

## International Corner

### **Connecting with Neuroscience Colleagues Across the Border**

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The Canadian Association of Neuroscience Nurses (CANN) held its 39th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions June 17–20, in beautiful Victoria, BC. The theme “Synapse in the City: Making the Connection” was quite appropriate as neuroscience nurses from across Canada and beyond connected with both old and new friends while sharing knowledge and expertise. Posters and oral presentations covered many neuroscience topics, such as ethical issues, evidence-based interventions, and current research. Interestingly, neuroscience physicians held their meeting at the same time in a nearby hotel and invited the nurses to attend their scientific sessions and exhibitor reception.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to represent AANN at the CANN meeting and bring greetings from our organization. CANN President Debra Beveridge, who attended our meeting in Nashville, was a gracious hostess. The Canadian nurses are a friendly group and made a special effort to include me in their activities. When I invited them to attend our annual meeting March 28–31, 2009, in Las Vegas, I received an enthusiastic response. I look forward to collaborating with the nurses from CANN and greeting them in Las Vegas!

### **World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses Deadline for Abstracts Is Approaching**

As a member of the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses, you are also a member of the World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN), an international neuroscience nursing organization whose mission is to promote and develop neuroscience nursing worldwide. The opportunity to join your neuroscience nursing colleagues from around the world is closer than ever as the 2009 WFNN Quadrennial Congress will be held in North America for the first time in nearly a quarter of a century. WFNN is currently accepting abstracts for its 10th Quadrennial Congress, May 23–28, 2009, in Toronto. The deadline for submission of abstracts is August 31, 2008. If you are interested in presenting, application materials are available at [www.wfnn2009congress.ca](http://www.wfnn2009congress.ca).

The 2009 Congress is hosted by York University, Toronto, and cosponsored by the Neuroscience Nursing Foundation and the Canadian Association of Neuroscience Nurses. The Congress is the largest international gathering of neuroscience nurses and affiliated specialists in the world.