

## THETA APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

### **MDRAO Theta Chapter Presidents Message**

Wow time really flies. It seems like only yesterday that I was elected to serve you as president and now 2 terms later we are here. Elections are under way and I am excited to see some new members seeking to join our team. I wish all candidates good luck.

Theta is enjoying a remarkable membership this year and is at 142 as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. Well done! We are looking forward to our education day April 20 and 21 with a dinner and learn Friday evening and a full day of speakers and exhibits Saturday.

This will be my last message as President as I move to the Past President position. It has been an Honour and a Privilege to have served you. Yours sincerely, Jeffrey Phelps CD, CMDRT.

### **Education:**

#### **Classroom Course:**

Theta/Lambda course has closed and we have 75 students at 6 sites. This will be the last classroom course. On Line courses: June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 all on line courses will open on [www.mdrao.ca](http://www.mdrao.ca). There will be no classroom courses. The student will register on line, receive a textbook and workbook and will get access to resources on the website with password. There will be power points, video clips, videos and assigned a facilitator. Exam is on line and you need a webcam as Proctor U will facilitate the course.

#### **Chapter Education:**

In 2017-2018 the following education sessions were provided at our 4 meetings:

**Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Event #67718400 Decontamination Colleen Landers**

**Nov 22 2017 Event # 67719220 Communication Internal and External Tammy Bennardo**

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Event #67723115 Instrument Flexible Scope Repair/Transportation to Repair service by Kris Anello AMT/Vantage**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> 2018 Event # 67723500 Care and Handling of Orthopedic Instruments Ryan Crozier**

Education certificates will be emailed to all those attended after the April 11<sup>th</sup> session.

**Refresher: \$340.00:** Online Exam Opens June 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and closes **Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2019**. The application will be at [www.mdrao.ca](http://www.mdrao.ca). You have three months from the registration day to write and if you fail you have one opportunity to rewrite with a cost of \$200.00. If you plan to write the CMDRT register as the manual content is required reading and preparation material for this exam. Make sure to register so that you write the exam before your certificate expires. Exam written online and a webcam required. No face to face writing.

#### **On Line course:**

There will be no more classroom courses and all courses will be on line starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. You will register on line, receive a textbook and workbook and an assigned facilitator. You will be given access to power points, quizzes after completing the slides and videos and video clips inserted into the slides. Exam will be done on line and proctored by webcam through proctor U. You will have one chance to rewrite for a \$200.00 fee.

#### **Membership:**

Membership 2017/2018. Registration for 2018 closed March 1<sup>st</sup>. It will reopen June 1<sup>st</sup> and everyone has to renew their membership. To be eligible for Theta draws you must have paid by Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. Draw: 2 free conference registrations plus total expenses including registration of \$1000.00. Must attend Sept/Nov 2018 & Feb 2019 meeting and draw at end of Feb meeting.

MANAGERS	W MANAGER	ECHNICIANS	TECHNICIAN	SSOCIATES	NEW SOCIATE	TOTAL
17	0	86	4	34	1	142

### THETA Education Event:

Friday April 20th evening 6-8 pm Dinner and learn Topics: Water Quality in Reprocessing & Endoscopy Best Practices 8-10 Hospitality Room

Sat April 21st 8-330 Education sessions. Topics: MIS Instruments KRIS ANELLO AMT Surgical/Vantage Endoscopy, Standardizing Sets/Lean Principles in MDRD, Instrument Management System Getinge, New Medical Device Reprocessing Standard Z314 Colleen Landers & Ian Pequegnat Steris.

We have 24 vendors and 48 delegates to date. Registration is closed. A draw for free 2019 MDRAO conference will take place for Theta members. There are prizes and Theta chapter members who registered for 2017-2018 membership by Sept 25<sup>th</sup> will attend free.

### MDRAO Website:

All members have access to resource videos [www.mdrao.ca](http://www.mdrao.ca) site Log in as a member as you should have received an email giving you a password to log in to the members only site. Go to Members Centre and then new resource library. There are over 20 videos there for you to view free.

**Winners of the free 2019 MDRAO conference** are Monique Favron Midland & Darlene Simon Wawa. They attended the Sept/Nov 2017 and Feb 2018 meetings and their names were drawn. Congratulations MDRAO Date is September 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Marriott Toronto Airport and Conference Centre Dixon Road.

**New CSA stand Z314-18 Canadian Medical Device Reprocessing** The direct link to the new Z314 standard is here: <http://shop.csa.ca/en/canada/sterilization/canca-Z314-18/inv/27043922018> Every reprocessing department needs to buy this and review all their policies and procedures in 2018 and update to the new standard.

### Tammy Bennardo's Vice President's report and Provincial Report

Tammy Bennardo, CMDRT Vice President MDRAO

The refresher and distance course that are currently offered on line have been very well received. The online course is just about complete videos being taped at SSM SAH site and is scheduled to be complete April 1, 2018.

Cost of the online course will remain the same as the current classroom course and refresher will be required after 5 years. Course coordinators will no longer be used but we will roll out a facilitator program offering the current coordinators to continue if they choose. As a facilitator they will be responsible to answer questions for the students or explain chapters via online chat or email.

Translation of the work book and text book to French has begun. The talks of amalgamating the Lambda chapter with Theta have ceased as members have stepped forward.

Meetings were held via teleconference March 13th and we will be having a teleconference May 27th the AGM is going to be via OTN On May 24th and training for the new online course for facilitators will be May 26th.

**Meetings dates and event numbers for 2018-2019 Meetings:**

Book your site from 115-300 pm with OTN central using these event numbers:

Sept 19 Event # 83309255; Nov 19 [Event# 83309485](#); Feb 21 [Event #83309789](#); April 10 [Event #83309854](#)