



## OIIAQ NEWS

### – May 5: LPN Day

On May 5, LPNs celebrated their special day organized around the theme of *Développer mes compétences pour mieux soigner* (Developing my skills to provide better care). In addition to sending out promotional materials to healthcare institutions, the OIIAQ helped out by contributing a total of \$35,125 in financial aid to 204 public and private-sector institutions.

We would like to extend our special thanks to the LPNs who organized the activities designed to mark the event and who made LPN Day such a success.

To mark the occasion, La Presse, the Montreal-based newspaper, published a two-page feature on the nursing profession in its May 5 issue. In interviews with journalist Martine Letarte, five LPNs discussed their professional experiences. A summary of these interviews will appear in the next issue of *Santé Québec* magazine.

### – CIIA conference - June 13

On June 13, the fourth edition of the LPN committee conference (CIIA) was held at the Sheraton Laval Hotel, drawing over 250 participants. The committee members attended various seminars designed to help them carry out their mandate. Organized around the theme of *Une profession en pleine évolution* (A fast-changing profession), the seminars dealt with the following topics:

- Reorganizing the healthcare system: 27 high-potential projects,
- Modernizing the code of ethics,
- The role of CIIAs.

### – 2012 convention

Some 550 people attended the OIIAQ's convention, which was held at the Sheraton Laval Hotel and organized around the theme of *Éthique: Respect, intégrité, compétence* (Ethics: respect, integrity and skills). The following seminars were presented:

- Social medias: problems or solutions,
- Ethics and codes of conduct: avoiding confusion and focusing on meaningful intervention,
- Professional secrecy and mandatory confidentiality: from the patient's bedside to cyberspace.

Various presentations from the CIIA conference and the OIIAQ convention are posted on the OIIAQ's website.

### – 2012 Charlotte Tassé Award

During its annual convention, the OIIAQ presented the 2012 Charlotte Tassé Award to Marie-Hélène Brousseau, LPN. Since 1989, the OIIAQ has presented this award of excellence in memory of the founder of the very first school for LPNs.

Marie-Hélène has 17 years of experience as an LPN. She has taught at the Mont Laurier Vocational Training Centre (CFP) since 1998 and has been responsible for the healthcare sector since 2010. She earned a bachelor's degree in education and is currently working towards a specialized graduate diploma (DESS) in school administration. In particular, she has gained distinction for her teaching-related activities. She supervises internships in connection with the bachelor's program in vocational education at the University of Sherbrooke and is also a strategic



education trainer. In addition, she is the author of a nervous system training manual aimed at explaining complex concepts in easy-to-understand language and ensuring accessibility for all. The manual, which was published in Quebec by Éditions Guérin, will be distributed in France in the near future. Marie-Hélène cares deeply about LPNs' training quality and is tireless in her efforts to have LPNs' skills recognized.

Congratulations, Marie-Hélène!

### – Annual general meeting

More than 200 LPNs attended the annual general meeting, at which OIIAQ president Régis Paradis, LPN presented his activity report for 2011-2012 (the full report will be published in the fall 2012 edition of *Santé Québec* magazine).

### – Continuing training record

In accordance with the applicable provincial regulation (*Règlement sur la formation continue obligatoire des infirmières et infirmiers auxiliaires du Québec*), please be advised that you are required to complete 10 continuing education hours during the current two-year reference period (April 1, 2011-March 31, 2013).

To facilitate the compilation of your hours, you were sent a **continuous training record** in which you should record all training activities you take part in.

**Please return your continuous training record as soon as you have completed your 10 hours.** It is very important to keep copies of all your documents on file.

### – Introduction of a professional entrance exam

The request submitted by OIIAQ to the Office of professions of Quebec (OPQ) aimed at introducing a professional entrance exam is still in the process of being reviewed. If the request is backed by the OPQ and the implementation regulations are recommended for approval by the provincial government, the OIIAQ's various departments will then have to plan and organize all of the steps leading to implementation of the exam.

### – Code of ethics

As you already know, consultations on the new code of ethics for LPNs were held with OIIAQ members in January 2012. Another step towards approval and implementation was marked when the code was published in Quebec's *Gazette officielle* on June 13. Following a 45-day consultation period, the new code will be submitted to the provincial government for approval. The English and French-language versions of the code of ethics are available for consultation.

### Electronic newsletter

Starting this fall, *Le Babillard* will be replaced by the OIIAQ's new electronic newsletter. In addition to offering greater flexibility than the print edition, this brand-new communication tool will enable us to send out information to OIIAQ members with just one click. All individuals who have provided the OIIAQ with their email address should be receiving the inaugural issue of the e-newsletter in a few months.

### Joint OIIQ-OIIAQ committee

Over the next 12 months, the joint OIIQ-OIIAQ committee will be primarily focusing its efforts on reaching an agreement on LPNs' activities in operating rooms (external service) and preparing guidelines for all activities that LPNs are authorized to engage in in operating rooms. In parallel with these discussions, the MSSS has pledged to provide funding to develop online "real-world" learning programs aimed at integrating RNs and LPNs in operating rooms.

### Reminder – CIIA committee updates

It is important for you to provide us with written updates on the composition of your LPN committee (CIIA). Updates can be sent in by regular mail (see address below), fax (514-282-3533) or email ([manonsalvas@oiiq.org](mailto:manonsalvas@oiiq.org)).

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