too late for first food (x 6)
- Poor menu choices – too unhealthy
- More ER nursing topics next time please
- Exhibitors should stay after lunch on day two
- Exhibitors with a nursing focus (x 4)
- Tables to sit and write (x 4)
- Cold room (x 3)
- Moderator at plenary sessions must

Evaluation ratings

