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## 10 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG!!

The CNIS is celebrating its tenth anniversary on August 18, 2005. It has been an exciting 10 years of surgical skill training and injury prevention in Africa. During this time 5,000 practitioners in 5 countries have been taught 40 life-saving skills, and 300 African instructors have been trained to teach ESS®. The Injury Control Center Uganda and the Injury Prevention Initiative for Africa have been established and the Injury Control Center Tanzania started. Thousands of books and journals have been sent to Africa. Numerous scholarships were rewarded to Africans and Canadians, and the importance of international surgery has been recognized. In terms of support, CNIS has had 6 contracts with CIDA's Partnership branch, 4 contracts with CIDA's Multilateral Branch. CNIS has had continuous support from the Harbinger Foundation, and has had contracts with the Wildrose Foundation since 2002, and the Donner Canadian Foundation since 2003. In the past 10 years, the CNIS has been active across Canada through its Public Engagement Program. Workshops and a contest have been conducted to educate and promote the need for access to safe , surgical and obstetrical care in Africa.



**We would like to thank all our supporters, who stood by us the last 10 years, and we look forward for their support in the next 10 years.**

## ESSENTIAL SURGICAL SKILLS IN JIMMA

The ESS program was originally developed in Jimma, Ethiopia in 1994 when it was the Jimma Institutes of Health Sciences. It is now conducted on an annual basis for all medical students who are now in the Faculty of Medicine of Jimma University. For the first time the ESS program was conducted for Health officers in Jimma (April 4 - 8). The CNIS was very interested to see if Essential Surgical Skills program would be applicable to health officers who have one less year of training than doctors, but are expected to fulfill a similar role. The ESS course was very well received by them, and formal evaluation showed the program to be highly effective. CNIS wishes to express its gratitude to Dr. Abraham and Dr. Ashenaf (right- - - teaching reading of chest X- Ray) for carrying the ESS program forward in Jimma.

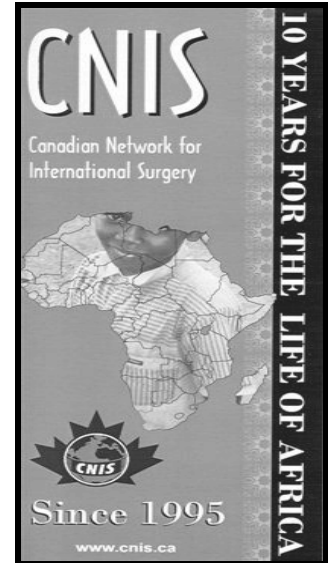


# THE CNIS CELEBRATES THE LAUNCH OF THE 2005 PAMPHLET : WEDNESDAY APRIL 13, 2005

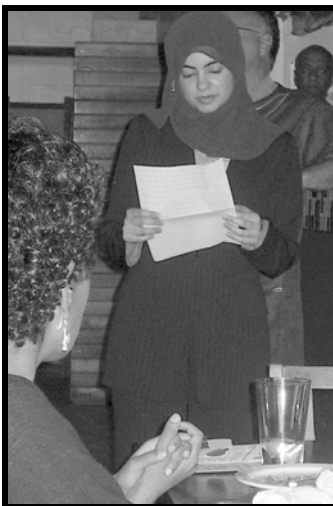


The CNIS celebrated the launch of the '10 years for the life of Africa' pamphlet at The Nyala Restaurant. More than 40 supporters of the CNIS joined in the celebration. In the first hour, the guests socialized and inquired about the CNIS; following that exquisite Ethiopian cuisine was served in a buffet style. While everyone indulged in the food, Dr. Lett proceeded to launch the pamphlet, and explained about the various aspects of CNIS work in Africa. He expressed that through out the ten years, not only did the CNIS teach surgical skills, but it established the Peace Building Program. Each member of the CNIS staff spoke about their experience with the CNIS.

(Right to Left) Almaz, Awet the CNIS Public Engagement Associate, and Mebrat enjoying their time. Later on in the evening Awet explained about her work with the Peacebuilding project in BC and the objective behind it: to educate BC students about the plight of many children in Northern Uganda.



The CNIS launched the 'For The Life Of Africa 2005' pamphlet at The Nyala Restaurant on Wednesday April 13, 2005. The pamphlet emphasizes, and outlines the achievements and successes for the CNIS within these 10 years.



**Abir Al-Sayed, the CNIS Public Engagement Assistant explained about her role with the CNIS: promoting the STOP 13 contest and CNIS's work in general.**

**Dr. Robert Taylor the CNIS Development Associate spoke about his work in Malawi and getting the Essential Surgical Skills course up and running. He expressed that his work with the CNIS has been a satisfying and experience.**

**Elizabeth Schaefer, the CNIS Office Manager spoke in her presentation about her duties within the CNIS. She also spoke about the highly valued board members, and other volunteers. Elizabeth mentioned CNIS has board members in BC, Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec.**

**Asefa Kebede (right), owner of The Nyala Restaurant joined in the celebration. Asefa is a long-term supporter of the CNIS. At the event, he met new people who are involved with the CNIS.**



**Dr. Effer, a perinatologist is a long-term supporter of the CNIS. At the celebration event, Dr. Effer enjoyed Ethiopian cuisine and socialized for the rest of the evening.**

**Doug Wallis (right), the CNIS Finance and Fundraising committee chair spoke about his involvement with the CNIS, and watching this organization grow and become successful over the ten years of its existence.**



# INJURY CONTROL CENTER, TANZANIA



Trauma Team Training being conducted under the supervision of Dr. Victoria Munthali (background) Director of the newly established Injury Control Center Tanzania.

