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Registered nurses gather in St. John's for 57th Annual Provincial Conference

St. John's, NL – June 8, 2011 – The Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (ARNNL) will bring together registered nurses (RNs) from around the province on June 9 and 10 for its 57th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference at the Holiday Inn in St. John's. The provincial event, which will also recognize outstanding RNs at ARNNL's Awards for Excellence in Nursing ceremony and Honorary Membership presentation, will feature keynote speakers Donna Ciliska, McMaster University School of Nursing, and Irmajean Bajnok, Director, International Affairs and Best Practice Guidelines, Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO).

"ARNNL's AGM and Conference, *"Nursing: Knowledge in Action,"* provides an opportunity for RNs from around the province to join their colleagues to share knowledge, generate ideas, and revitalize their passion for the nursing profession," said Beverly White, ARNNL President. "An impressive roster of over 23 education sessions features experts in the areas of nursing practice, management, and administration, and delegates will learn from case examples and gain practical tips from nursing leaders that they can implement in their workplaces."

Pegi Earle, ARNNL's Executive Director, said that this year's AGM and Conference celebrates the strides that the profession and RNs have made over the past year. "RNs are an integral part of the health care system, and their accomplishments and continued learning will strengthen nursing excellence and health care delivery in Newfoundland and Labrador."

The two-day conference opens at 9 a.m. on June 9 with opening remarks from municipal, provincial, and national representatives. Greetings will be followed by ARNNL's Awards for Excellence in Nursing ceremony, which will recognize exemplary RNs in the categories of Practice, Education, Administration, and Research. The Elizabeth Summers Novice Nurse Award will be presented to a RN who graduated from a Bachelor of Nursing program and began practicing within the past two years.

ABOUT ARNNL

ARNNL is the regulatory body and professional organization representing all 6,700 registered nurses and nurse practitioners in the province. In pursuit of its vision, 'Excellence in Nursing,' ARNNL exists so there will be public protection, quality health care, and healthy public policy.

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