

NSCP UPDATE

February 1, 2011

REGISTRATION 2011:

During the month of November we registered approximately 590 physiotherapists on line using the newly updated online registration process. The system worked well and only about 35 additional physiotherapists had to be registered over the phone or manually. The new online system allowed us to collect new data from you in order to meet many of the requirements of the Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI). I am pleased to inform you that in early January we signed off on our data submissions to CIHI for 2010 and for the first time readers of CIHI's Annual Review of Canadian Physiotherapists will have a more robust view of Physiotherapy in Nova Scotia.

Having said this; another fallout from the new online registration process was our recognition that too many NS physiotherapists do not realize that by law (Physiotherapy Act) they must keep the NSCP informed of any home address, work address and phone number changes as well as any employment status changes and personal name changes. To facilitate this process we have developed new online downloadable Change Forms which can be found on the NSCP Website under the Downloads Tab. Please let us know about these things and especially any changes in your work status e.g. new employer, or Maternity Leave as we have a new Maternity Leave process that facilitates your change in licensure status to and from Practicing.

NSCP WEBSITE:

As you can appreciate the need to keep us informed about work changes is important because monthly we attempt to upload revised Membership lists to the Members Lists tab on the NSCP website. The lists provide consumers, insurers and members with up-to-date information about practicing physiotherapists in NS; information on their Membership status, and their place of employment. We suggest that periodically you check these lists to see that your data is correct. The February 1, 2011 lists have been posted under the Members Lists tab.

One of the new features of the online registration system was the drop down list of NS physiotherapy facilities. Now that this has been completed we have been able to provide more information on NS physiotherapy facilities both public and private. Under the Facilities Lists Tab we will provide five new lists of NS physiotherapy facilities all in alphabetical order but broken down into Public and Private and by Community. The February 1, 2011 lists have been posted to the NSCP website under the Service Locations tab. Again we suggest that you review these lists to insure that the data is correct, if not email the office and we will correct the data for the next public publication.

Also please be advised that back copies of the NSCP Updates are posted to the web site under the College News tab.

SEEKING NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE ALLIANCE:

The Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators is seeking a new Executive Director and applications are welcome from anywhere. Check out the NSCP website under Bits and Bytes for more information on this dynamic opportunity.

PHYSIOTHERAPIST OF THE YEAR:

Recently we emailed nomination forms for the Physiotherapist of the Year Award, additional copies are available under the Bits and Bytes tab.

NSCP COMMITTEES

Your college is only as strong as its Board and Committees. At present we have a full Board and a strong Board but we do need volunteers for our committees. The present committee members' work is incredible but we are expecting too much from too few. The primary NSCP Committees are Investigations, Peers Assessment and Practice Standards Committees. The NSCP Board would like to develop a portfolio of interested members prepared to volunteer for any of these committees. The work is indeed volunteer but you can count the hours spent learning about your profession and shaping the future of your profession as Practice Hours. Interested? If you are you can check out the term of References for these Committees on the NSCP website. Send in confidence a note indicating which Committee(s) you are interested in as well as a copy of your CV or Resume to the Executive Director. Please Note; because you reply to this request does not mean a place on the committee(s) of your choice, this is not a first come first served process.

NEW FEE FOR LOGS

The NSCP is pleased to announce a zero fee charge to members of the NSCP for issuing Letters of Good Standing (LOGS) to other jurisdictions or educational establishments. So when you are required to provide proof of licensure to other jurisdictions or educational establishments fill out the request form found on the website under the Downloads tab and email it to our offices. We will look after it from there.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

NSPA and the Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists are pleased to announce details for the professional development to be offered in conjunction with our Annual General Meetings on **Saturday, April 2, 2011.**

Two concurrent workshops will be offered on the afternoon of April 2, 2011. The workshops are free for members of either the College or Association:

Workshop One: Therapeutic Ultrasound and Laser: What's the Evidence on Dosage and Parameters? Presented by Dr. Sandy Rennie, Director, School of Physiotherapy, Dalhousie University.

Workshop Two: Tools for Physiotherapists in Primary Health Care. This workshop will feature an interdisciplinary panel of presenters sharing experiences on effective integration of physiotherapy practice in primary health care settings.

The College and Association AGMs, the NSPA Exhibit & Job Fair, and both PD Workshops will take place on the Saint Mary's University Campus. The tentative schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30 AM - NSCP AGM - ScotiaBank Theatre, Sobeys Building
10:00 - 10:30 - Break in the Exhibit Hall - Loyola Conference Hall
10:30 - 12 noon - NSPA AGM - ScotiaBank Theatre
Noon - 1:30 PM - Lunch in the Exhibit Hall - Loyola Conference Hall
1:30 - 4:30 PM - Professional Development - Loyola Academic Complex

For a St. Mary's University map, click [here](#).

Event RSVP:

Attendees are asked to please RSVP their attendance and Workshop preference to Christine James, Executive Director, NSPA - cjames@physiotherapyns.ca or 902-405-6772 (toll free 1-877-440-6772 outside HRM).

Accommodation:

Members and Exhibitors travelling in from out-of-town can take advantage of a special room rate at the Delta Halifax Hotel, a short cab ride from the event site. Reservations can be made by calling the reservation department at 1-888-423-3582 or by e-mail: hal.reservations@deltahotels.com. Please ask for "Nova Scotia Physiotherapy Association" or block code "HONSPA" to receive the special rate of \$129.00/night. Please call prior to March 1, 2011 to reserve at the block rate.