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- B - Interactive Skills Review - Canadian Helicopters Flight Paramedics

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OPENING CEREMONIES (Sept 16 - 19:00hrs to 21:00hrs - 2 credits)

- Pentagon 9-11 - EMT Chris Suprun
- Crime Scene Investigation - Dr Louise McNaughton

OPENING SPEAKER (Sept 17 - 09:00hrs to 10:00hrs - 1 credit)

- Tsunami Relief Effort - PCP Rahul Singh

CONFERENCE CME #1 (Sept 17 - 11:00hrs to 12:00hrs - 1 credit)

- A - Spinal Cord Injuries - Dr Christian Vaillancourt
- B - STEMI - Ottawa Solution to AMI - Dr Richard Dionne
- C - Clandestine Drug Labs - Staff Sergeant Marc Pinault and RN Louise Logue
- D - Introduction aux ECG 12 Dérivées (français) - ACP Michel Phillion

PLENARY SPEAKER (Sept 17 - 13:00hrs to 14:30hrs - 2 credits)

Ontario Prehospital Advanced Life Support Study - Dr Ian Steill

CONFERENCE CME #2 (Sept 17 - 15:30hrs to 16:30hrs - 1 credit)

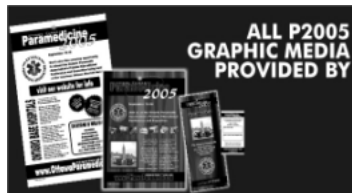
- A - Do You Hear What I Hear? (Lung Sounds) - RRT Mehran Faridani & Brian Abrahams
- B - Obstetrical Emergencies - Dr Jennifer Clow
- C - Pediatrics - Dr Eric Clarke
- D - L'évolution Préhospitalière au Québec (français) - PCP Diane Verreault

CONFERENCE CME #3 (Sept 18 - 09:00hrs - 10:00hrs - 1 credit)

- A - PSO and Financial Solutions for Paramedics - Samantha Lie (NOTE: NO CME CREDITS)
- B - Poison Control for Paramedics - RN Eleanor Warren
- C - 28 days - Neonate Emergencies - Dr Ronald Tam
- D - Pediatric Sexual Assault - RN Brigitte Stefanich

CLOSING SPEAKER (Sept 18 - 10:30hrs to 12:00hrs - 2 credits)

- Airway - Dr Chris Mazza



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CONFERENCE PREPARATION - OUCH!

Darryl Wilton, President - Professional Paramedic Association of Ottawa

The Professional Paramedic Association of Ottawa (PPAO) spent the last year coordinating the Ontario Paramedic Associations premiere educational conference and exposition at the luxurious Marriott Hotel in downtown Ottawa. I don't think we knew what we were getting into, but things have turned out awesome!

Although you are sure to enjoy this conference, we are going to give you a headache and tell you about all of the work going on behind the scenes. The P2005 Conference Committee is comprised of 12 primary volunteers and an additional 30 secondary student and community volunteers from the Professional Paramedic Association of Ottawa. We have logged thousands and thousands and thousands and thousands and thousands (are you getting it yet?) of hours in an effort to make this years conference the best ever!

We are proud to announce that Mike Cross and Scott Stephens (PPAO executive) booked some phenomenal physicians and guest speakers for our WORLD CLASS CME's including a paramedic from the Tsunami Relief Effort and Dr Louis McNaughton (CSI Expert / Chief Coroner for Eastern Ontario) Greg Furlong and Matthew Hogan booked awesome vendors displays from all over the world including an interactive driving simulator that is sure to draw all of those lead foot paramedics out of the crowd.

It also took months to create the graphic design and bilingual marketing templates which consist of posters, brochures, post cards, registration forms and other products. We even went the extra distance and ensured that all printed media was bilingual. This meant that we were able to target many of the francophone paramedics in Ontario and Quebec. So, how do you get someone to handle all of this translation? Here is the trick... Work for a bilingual service like Ottawa and make sure you work with a bilingual partner like I do, who just happens to have a wife who is an official translator for the federal government. So, I think everyone owes a huge thank-you to Jean-Francois Cimon. Without his tireless effort, we would not have been able to pump out all of that bilingual media for P2005. So far, we have received high praise from our comrades in Prescott-Russell, Sudbury, Kapuskasing, Québec and many other francophone communities in Canada.