The Injury Control Center Tanzania was initiated in February 2005. An office was opened under the leadership of Dr. Victoria Munthali. Data collectors were trained and the Uganda trauma registry was adapted to result in a Tanzanian Trauma registry. This registry is being piloted from March 1 to May 31st in Dar Es Salaam. Also at the initiation of activities a Trauma Team Training Course was conducted. This was taught by surgeons from Dar Es Salaam, Dr. Ronald Lett of Vancouver and Dr. Tarek Razek of Montreal. Also participating in teaching and the course evaluation were two surgery residents from Montreal: Dr. Simon Bergman and Dr. Dan Deckelbaum. It is exciting for CNIS to start this new injury control initiative in Tanzania.



Drs. Simon Bergman, Tarek Razek, & Dan Deckelbaum

## ICCU STRATEGIC PLANNING

The ICC-U held its second 5 year strategic planning session in Kampala March 21-23. This was a particularly crucial event, as by June 2008 the ICCU is expected to be self sufficient. Dr. Alice Nganwa, the ICC-U director saw this as an important step forward for ICC-U. The plan proposes to expand existing activities in order to achieve a wider coverage of the country, to identify new injury priorities and develop appropriate interventions based on scientific and tested approaches, strengthen the organization's internal system and procedures, and advocate for injury sensitive policies and operating environment. The ICC-U expects to build on strengths to seize the opportunities that exist in order to achieve its mission and visions.

## CNIS PUBLIC FORUM ON NORTHERN UGANDA, Liu Institute



Carol Magambo, Erin Baines, Shannon Tito, & Awet Kidane

A public forum on N. Uganda was held on April 27, 2005 at the Liu Institute, UBC. It was attended by students, educators, & NGO representatives. CNIS researchers presented information on 19 years of conflict & its impact on the lives of civilian population of N. Uganda. Dr. Ronald Lett started the presentation with, The Burden of Civilian Injury. Carol Magambo presented a paper on War Affected Children in Gulu. Shannon Tito discussed the non-violent conflict resolution curriculum implemented in Gulu. Awet Kidane reported on the progress of the BC school project and gave summary of CNIS involvement and activities in N. Uganda. Dr. Erin Baines, research director at the Liu Institute gave a speech on the ongoing community based amnesty and reconciliation efforts in N. Uganda. CNIS appreciates support of Dr. Jerry Spiegel, director of the Center for International health at the Liu institute. Based on the questionnaires, participants showed high interest in the issues discussed.



# Ehh, What's up Doc?



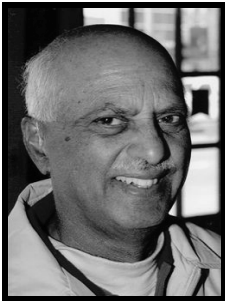
**Lorne Braun, (left)** a teacher at Capilano College has been contracted by the CNIS to complete the reporting requirements on the 6 agreements that the CNIS has with CIDA (3), the Donor Canadian Foundation, the Harbinger Foundation and the Wild Rose Foundation.



**Alla Laporte, (left)** a CIDA project officer, reviews the CNIS progress for the Peacebuilding Project.



**Thomas Canning, (left),** a CGA has been recruited as the book-keeper.



**Dr. Ram Reddy (left)** is a retired anesthetist who has been involved with the CNIS for the last two years. He has recently agreed to become the volunteer director of the CNIS surgical instrument project.



**Dr. Bob Taylor (left)** a surgeon, has been recruited by the CNIS as a Development Associate on February 1, 2005. Dr. Taylor has prepared a workshop in Toronto (April 18) and one in Ottawa (March 11). The title of both workshops is 'The place of international surgery in development'.



On February 3, 2005 the CNIS recruited **Awet Kidane, (left)** as a Public Engagement Associate. Awet's main responsibility is to engage the Canadian public in the Peacebuilding project in Gulu, Uganda, by linking grade 5 children in BC with students in Gulu to communicate on Peace Building bringing together two continents.

### CNIS relevance of recent CIDA announcement

**CIDA has announced that it will focus governmental aid on 25 countries of which 14 are in Africa. The CNIS works in 5 African countries. Of these Tanzania, Ethiopia, Malawi and Mozambique are on the CIDA list. Uganda is not on the list, but the CNIS projects in Uganda are expected to be self sufficient by 2008.**

**Canada has encouraged non-governmental activity in the areas of official concentration, therefore the CNIS is well placed to coordinate its activities with Canada.**



**Elizabeth Schaefer (left)** has been working with the CNIS since September of 2001. Being a hard-working, goal-driven person, Elizabeth tackles managerial and administrative duties. Her sincerity and thoughtfulness motivates volunteers to keep high interest in the on-going activities of the CNIS. One of her long term objectives is for CNIS to grow and become more recognized locally and internationally. On February 16 2005, Elizabeth Schaefer was promoted from Secretary to Office manager. Her new position requires her to oversee the team in the CNIS office. As a team leader, Elizabeth aims at increasing capacity in the office. CNIS would like to extend its deepest and most sincere gratitude to Elizabeth for her dedication.



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