

## LETTER

To the editor:

Re: A Canadian Council of Nurse Researchers  
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The questions raised in the above article are timely indeed, and I am accepting the invitation Dr. Cahoon extends as a member of the Task Force, to respond affirmatively to the major questions: Yes, we need one; and, yes, I am interested in A Canadian Council of Nurse Researchers, and I would be willing to assist in any way possible.

She asks with what group such an organization should become associated. I am not sufficiently familiar with the Learned Societies to choose between it and the CNA. However CAUSN would *not* appear to be a suitable organization for the very reason suggested: it excludes those who are not faculty members.

In this same issue of *Nursing Papers* (p. 34) E. Jean M. Hill is asking "How to Relate Education and Service?" This is a genuine and an increasing problem. Miss Hill points out that: "Many nurses in education and service are concerned about the separation between preparation for nursing practice and administration of nursing care services to patients". She asks: "What kind of structure will facilitate pooling resources for the benefit of the patient as well as the future practitioner?" I am suggesting that A Canadian Council of Nurse Researchers which is an inclusive, and not an exclusive, organization, which incorporates nurse researchers from all service institutions and agencies as well as university faculties, could be such a structure. We do not have sufficient leadership and/or research resources in education or service to continue this artificial separation which benefits neither patient nor practitioner.

And, in a very practical way, if nursing doesn't soon "hustle it up" and establish its capabilities and territorial rights, we will find the hospital systems groups have taken over the clinical practice field as well.

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