



OPERATIVE REPORT



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CNIS AIMS FOR PROGRAM STATUS!

As of June 30th 2006 both the African Development Project and the Ugandan Peace building projects were completed! The CNIS continues with the Ethiopian Innovation Project as its only CIDA funded project. On June 15th the minister of international relations announced that funds would be available so that NGO's could apply for new projects or programs. This announcement has forced CNIS to make a choice. The funding available for project funding was capped at a level which would prevent CNIS growth, therefore we have decided to apply for only a 6 month transitional project and have made the major decision to apply for program funding. The program proposal which was submitted in September requests 5 years of funding with a 40% budget increase. The CNIS financial, administrative and programming infrastructure are all set for immediate expansion! The new program proposal recognizes the reality that the CNIS is no longer the only international surgery organization in Canada. There are offices or branches for international surgery at universities in Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal. There is now The Canadian Association of General Surgeons which is active in international surgery and the Canadian Journal of Surgery now has a section devoted to International Surgery. This program would take CNIS to a new level, a level of leadership and facilitation of these other Canadian organizations. CNIS will continue to be a network for individuals but we will also be a network of organizations. With the CNIS human resources and those contributed by the partner organizations the CNIS program will result in higher productiv-



Two Schoolboys



The CNIS met with previous ministers for International Relations, Susan Whelan and Eileen Carol to put forward positions on surgical development and lobby for funding. The most recent meetings, were something out of the ordinary. CNIS President Dr. Lett met with Mr. Ted Menzies, the Member of Parliament for Macleod when he was the opposition critic for CIDA. Dr. Lett and Mr. Menzies were classmates from grades one to nine in Claresholm, Alberta. Over dinner the two discussed development and Mr. Menzies, a successful farmer and Member of Parliament in Dr. Lett's hometown, is also the class historian and regaled Dr. Lett with the stories of long lost schoolmates. Mr. Menzies was recently named the parliamentary secretary to the minister of International Relations. In September when at the CAGS meeting in Calgary Dr. Lett took the opportunity to discuss the CNIS's plans to move to program status at CIDA with Menzies. Mr. Menzies who had just been to Tanzania himself told of his impressions of his first trip to Africa.



Dr. Ronald Lett



Mr. Ted Menzies

Note: The CNIS is a non partisan and non sectarian Organization which is open to all who share its vision to create an environment where risk from injury is Minimal and all people receive adequate surgical care. However as part of civil society it takes the Democratic opportunity to promote that vision with our political leaders.

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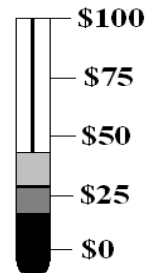


The CNIS has teamed up with University of Toronto's Office of International Surgery (OIS) and The Center for International Health at U of T (led by Judy Kopelow). On Friday October 13th Dr. Ronald Lett, (president of CNIS) Dr Andrew Howard (Director of OIS) and Romeo Dallaire all spoke to a sold out crowd at The Hart House Hall at U of T. They spoke on matters of human rights, Canada's failure to aid developing countries (Currently Canada contributes less than half of the required 0.7% of our Gross National Product toward foreign aid). Romeo Dallaire, the keynote speaker Delivered his speech entitled "The New world Disorder". He is known for Being Force commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission during the Genocide in Rwanda. All three speakers called on the students not to "Revel in Gratuity and appreciation of Being Canadian and do nothing more". The students were told that they are responsible to be prepared and shape the future, not just survive it.



From Left: Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ronald Lett (CNIS Staff), Dr. David Zakus (Director for the Centre of International Health), Senator Dallaire, Dr. Paul Moroz, Dr. Andrew Howard (CNIS board members)

ENAHPA FUNDRAISING GOAL



INNOVATION PROJECT: ETHIOPIA

The Innovation Project in Ethiopia continues with the financial support of CIDA and the Ethiopian North American Health Professionals Association (ENAHPA). ENAHPA has pledged 100,000 dollars to cost share CIDA's 200,000 and as you can see they have reached the 46% mark. The partnership between a Canadian NGO and the Ethiopian Diaspora is very unique and is much appreciated. This project involves activities in 6 universities. One objective was to provide the equipment and develop a faculty so that ESS can be conducted in the 3 emerging universities. This objective has been met in Awassa and Harar. In August an ESS instructors workshop was conducted at Haramaya University in eastern Ethiopia.



Medical Students in Harar.

Dr. Daniel Nagash, director of the Health Officers Training program and Dr. Melatu Asfel, Head of Surgery, provided the leadership to help the CNIS implement this project. The CNIS will be very active in the completion of this project with Phil Hassen, Doug Wallis and Ronald Lett all going to Ethiopia to conduct workshops and facilitate the completion of the various surgical labs.

