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## CNN Associate Director Announcement

For anyone not present at the Annual Meetings, you may have missed an exciting announcement regarding the oversight of the Canadian Neonatal Network. Dr. Prakesh Shah has been named Associate Director of the CNN and will oversee daily operations of the network, in addition to his existing duties of ensuring the functioning of the application and database. The members and steering committee were unanimous and very enthusiastic about this appointment and we all thank Prakesh for his hard work.

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**Prakesh Shah**  
CNN Associate Director



**Shoo Lee**  
CNN Scientific Director

Dr. Shoo Lee, of course, remains Scientific Director of CNN.



## CNN Annual Meeting



Vancouver is a beautiful city, is it not? And it seems that the weather we had was exceptional. The CPS this year was held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver, BC, and CNN Annual Meetings ran alongside on the days of June 23rd and 24th. Everyone, as in past years, was very happy to reconnect face-to-face and it was wonderful to meet many of those with whom we email daily and never actually see.

I am transcribing the meeting minutes of the proceedings and will be connecting with CNN programmers to make sure that abstractors' and investigators' data entry concerns are met and in accordance with the discussions that were held. Likely the next version of the CNN will be released sometime in the fall, so there's still plenty of time to voice any frustrations or concerns if you did not have a chance to do so at the meeting (several people teleconferenced in but we're not sure how successful they were in hearing the discussions... teleconferencing phones are tricky sometimes....)



## CNN 2009 Annual Report

We will begin writing the Annual Report in the upcoming months now that the Annual Meeting has been held and we have some time to breathe. This timing also allows several centres that have been slow in completing abstraction for 2009 to catch up so that we can have as complete a picture of national neonatal activity as possible.

But before this task can be completed, we have a tremendously important question to ask of you.... What would you like the cover design of the 2009 report to look like? We can MacGyver a cover page like the best of them, and since the inception of CNN the report has been frequently adorned with images of babies, Canadian flags, more babies, leaves, marble stone, falling autumn leaves, and... you guessed it!... BABIES! Send us a quick email if you think that there is some other image that encapsulates well what it is that we do and who it is that we are to [smaksimowska@mtsinai.on.ca](mailto:smaksimowska@mtsinai.on.ca).



## CNN Database Committee Abstractor Representation - IWK

Thank you to each and every abstractor who showed some serious eagerness and enthusiasm and passed their name to me in consideration for the abstractor opening on the Database Committee. It is my pleasure to announce the addition of **Debbie Arsenault** of IWK to the CNN Database Committee as an abstractor representative. Up until now, the position was awesomely filled by Janet Narciso of Mount Sinai Hospital, and we know that Debbie is superstar enough to fill those very big shoes!

Welcome Debbie, your hard work has been well noted.

## Lost and Found

Someone lost a couple of items at the CNN Annual Meetings on Thursday, one of which was a handwritten note with BC taxicab company numbers on it - McClure and Yellow. If you have any interest in getting this back, give me a ding at 416-586-4800 x 3828. It was found in the middle seating area, close to the windows.



## New faces, Same places - Welcome Amara Rivero

**We would like to send out a warm welcome to our new CNN programmer, Amara Rivero!**



Ms. Amara Rivero is the new database programmer who joined the CNN staff on June 14, 2010. She has a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and 12 years of experience as a database administrator and software developer, divided between Cuban health care institutions and the banking system. Welcome Amara!

## International Neonatal Collaboration Update

This section of the newsletter serves to keep members informed of activities and participation of various American hospitals in the INC, the International Neonatal Collaboration that is the international arm of the CNN. Recently, a contract was signed between Kapiolani Medical Centre in Hawaii and Mount Sinai Hospital, so Dr. Sheree Kuo's site is now formally another member of the INC! There has also been interest expressed by Dr. Bradley Yoder at the University of Utah School of Medicine. The INC Annual Report is always published just after the CNN Report, sometime in late summer, and compares Canadian outcomes with American ones.

Just last month, Juan Fajardo, Sonny Yeh and Wilhelmus William launched the release of the SIBEN Spanish-language version of the CNN Application. The new program will streamline and improve the data collection process of many NICUs in Latin American hospitals and clinics and improve baby outcomes through research and analysis. This process was a huge undertaking and the entire programming team, under the leadership of Dr. Carlos Fajardo, deserve a huge round of applause !!

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# Summer Greetings

**As a parting note, MiCare would like to wish each and**



**every one of you a safe and happy summer season!**

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