Then there is the backbone of the conference... the databases, the registries and the marketing.

When we had our first conference meeting a year ago, I told the P2005 conference committee that I was going to create a barrage of brochures, post cards, posters, fax sheets, instructions, tickets, cards and on and on and on. The catch was, that once the production was complete and in our hands, we would need to send out almost 10000 pieces of information. All of this requires some pretty heavy duty planning and database management. This is where our director of Membership Services came in...

Annie Gregoire is a Primary Care Paramedic in Ottawa and is the Director of Membership Services for the PPAO. She could barely turn on a computer 12 months ago (ha ha ha). Since then, Annie has become quite an expert in database management. Annie learned to program very powerful databases that could run stats and allow us to market this conference to every OPA member, OPA chapter, paramedic service, base hospital, medical school, college paramedic program and even our comrades in Quebec. She has done an awesome job and without Annie, none of you would be here—you might be somewhere—but you wouldn't be here!

Putting together all of that mail took days and the guys at Canada Post looked like they almost had CVA's when we came through the door with all of the boxes and envelopes that needed to be weighed and stamped! In retrospect, we probably should have called Guinness to find out if there was a world record for the amount of mail you could stuff into an SUV?!?! Ah, forget it... We know we broke the record.

Well, have fun... We are sure it will be a blast! Please flip through the rest of our newsletter and enjoy the fresh pictures of our P2005 committee putting together almost 10000 packages for distribution across Ontario and Quebec.

As for your P2005 conference committee, please understand that we might look a little disoriented (especially myself and Elizabeth Anderson who are the conference chairs). Most of us have been pulling all-nighters for the last few weeks. Do you know how difficult it can be to round up 12 volunteers, deprive them of sleep, deprive them of food, washrooms and stick them in a 16' x 16' board room together for 96 hours straight? Let's just say, we asked the hotel to line the walls with rubber—but they said "no"!



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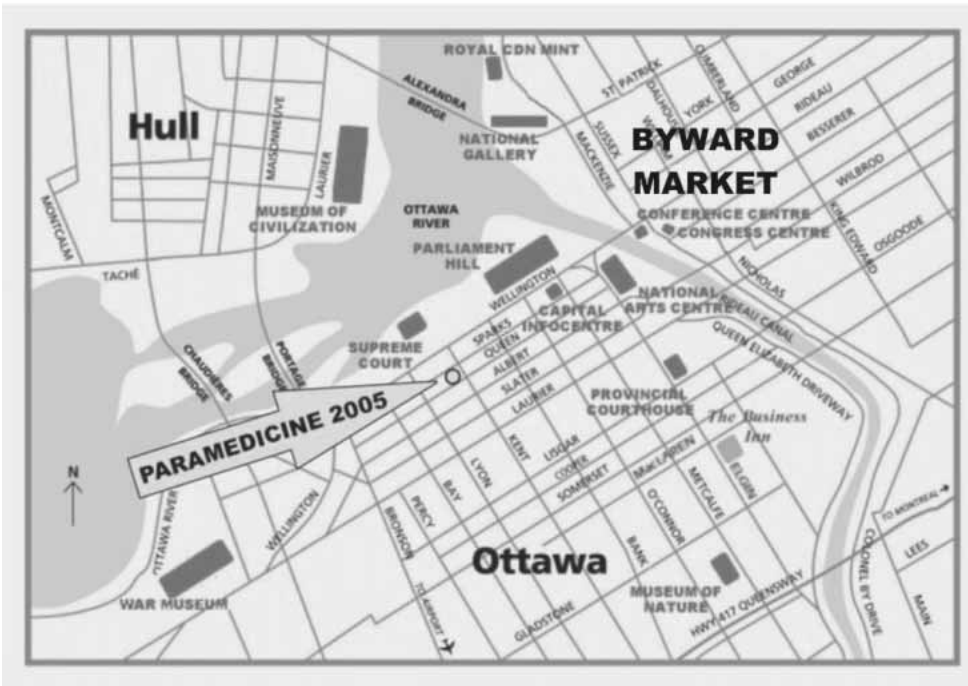
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