

**Updates** - The FRPA Review Office has been busy engaging the regulatory bodies in preparation for pilot reviews (on a volunteer basis) which will be taking place early in the new year.

The FRPA ad hoc advisory committee has been re-assembled to act as a vehicle for communication, advice and support between NS regulatory bodies and government. The committee has already met twice and will be meeting again before the next breakfast meeting to review the FRPA Review Questions.

We launched our website in September and are currently in the process of having the language updated to plain language. [www.gov.ns.ca/lae/RplLabourMobility/FRP.asp](http://www.gov.ns.ca/lae/RplLabourMobility/FRP.asp)

A one day Plain language training course was offered in September. There was a lot of interest so we are currently looking at developing a webinar to enable us to offer more successful plain language training and to reach a broader audience.

Natash Pateman from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, visited NS in October to talk about federal immigration policy changes. The session was well attended and we will continue to bring them in to inform us on new developments.

## 2012-13 Annual Report

The FRPA Annual Report will be tabled in the House of Commons this Fall. This report includes highlights of 2011-12 accomplishments, including work related to Chapter 7 of the Agreement on Internal Trade and International Qualifications Recognition (IQR), and work planned for 2012-13. This report will be made public following review in the house.

## Plain Language Webinar

The FRPA Review Office is currently in the process of developing a **Plain Language Webinar**. Details will be communicated once they are available.

## IQN

Do you want to host a webinar, showcase initiatives and events, network with others who have similar goals, or build knowledge on international qualification assessment or recognition? The **International Qualifications Network (IQN)** is a tool to promote collaborating on information related to the assessment and recognition of international qualifications. The IQN Web site enables registered members to share information about their own initiatives, and provide feedback on others' initiatives. [www.credentials-competences.gc.ca/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=5&qlang=en-US&csl=en-US&lang=en-US](http://www.credentials-competences.gc.ca/CommunityBrowser.aspx?id=5&qlang=en-US&csl=en-US&lang=en-US)

## Breakfast Meetings

On **October 2, 2012** we held the first breakfast meeting. Thank you to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of NS and the College of Registered Nurses of NS for sharing and presenting their use of Microsoft Access, an off the shelf product that they use to support and automate many of their registration activities. The next meeting will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 8am at the Best Western Chocolate Lake. Engineers NS will be presenting their on the job competency based assessment pilot project. Please RSVP by Friday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 with the Review Officer as space is limited.

## Investigations Training

**February 18, 2013** - A day and a half workshop will be customized to meet the needs of NS regulators. Once the details of this session are finalized we will send out a formal invitation.

**Facilitator:** Gareth Jones of Investigations Training

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## Upcoming Events



Nov 8/9, 2012 - CNNAR - **Canadian Regulator's Conference**

Dec. 4, 2012 - **Breakfast Meeting**

Feb. 5, 2013 - **Breakfast Meeting**

Feb. 18, 2013 - **Investigations Training**

## Links

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**Canadian Network of National Associations of Regulators**  
**Le Réseau canadien des associations nationales d'organismes de réglementation**

The Canadian Network of National Associations of Regulators is the federation of national organizations of provincial and territorial members responsible for protection of the public through the self-regulation of professions and occupations. The Association represents over 450,000 individuals across Canada. Beginning in 2007, CNNAR has held an annual conference or discussion forum to address emerging regulatory issues and exchange information between licensing boards, accrediting agencies, examining bodies, government officials at all levels and others. This year's conference will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa. Ontario at the Marriott Hotel.



## Regulators' Corner

**Great suggestion!** With the help of our Labour Mobility Coordinator, I am working on a check-list that regulators can refer to when considering changes to their legislation. This will ensure that they can comply with the Fair Registration Practices Act as well as Chapter 7 of the Agreement on Internal Trade.

**Links** When you're updating your websites, please add links to RPL/Labour mobility website

[www.gov.ns.ca/lae/RplLabourMobility](http://www.gov.ns.ca/lae/RplLabourMobility) and the FLMM Labour Mobility website [www.flmm-lmcg.org/english/view.asp?x=1](http://www.flmm-lmcg.org/english/view.asp?x=1)