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March for More Midwives WANTED: Drums, Flags, Banners

An event not to be missed!

Arrive in Toronto in time for the March for More Midwives on Saturday 17 June when thousands of midwives will take to the streets as part of a spectacular parade through the city. 'The world needs more midwives now' is a theme that resonates in many parts of the profession where there are insufficient midwives or inadequate funding for midwife education and more trained midwives. The march will draw attention to the role of midwives in reducing maternal and baby ill health or mortality.



Gathering from 12.30 at Roundhouse Park, close to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (the Congress venue) the 3 kilometre walk will start at 2.00pm and finish around 4.30pm in Nathan Phillips Square, right in front of the iconic City Hall.

Midwives are asked to bring drums and banners to ensure an international extravaganza of drum beats and a colorful display of banners and flags throughout the March. Participants will be welcomed into Nathan Phillips Square with live music, drumming and dancing.



Programme Ready, Midwives Ready, Toronto Here We Come

After months of sifting through 1,700 abstract submissions, categorizing peer reviewed accepted papers, and populating the scientific programme the final draft of the Scientific Programme is now on line at www.midwives2017.org

With around 700 presentations, the largest number ever presented at an ICM Congress, there is a breadth and depth of subjects that makes the Congress an essential investment in the professional development of individual midwives.

A huge job, well done by SPPC co-chairs, Karen Guiland and Marian van Huis, their highly respected committee of international midwives, and super efficient support team. What an achievement!!

Keynote speakers for ICM Toronto

Kate Gilmour



The United Nations, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Kate Gilmour, is to address the Congress on the theme 'Midwives: making a difference through professionalism'.

As a former high ranking officer with United Nation Population fund, Ms Gilmour has a wealth of knowledge about the impact of midwifery and the outcome midwifery care has for women and newborns, especially in the developing world.

Working for Amnesty International over a 12-year period, Kate was responsible for directing and overseeing global financial and human resources, strategic planning and managing key human rights programming, including policy innovation.

Ms Gilmour held posts in social work and Public Health earlier in her career and established Australia's first Centre Against Sexual Assault. She has held honorary positions including law reform and membership of the country's first national committee on violence against women.

Professor Sally Tracy



Professor Sally Tracy, awarded the world's first professional doctorate in midwifery will speak to the Congress on the theme 'supporting women and children'.

Educated in midwifery in New Zealand, United Kingdom and Australia, Professor Tracy has extensive experience in community and high-risk care. She was awarded the world's first professional doctorate in midwifery and has published widely on the epidemiology of obstetric intervention in labour and birth, preterm birth, and the outcomes of birth centre care.

As head of the University of Sydney Midwifery & Women's Health Research Unit at the Royal Hospital for Women her research activity is embedded in the clinical environment ensuring an optimum level of translation of research findings into practice. Professor Tracy co-founded the Australian Centre for Perinatal Science (ACPS), a formal collaboration of expert scientists and clinicians in perinatal health.

Grand Gala Tickets Going...Going Like Hot Cakes!

This is exactly what is happening to Gala night tickets. Yes, they are selling like 'hot cakes'.

If you want to spend a night dancing and dining with the marvelous midwives of the world, then the Metropolitan Ballroom at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel is the place to be on Tuesday 20th June 2017. Organized by the midwives on the host planning committee, this fun-filled evening promises to be a highlight on the congress social calendar.

Whilst tickets remain available, there are selling out fast so **click here** for booking details to make sure you don't miss out on a night to remember.

Going on a tour? It's got to be Niagara!

So, your family and friends don't know what to get you for a birthday, special anniversary or festive gift?

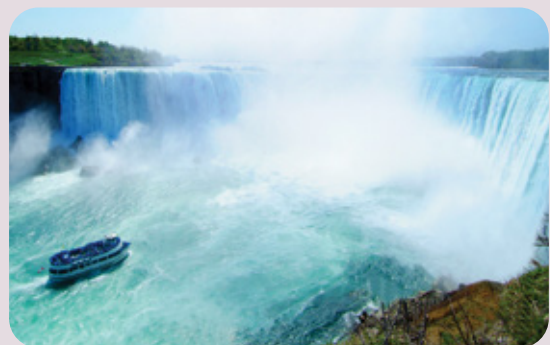
Problem solved. What about a one-day trip to Niagara Falls? At a very reasonable \$148 CAD don't waste any time reserving your spot on the tour on Friday 23 June 2017. This will be the perfect way to relax following the end of the Congress.

Included in the package:

- An air-conditioned coach to enjoy the scenic views
- A ride on the Hornblower Cruise that takes you on a breathtaking trip to the Falls
- A buffet lunch overlooking Niagara Falls
- A visit to the gorgeous Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Wine tasting at Peller Estates Winery

The entire Niagara region boasts some of the world's most beautiful scenery, flavorful wines, amazing history and great cultural festivals.

If you need extra time to explore this beautiful region, then don't hesitate to book the more relaxed two-day tour of Niagara. The tour includes all of the above and more! Rise and shine to the gorgeous views of Niagara Falls then kick start your day with a deluxe continental breakfast as you get ready to explore the historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, one of the oldest settlements in Ontario.



Don't miss out on this opportunity to visit one of the world's most famous landmarks!

Book Toronto Hotels NOW to Avoid disappointment

With more and more Canadians holidaying at home, Toronto is sure to be a busy city next June. This is all the more reason to book your hotel now whilst you have a choice of accommodation at different price ranges. This may not be the situation in a couple of months as another 2000 delegates register and more ICM exhibitors and sponsors are brought onboard.

A guide to the list of ICM hotels appeared in the August E-Newsletter: book quickly to avail of early booking offers at the Hilton!



2000 delegates signed up for Toronto 2017

Nearly 2000 midwives have registered for the ICM Congress eight months before the June 2017 Toronto event.

This is a record number of registrations for the pre-congress period with still four months to go before the Early Bird rate closes. Congress Manager, Malcolm MacMillan expects at least another 1000 bookings before February 2017 and added, "we are on course to set a new record of 4000 delegates".

*ICM Seasonal greetings and
best wishes for 2017*

For E-news readers preparing for holidays or festivities in December, the ICM and the Congress Crew send our best wishes. We hope that 2017 brings good times for you, your family, your colleagues and your midwifery association and we look forward to welcoming you to Toronto in June.

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