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

8:45 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. Bars
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.

1:30 p.m. - 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 within 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...
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. Laoora 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.

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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 Muke University. The pilot testing of the trauma registry will have been completed by Dr. Olive Kobysinge 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.**

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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 underserviced. If you have worked with medical personnel within this area, please contact CNIS.
**Project 1997**

The goal of $97,000 by 1997 is well underway. 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.

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The Harbinger Foundation, (Toronto, Joan VanDuzer)
Timberholme Holdings, (Vancouver, Tim Lawson)

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Dr. Vic Railton, Welland, ON.
Dr. Ray Lawson, Baddeck, N.S.

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](image)

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

Joan VanDuzer