

*"Canadian Orthoptists: Answering questions from Catherine Lunn to present day".* By Joan Parkinson

Abstract: Through the diligence and organizational efforts of Catherine Lunn and her fellow Orthoptists, a strong base for Orthoptics in Canada was created in 1967- The Canadian Orthoptic Society. During a busy Orthoptic practice, now almost 50 years later, we may not often reflect on this accomplishment in 1967. However, we have benefitted from this organizational effort in many ways, ranging from our opportunities to meet and learn from each other (scientific sessions, instructor communication), our access to national and international representation, and our option for international employment reciprocity. Catherine Lunn also promoted and created an atmosphere in Canada for lifelong Orthoptic learning and research. This presentation will include many examples of how this type of atmosphere benefits Orthoptists, clinical teams, and patients and how this atmosphere will keep Orthoptists answering questions for years to come.