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OPERATIVE REPORT

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Charitable Status Achieved,

-thanks to Carol Brown!

After months of legal manoeuvring by Carol Brown, who as a lawyer volunteered her time and expertise, CNIS finally received official Revenue Canada recognition. This was initially rejected on the grounds that the incorporation document sounded too political. The incorporation documents were revised, vetted with Revenue Canada, resubmitted to Industry Canada, and resubmitted to Revenue Canada. Our government is fully involved...

Our Patron, His Excellency, Romeo

LeBlanc says, "As Patron of CNIS, I am honoured to have this opportunity to salute the surgeons and physicians who have given so much of their time and effort towards the creation of this organization dedicated to the education of both medical and non-medical health care providers... (For a complete text, see CNIS pamphlet.)"



First Year's Goal Reached!

We reached our goal of \$50,000 by the end of August! If we can establish financial credibility to the amount of \$50,000 per year non-governmental funding for two years, we will be eligible for consideration for funding under the



Carol Brown

Second Annual Meeting of CNIS ---

at the CSH Meeting in Ottawa

At noon, Monday, November 11, a short meeting (sandwich lunch) will include

Nominations - the number of directors will be increased to 5. Nominations will be accepted from the floor or contact Dr. Peter McLean or Dr. Antoine Loutfi, The Royal Victoria Hospital (514 842-1231). The present directors will stand for re-election. If you represent a related specialty and are interested in furthering the objectives of CNIS, and can help build an effective network, you could be a real asset. Meetings are by conference call monthly.

Strategic Plan - discussion
**Financial Report and
Appointment of Auditors** for the
ensuing year.

SURGERY SESSIONS at THE CSIH CONFERENCE , Monday Nov. 11, 1996, Ottawa

am - EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION IN SURGICAL CARE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Facilitator, Dr. Antoine Loutfi, McGill University

The need for proper assessment of surgical pathology in Developing Countries is essential. The range and extent of such pathology can be established and priorities identified. With limited resources effective interventions need to be actively sought and implemented.

1. Approach to injury in Developing Countries
Dr. P. Barrs
2. Effectiveness of cataract surgery in Developing Countries
Dr. M. McCusker
3. Hearing loss prevention in Developing Countries
Dr. P. Alberti
4. Pediatric surgery in Developing Countries
Dr. D. St-Vil
5. Training rural doctors in China
Drs. M. Strand/R. Hobbs

noon - sandwich lunch and short business meeting of CNIS, Strategic Directions etc.

aft - THE LOGISTICS OF EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL PROJECTS

Facilitator, Ronald Lett

International health development projects which have clinical implications are at high risk of failure. Hence now they are often rejected automatically or put under especially intensive scrutiny before funding is obtained.

Practical demonstration and discussion will show participants how to plan their projects effectively, to integrate efforts with a country's existing infrastructure, to build in evaluation components and to avoid project failure. This workshop will address logistical issues, examples from international surgical projects which differ in their emphasis on development, relief, clinical, research and education issues. Program planning, data collection and analysis, means of participation, and personal logistics will be reviewed.

Help! CNIS is all about Networks. We need to develop "advisory" relationships with existing organizations involved in international health such as **AMREF** and **CSIH**. Also, organizations that represent related specialties such as **Orthopedics, Anesthesia, Obstetrics**. Do you represent these organizations or could you be a connecting link? Contact Ron Lett at the CNIS office...

Ethiopian Women of Vancouver Organize Fundraiser



Bayush Hagos

The Ethiopian women of Vancouver, under social worker Bayush Hagos, are planning a fund raising event for the fall of 1996. Monies raised will support the work of CNIS in Jimma, Ethiopia. Previous support efforts have aided the homeless in Ethiopia.

The connection to the Ethiopian community was made through our CNIS African Project Consultant, Dr. Fikre Germa of Prince George.

Report from the Directors

Monthly meetings have been held via conference calls, except for July when a meeting was held at the home of Dr. Peter McLean in Montreal. Policies were developed, a strategic plan prepared, logo designed, a promotional pamphlet prepared and "Project '97" T-shirts produced. This is the third newsletter reporting on the progress and activities of the organization. An audited financial statement will be ready for the annual meeting in November.



