

1. WFCCN Newsletter

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WFCCN Vice President's Letter: Adriano Friganovic

Dear colleagues,

This is a March issue of WFCCN newsletter and as you will see we have plenty of activities. Our Congress and Council meeting in Brisbane is very near and preparations are almost done. Before the Council meeting you can see the proposals for changes in Constitution regarding the membership. All changes were supported by Board and we expected fruitful discussion during the meeting of the Council of Representatives in Brisbane. However, I also want to invite all critical care nurses from all over the world to join us on this terrific event such is 12th Congress of WFCCN in Brisbane and have opportunity to share knowledge to share expertise.

The European Federation of Critical Care Nurses (EfCCNa) had a regular spring Council meeting on the 9th and 20th of March in Paris. The EfCCNa meeting gathered representatives from all over the Europe. EfCCNa is a federation with 26 member countries and during this meeting two new countries have joined: Macedonia and Ireland. The Council had discussions about engagement in European policy relevant to critical care, commercial cooperation as well as development of standards. David Waters, representative from British association of Critical Care Nurses (BACCN), was been elected as a board member for EU policy. Exchange Program is going further and all member countries have been asked to advertise this program among their membership. The Exchange Program was established to stimulate professional development and collaboration of critical care nurses involving visits to critical care units across the European countries. During the Council meeting, I had opportunity to present activities of WFCCN and to ask representatives of non-member countries to join WFCCN.

Only together we can assure better standard for critical care nurses in the world.



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Easter Greetings

On Behalf of the WFCCN, we wish all our members and affiliate a Happy Easter.



Changes

Constitution of the WFCCN :

The Constitution of the WFCCN has been amended on the during the Annual meeting in Korea last year and is now available in the WFCCN website. The main changes have been in the areas on:

2. Article 11. - The membership of a member association may be terminated by a vote of a meeting of the Council of Representatives, voting on the grounds of no longer meeting the criteria for membership (article 7) or failure of conduct according the obligations.).
3. Article 18.2: Nominations for the Core Administration can only be drawn from members of Critical Care Association who are members of WFCCN. If this nominee is not the representative to the Council then the member critical care association shall decide who will cast the votes for their association in Council of Representative meetings. A maximum of one person from a Critical Care organisation may be a member of the Core Administration at the same time.
4. Article 20.1: A quorum for a meeting of the Council of Representatives is defined as one quarter (rounded up to a whole number) of the members of the Council of Representatives.

There are also three new articles added to the amended Constitution related to:

1. Article 20.8: Voting at meetings may be by voice or written ballot, except that election of Officers of the Core administration shall be by written ballot.
If only one person is nominated for such a position, at the decision of the Council of Representatives, they can be accepted either by a verbal acclamation or by a written ballot giving simple majority of votes. If the single nominee does not achieve a majority of votes then a fresh call for nominations will be made.
2. Article 9: Voting at meetings concerning persons in an election shall be by a majority (more than 50%) of the votes cast; if none of the eligible persons acquire at least 50% of the vote, there shall be a second ballot between the persons who received the highest number of votes in a way that the number of persons on ballot is always one more than the number of vacancies to be filled; at this second ballot a majority (greater than 50%) of votes shall be decisive.
3. Article 21.1: Any member association may propose amendments to the Constitution of the WFCCN. The Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Council of Representatives provided that written suggestions are forwarded to the Council of Representatives two months in advance.



Membership subscription

The WFCCN Board has recently approved the introduction of an annual subscription for WFCCN Full Members. See Table 1. The subscriptions will become effective from 01 July 2016, when the new financial year commences. The Board discussed concerns that a fee structure must consider each organisation's ability to pay, and that the fee structure should be implemented fairly. The payment system should be based on the Full Member's country wealth group and capped according to the number of members in each national organisation.

