



2004 INTERNATIONAL PATIENT CARE COMPETITION

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DID YOU KNOW that the eighth triennial International Patient Care Competition will take place May 21, 22 and 23 at the University of British Columbia campus in Vancouver, British Columbia?

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AN INFORMATION SHEET FOR ST. JOHN AMBULANCE MEMBERS

It's all in the name – the name has changed to 2004 International Patient Care Competition. For the first time since our competitions began in 1983, we have opened the triennial event to international participation. The 27 competing teams for 2004 are from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Federal District, Quebec, New Brunswick, Ghana, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Wales, and England plus two corporate teams competing from Telus in British Columbia (a pilot project to include corporations).

One of the Competition objectives is to give participants an opportunity to develop camaraderie with all participants, and to feel proud to be part of the larger St. John Ambulance team. The 2004 competition will certainly enhance this concept as we are truly an international organization.

British Columbia Council has graciously volunteered to host the event this year. What a great place to visit with one of the most spectacular panoramic views available right on the University of British Columbia campus.

Both adult and youth competitors will enjoy competition challenges designed to assess leadership, teamwork and problem solving abilities as well as their patient care expertise. All competition challenges are conducted in natural environmental settings, located throughout the university campus, in an effort to bring as much realism as possible to each scenario.

The Competition weekend will begin with a Meet'N Greet scheduled for the Friday evening and will end with a Gala Dinner on the Sunday during which several medals, trophies and awards will be presented to the various teams who have excelled in each category.

Over the past three years volunteers (from BC and across the country) and staff have worked together to plan this competition. There is still a lot of work to be done, but everyone is geared to making this one of the most successful competition yet. We are also proud to announce that the Lord Prior, Eric Barry, will be in attendance at this international event.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all volunteers, staff, sponsors and supporters of this event. Let the games begin!

Hats off to all St. John Ambulance Volunteers as we celebrate National Volunteer Week 2004 April 18 to 24. Thank you for your dedication, commitment and support.