CNIS IN SOUTH AMERICA



Dr. Chris Prasad course coordinator, sitting between Dr. Lett and Dr Rambaran, and the TTT Instructors and team members.



Dr. Madan Rambaran, Project Leader for CAGS in Guyana.

The Canadian Association of General Surgeons (CAGS) has been an organizational member of the CNIS since 2002. Before CAGS had CIDA eligibility the CNIS signed a contract making it possible for CAGS to explore the possibilities for a surgical education project in Guyana. The project was initiated by Dr. Robert Taylor and is now headed up by Dr. Brian Cameron from McMaster University in Hamilton. On the Guyana side, the project is lead by Dr. Madan Rambaran. Recently Dr. Rambaran and Dr. Cameron invited CNIS to conduct Trauma Team Training (TTT_{tm}) in Guyana. The CNIS objective was to provide Guyana with the capability to conduct TTT_{tm} independently of CNIS. Therefore the equipment for the course was taken to Guyana and a TTT_{tm} instructor's course was conducted on October 6th. In the subsequent 3 days the 16 newly certified Guyanese instructors, with the coaching of Dr. Ronald Lett, taught the TTT_{tm} course to 5 trauma teams from Georgetown Public Hospital. The new instructors did very well and all of the 25 participants of the course gave the TTT_{tm} course a positive evaluation. There has now been an informal request for CNIS to introduce the ESS course to Guyana as well.

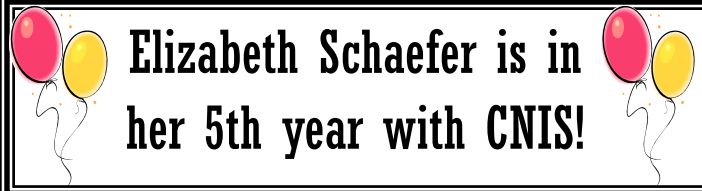


Final Exam in Trauma Team Training Course.



Georgetown university medical students volunteered as trauma victims for the TTT final exam.





Board update

Elizabeth Schaefer started work at the CNIS in September 2001. Over the past five years Elizabeth has been promoted from Administrative Assistant to Office Manager to Manager. She has become the Canadian face of CNIS to our African Colleagues and has become the anchor to our Canadian stakeholders and volunteers. Elizabeth has had the opportunity to learn many new things at the CNIS but still looks forward to learning more, mostly about the countries the CNIS works in (Tanzania, Ethiopia Uganda, etc) and understanding injury as a disease. "I apply in my mind, the work of the CNIS: What if I was born in Africa, would I know be dead due to child birth, injury or disease?" Without her outstanding hard work and dedication the CNIS would not be the same! The CNIS recognizes Elizabeth as an important part of our success story.



Elizabeth Schaefer

On November 4th The Annual General meeting for the CNIS was held at our new location. Also a regular board meeting was held and two international development workshops were run focusing on the new program proposal. Doug Wallis was elected for his third 2 year term and reelected chair. Phil Hassen was elected for his 5th 2 year term and Gwen Hol-laar for her 4th 2 year term and continues as past chair. Andrew Howard was elected for his second 2 year term. Tarek Razek and Paul Moroz both have one more year on their first 2 year terms. Hareguay Getu has one year remaining on her second 2 year term. Tarek was elected as vice chair, Doug chairs the executive committee, Paul chairs the public engagement committee and Andrew the program committee. Michael Cheung who had previously been appointed to the board was elected to a 2 year term for the first time. Lionel Wilson was elected for the first time to a 2 year term. Donna Ramsey has joined the Program committee and Khwezi Mbolekwa has joined the public engagement committee. The CNIS would like to thank all those who attended, making the day such a success and extend a warm welcome to the new board and committee members!



WHAT'S UP DOC?



- Hugh Gillis has taken over as webmaster for CNIS. Hugh previously served CNIS in hardware maintenance.
- Alvin Wong has been volunteering for the CNIS for just under a year. He has donated computer equipment to the office and demonstrated outstanding hard work . Many thanks to Alvin and thanks to all other office volunteers including Shiela Setibudi, Clare Donaldson and Tara Lett
- Matt Smith continues to work on the injury research consortium which begun 6 months ago. The project is a chance for students to get involved with research and awareness promotion of injury in Africa. To Participate visit us on the web at www.cnis.ca/research_consortium.php
- Dr. Ronald Lett's work has been featured in Outpost magazine this fall. You can check it out online at www.outpostmagazine.com . It is Issue 53 and the article is called "Global volunteer guide '06" .
- Dr. Bob Taylor did an ESS workshop in Vancouver and also conducted the workshops with the board on November 4th.

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