Wealth group	Annual subscription (US\$)	Minimum (US\$)	Maximum (US\$)
Top third	\$1 per CCNO member	\$200	\$2000
Middle third	\$0.5 per CCNO member	\$100	\$1000
Lower third	\$0.25 per CCNO member	\$50	\$200

Welcome to our New Member

WFCCN welcomes our new member, the Nursing Chapter *Capitulo de Enfermeria Critica* of the **Argentine Critical Care Society (SATI)** who was established in 1999 with only a small group of eight critical care nurses towards what was later known as the Nursing Chapter. The aim of SATI is to empower nurses through high quality education, in order to provide our patients with safe, specialized and on time care. From this small beginning SATI has grown to 1200 members and has become an active voice for critical care nurses and has spearheaded a number of activities.

In September 2001, SATI developed the first the Critical Care Basic Training Manual developed for nurses and by nurses. Until today, 95 courses have been deployed in 22 provinces with more than 2150 participating students delivered by their own body of instructors. In 2002, SATI organized a Congress attended by 600 national and international. In 2005, during the Buenos Aires' International Critical Care Congress, SATI certified the first group of nurses as Critical Care Specialists. SATI has reached a position in developing high quality training programs highly recognized by critical care nurses not only in Argentina but also from Latin America and Europe.

In 2013, they started the Post-Graduate Critical Care Nursing Course, with more than 103 credited academic units throughout the country, representing more than 1200 students and colleagues, being trained with leading edge technology and educational approaches, such as competency based training. They aim to extend this innovative educational program to Latin America.

In 2014, in recognition to their experience and commitment, SATI was invited by the Ministry of Health to participate in the accreditation of the First Critical Care Nursing Residency Program at the Army's Central Hospital in Buenos Aires.

SATI is now facing a new phase: an important editorial project that can be able to support our practice in the Latin American continent: "Critical Care Nursing: an integrative proposal". This bi national project carried out

together with their Brazilian colleagues, will be published in both, Spanish and Portuguese, since patient's needs are equal, but our features, advantages and limitations are specific to the region.

The members of the Argentine Critical Care Society (SATI) are:

President: Ana Maria Bejarano

Secretary: Mariana Torre

Committee members: Fabiana Ciccioli, Veronica Dubay, Luis Perreta, Veronica Curilen, José Lozano, Marcelo Morales



Photo taken during the 22nd Argentine Critical Care Society Congress

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 Ambassadors were appointed at the WFCCN Congress.

New Ambassador Profile

Dr Violeta Lopez currently holds an appointment as Professor and Director of Research at Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore Adjunct Professor in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Australian National University and a Chutian Scholar in the Department of Nursing at Hubei University of Medicine in Shiyan City, Hebei Province, China. These roles incorporate mentoring new novice researchers, postgraduate teaching and research supervision. Violet's research focuses on dissemination and translation of evidence-based practice, transition of patients from acute care hospitals to community and home settings including the implementation and evaluation of the effectiveness of mobile applications. In 2014, Violeta received an award for Excellence in Nursing Practice Special Citation for outstanding contribution to the nursing profession through research and education from the Philippines Healthcare Association of Australia and Philippine Nurses Association Australia. Violeta is a member of the Critical Care Nursing Association of the Philippines (CCNAPI) and now also holds the position as a member of the WFCCN Board of Directors.



Conference Announcements

12th Congress of the WFCCN

The 12th Congress of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) is being hosted by the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN) Institute for Continuing Education (ICE). On behalf of the Scientific Committee of the 2016 WFCCN/ACCCN World Congress, we would like to invite you to attend this congress.

We should support our members who are presenting at this Congress:

Professor Ged Williams, SEAH (Abu Dhabi Health Service, UAE)

“Arabian Nights – establishing after hours Rapid Response systems in the United Arab Emirates”

Ms Bronte Martin, Nursing Director (Trauma & Disaster) - Royal Darwin Hospital

“Taming the Territory ... an innovative approach to delivery of remote care”



Ms Tina Coco, State Clinical Manager and Nursing Director, DonateLife Queensland

“Organ and tissue donation – essential communications with families”

Adriano Friganovic, Croatian Nurses Society of Anaesthesia, Reanimation, Intensive Care and Transfusion

“Quality improvement in infection control”