Directors

Peter McLean,

Ron Lett,

Joan VanDuzer

They're off again - Ethiopia, Uganda and Kenya

Ethiopia - Essential Surgical Skills (Sept. 23-29)

- Ethiopian Surgeons as Teachers! Canadians as consultants!

So begins the fourth phase of the Essential Surgical Skills Program. A Canadian team is off to Addis Ababa to co-operate with the Surgical Society of Ethiopia (SSE) in the teaching of essential surgical skills. Ethiopian surgeons from the three universities will be instructors with **Dr. Ron Lett** co-ordinating the workshop. 50 or 60 general practitioners who are posted to rural Ethiopia will attend. **Dr. Michael Wansbrough** will be teaching assistant and photographer, **Dr. Richard Lee** will perform the workshop evaluation and **Dr. Laeora Berkson** will be a resource person on Continuing Education.

They will be working closely with **Dr. Solomon Haregwe** who is the president of the SSE.

The Canadian Embassy has offered to host a reception including government officials and medical personnel.



Michael Wansbrough

Laeora Berkson



Uganda - Trauma Management and Surveillance Study

The team will go to Uganda where **Dr. Ron Lett** will teach a two day trauma management and injury surveillance workshop at Mukere University. The pilot testing of the trauma registry will have been completed by **Dr. Olive Kobysing** and the data collection formally started. There will be at least 20 participants in the Ugandan workshop. Assisting will be **Dr. Wansbrough** and **Dr. Berkson**.

Then to Kenya - to confer with AMREF about possible linkages.

Further Projects in the Works

Ethiopia

Urology Teaching Project: Feb. '97

Dr. Clark Jamieson and **Dr. John Oliver** will teach general practitioners and medical students to manage urethral stricture problems which are a very common cause of urinary retention.

This is an initiative of **Dr. Jamieson** who will finance his expenses and, subsequent to the approval by CNIS of the project design, will we expect receive a charitable tax receipt for the expenses involved.

Ethiopia

Library Project - **Dr. Fikre Germa** will supply medical journals to the medical school library. He is financing this worthwhile project himself! **Joan Jamieson** has offered to assist.

Anaesthesia Project - **Dr. Peter Lutsch** is beginning the planning of a teaching project to compliment the Essential Surgical Skills Project.

CNIS is looking for contact people within Central America to work as partners in developing programs which will further the access to essential surgical services of people who presently are underserved. If you have worked with medical personnel within this area, please contact CNIS.

Project 1997

The goal of \$97,000 by 1997 is well under way. To date \$35,345 has been received. These funds have enabled the support of the Essential Skills Surgical Education Project in Ethiopia and the Injury Prevention Program in Uganda. A big thank you to all.

Donations of \$5,000 or more include
The Dept. of Surgery, Royal Victoria Hospital, (Dr. Jonathan Meakins, Chair)
The Harbinger Foundation, (Toronto, Joan VanDuzer)
Timberholme Holdings, (Vancouver, Tim Lawson)

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Mr. Wm. Rogan (Toronto, Ont.)

Donations of \$400 to \$999
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Dr. John Smith (Prince George, B.C.)
Dr. Galt Wilson (Prince George, B.C.)

Donations of \$100 to \$399
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Dr. Vic Railton, Welland, ON.
Dr. Ray Lawson, Baddeck, N.S.

Many thanks to Erika Von Borziskowski of Toronto for the last newsletter and apologies for this amateur effort.
Joan VanDuzer

Dr. Jonathan Meakins, Surgeon in Chief Royal Victoria Hospital says,
"I am pleased to endorse the strategic plan of the CNIS. It is a great extension of the international work already done with promise for the future."



Jonathan L. Meakins

Membership Application - CNIS

You will receive a quarterly newsletter and access to information and support as outlined in the CNIS pamphlet.

Student - \$25
Regular - \$50
Organization - \$500
Benefactor - \$1000 or more

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Address _____

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Medical Specialty _____

Amount enclosed _____

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