

WFCCN Newsletter

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WFCCN President's Letter: Paul Fulbrook

Welcome to the December 2015 WFCCN Newsletter. I hope this newsletter finds you well and that wherever you are in the world you will have a joyful and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

I am honoured and excited to have been elected to the role of President and I am looking forward to my term in office, working with our new Board, to deliver WFCCN's objectives in the coming years. As well as myself, the new Board is comprised of: Ruth Kleinpell, USA (Past President); Adriano Friganovic, Croatia (Vice President); Belle Rogado, Philippines (Secretary); Kathleen Vollman, USA (Finance); and Violeta Lopez, Singapore (Media and Communications) and Sandra Goldsworthy, Canada (Media and Communications). One of the first things that the Board agreed upon at its first meeting was the importance of good communication, which is why we have assigned two Directors to this key area.

Since its election in Seoul in September, the Board has been very active and is meeting monthly. We have a constantly growing list of action items and we intend to keep you fully informed of developments. One of the most important items on our agenda is the World Congress in Brisbane, Australia from 21-23 April 2016. Registration is open. This exciting meeting is being co-hosted with the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses. Its focus is on clinical practice and the program will be published shortly. Clinical free papers are starting to come in from all over the world. And, if you have not done so already, we encourage you to submit an abstract before the deadline at the

The next full Council meeting will be held in Brisbane on 20 April 2016, the day before the Congress starts. We look forward to reuniting with our WFCCN Members, Associate Members and Ambassadors to progress the activities of WFCCN.

See you in Brisbane!

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CONNECT is the official journal of WFCCN. It is an on-line nursing journal, available free of charge – via this web site - to all individual members of critical care associations and all others who are interested in critical care nursing - reaching an estimated 600,000 critical care nurses all over the world. The main purpose of CONNECT is to provide a forum for critical care nurses around the world to share good practice. It aims to be the voice of critical care nurses worldwide.

Purpose and Aims

Connect is an international, peer-reviewed journal of the critical care providing a forum for nurses and other health related professionals to share their knowledge and skills in critical care. Connect aims to support evidence to inform policy and practice by publishing clinical/basic research studies, nursing interventional research articles, special advances in critical care, scholarly reviews, case reports, education related to critical care, letters to the editors and, of course, information about developments in WFCCN.

The main focus of Connect is clinical practice, the editors are particularly keen to receive articles that aim to generate knowledge on the integration of health and nursing care research into clinical practice, and to evaluate existing care and policies using the most advance methodologies relevant and appropriate for the research question of interest.

Editors:

The Co-editors of Connect are Sek Ying Chair and Elizabeth Papathanasoglou with rich experience in research, education and practice in critical care nursing. Each Co-editor is responsible for an alternative issue with a total of four issues of Connect to be published per year. The Co-editors are supported by Associate Editors as well as the prominent critical care nurses in the International Advisory Board all over the world. The geographic spread of members reflects the journal's international nursing perspective.

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WFCCN Seoul Congress, 2015



Above: WFCCN group photo taken at WFCCN congress in Seoul. Korea August, 2015

The WFCCN congress took place in Seoul, South Korea in August 2015. The organizing committee convened a tremendous, highly organized conference. In total there were 3444 registrants from 83 countries which included 332 Speakers and Chairs from 45 countries. The world was truly represented in Seoul.

WFCCN Ambassador Appointments

The WFCCN Honorary Ambassador distinction recognizes individuals, not eligible for Council membership, who are making outstanding contributions to critical care nursing and/or healthcare. Nominees demonstrate outstanding contributions to critical care nursing and/or healthcare at an international level including extraordinary leadership, innovative research, authorship of books, papers and other materials that have significant implications for critical care nursing and/or successful implementation of creative approaches to clinical practice, education, research, management or policy. Several new WFCCN Ambassador's were appointed at the WFCCN Seoul Congress.



Above WFCCN Ambassadors (left to right): Leanne Aiken (Australia), Esther Wong (China), Kathleen Vollman, (USA), Paul Fulbrook (Australia), Shelley Schmollgruber, (South Africa), Sandra Goldsworthy (Canada)

Not present: Anne Alexandrov (USA), Violeta Lopez (Phillipines), Yuko Ikematsu (Japan), Kay Mitchell, Laura Alberto, SY Chair (China).

Acknowledgements: WFCCN Donations

The WFCCN acknowledges the recent donations of the following country member organizations:

Country listing

Taiwan Associations of Critical Care Nurses
Critical Care Society of Southern Africa
(Proceeds from WFSICCM World Congress)

Amount of donation

\$1500
\$9628

As WFCCN does not have a required dues structure for membership, the work of the organization is supported by donations from country member organizations. We thank those organizations that help assist the WFCCN in working to achieve its mission.

Brisbane WFCCN Conference

FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS DECEMBER 31st, 2015

<https://ekiddna.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/wfccn2016/abstract-submission>

Early Bird Registration

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Also next WFCCN council meeting will be held April 20th, 2016 prior to the conference



Save the Date: 2016 WFCCN Congress in Brisbane Australia



WFCCN Past Presidents Ruth Kleinpell (left) and Ged Williams (right) with Raeda AbuAlRub RN PhD, Dean of Nursing & Professor Jordan University of Science and Technology and Gillian Ray-Barruel, PhD RN, Centre of Research Excellence in Nursing, Menzies Health Institute Queensland Australia presented at the 4th SEHA International Nursing Conference in November held at the Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Faculty Dinner National Korean Museum



WFCCN Council Meeting World Congress, Seoul August 2015



The WFCCN is an international organization with 42 country members representing over 600,000 critical care nurses worldwide. Visit the website at www.wfccn.org