Save the Date: 2017 ICN Congress in Barcelona, Spain

ICN 2017 Congress, 27 May-01 June

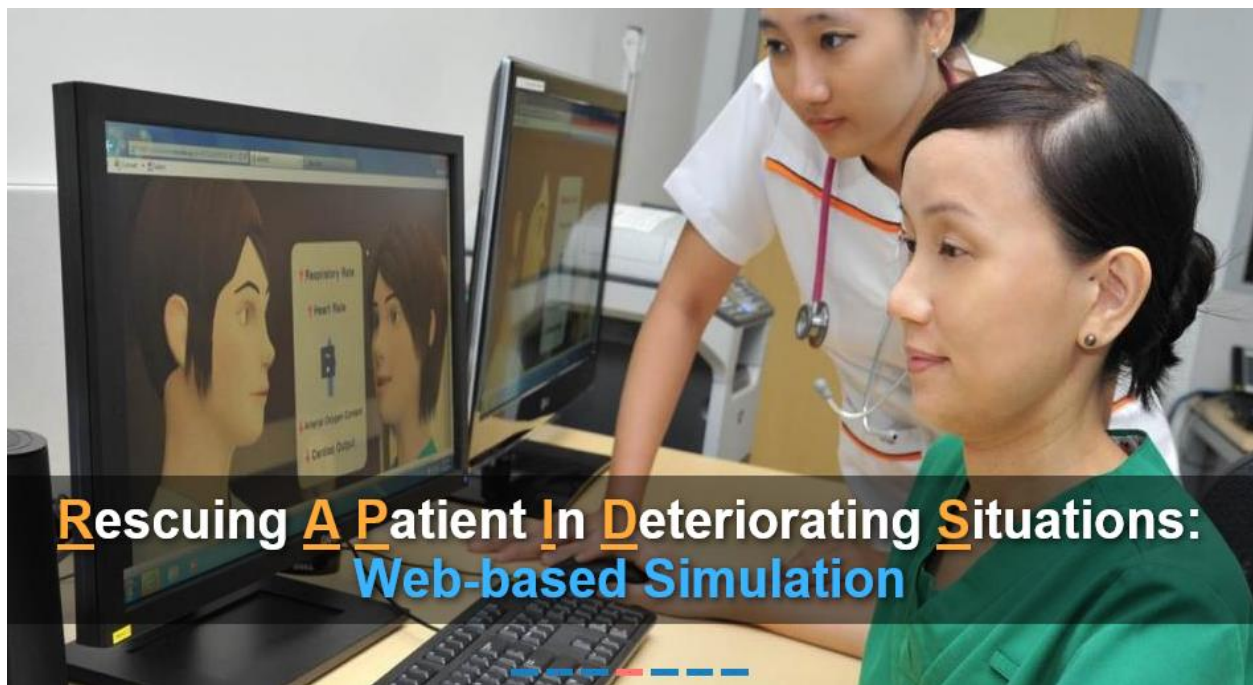
The 2017 ICN Congress theme is ***Nurses at the forefront transforming care*** will take place in Barcelona, Spain. Online submission of abstracts opens on 16 May 2016 and will close on 10 October 2016. Please visit www.icncongress.com for further information.

As WFCCN has a link with ICN, we should start thinking how we can participate actively in this Congress and give a voice to what our organization is all about. We hope that our partner organizations will submit papers or symposium plans for this Congress.



Research Highlights

Assistant Professor Sok Ying Liaw from Singapore led the development of a simulation-based evaluation tool known as the **RAPIDS-tool (Rescuing A Patient In Deteriorating Situation)** that has been integrated successfully into the undergraduate nursing programme to assess nursing students' competencies in early recognition and detection of clinical deterioration. The team further developed the e-RAPIDS to enhance the hospital nurses' competencies in early recognition and detection of clinical deterioration. The competencies acquired from the RAPIDS-tool are currently providing nurses the confidence to manage clinical deterioration of patients and thus prevent undesirable events. The development of nurses' competencies has added value to the patient safety and quality goals of the hospital. You can contact Sok Ying at nurliaw@nus.edu.sg or access the website for more information at: <http://www.rapids.sg>



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

