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Healthcare Businesswoman's Association of Canada
Association des femmes d'affaires dans le milieu de la santé

A Fond Look Back at the Last 10 Years...

It began as an idle conversation, as these things often do. "What about starting an organization just for women in the health-care industry?" someone suggested. Wouldn't it make sense to have a professional networking association just for women? Shouldn't there be a means of meeting other industry women in disciplines other than our own?

We thought it was a great idea, and we promptly put together our very first executive team, consisting of Patricia Brown, Maureen McCarthy, Debbi Halliday, Manon Richer, Michelle Garneau, and Jo-Ann Oakley. We started to plan, and got a little nervous along the way. What if there wasn't a need for another industry organization? We decided to send out the invitations anyway. Then we held our breath and waited.

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In the end, we guess that there was a need for our organization, because on October 7, 1993, over 60 women from Montreal's pharmaceutical industry sat down to lunch together at Le Vieux St-Charles.

So, that's how it all began. Maybe some women attended that first meeting out of curiosity.

However, the fact that many of those same women are still attending meetings 10 years later is certainly a testament to the organization's continued appeal.

It has been a great 10 years because of all the women who have been involved. The next 10

years and beyond promise to be just as dynamic. It is up to our membership, which increases every year, to determine where we are heading. History implies a present—and a future...We encourage every woman in the industry to become a part of them both. **CPM**

We're easy to reach!

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