



ICN Update

February 2019

Following Howard Catton's appointment as ICN Chief Executive Officer, we thought it would be useful to let you know about our continuing work representing nursing worldwide, advancing the profession and influencing health policy.

World Health Organization Executive Board, 144th session

Howard Catton addressed the 144th session of the WHO Executive Board (WHO EB) in Geneva from **25 January to 1 February 2019**. At the meeting ICN delivered statements on four important agenda items, asserting the vital role nurses play in healthcare around the globe:

- Highlighting the role of nursing in achieving the right to the highest attainable standard of health through universal health coverage.
- Emphasising that nurses must be involved in developing national action plans to prevent, detect and respond to substandard and falsified products.
- Underscoring that the nursing workforce is intrinsically linked to the ability of countries to address health priorities and achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Stressing that patient safety is of utmost importance to the over 20 million nurses worldwide who have an ethical duty to do no harm and promote the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

The EB accepted the recommendation from the WHO Director General that 2020, the bicentenary of Florence Nightingale's birth, should be designated as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife, a proposal that will go to the World Health Assembly in May for consideration. **To find out more about the WHO EB and ICN's role on it, [watch this short video](#).**

ICN is sending a delegation to the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva on **20-28 May 2019**.

ICN Congress and CNR 2019

ICN is looking forward to welcoming thousands of nurses to the ICN Congress in Singapore from **27 June to 1 July 2019**, hosted by the Singapore Nurses Association. The theme of the event is '**Beyond Healthcare to Health**', and it has attracted the more than 4,000 high quality abstracts, many of which have been selected to be oral, poster and, new for this Congress, e-poster presentations. A preliminary Congress programme can be found on [ICN website](#). 2019 **CNR schedule** is [now online!](#)





The International Workforce Forum

The Order of Nurses in Lebanon and ICN co-hosted the International Workforce Forum in Beirut on **12-13 February 2019**. The meeting discussed key nursing workforce challenges, including staff shortages, pay and conditions of employment, and the global health agenda to improve access to care and the development of primary and community health services. You can see our evidence based staffing position statement [here](#) and our staff retention briefing [here](#).

The Regulation Summit

ICN and the Consejo General de Enfermería will be holding a joint International Forum on **21-22 February 2019** in Madrid, Spain, to discuss the future of professional regulation and intensify ICN's work in this area. A report will be produced from this meeting and this topic will feature in a session at Congress in Singapore this year.

The International Classification for Nursing Practice (ICNP)

Since its introduction in 1999 the International Classification for Nursing Practice (ICNP) has been translated into 18 languages, and there are currently 15 research and development centres worldwide running more than 200 different projects. New versions of the ICNP are released every two years. There is a large global community of interest in ICNP, but a recent survey showed that nurses face barriers to appropriately capturing quality nursing data. ICN recognises the importance of data and information in improving health outcomes and is committed to addressing these barriers.

The Discipline of Advanced Practice Nursing – ICN Guidelines

In partnership with the ICN Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network, new guidelines are being developed for advanced practice nursing. These are being reviewed by an expert group from around the globe – a broader consultation will take place later.

Disaster Nursing Competencies

ICN, in collaboration with WHO, is reviewing and revising the core competencies in disaster nursing. A draft version will be sent out for comment to numerous disaster-related organisations and networks, and to nursing associations in the very near future.

Position statements

The review and revision of ICN position statements is ongoing and we thank you for your feedback, which is essential to this process. The revised position statement '[Nurses and disaster risk reduction, response and recovery](#)' is now available on the ICN website - the French and Spanish versions will be sent out shortly.

Global Nursing Leadership Institute (GNLI)™

ICN received 128 applications from more than 50 countries, and from these, 30 will be selected to participate in the programme through a competitive process that will be completed at the end of February 2019. A recent survey of the impact of the GNLI was completed by 96 GNLI scholars. The scholars reported on the impact the programme has had on the services they deliver, with almost 98% stating that they would recommend it to other senior nurses.

To find out more about the programme contact gnli@icn.ch



Leadership for Change (LFC)™

The LFC training of trainers update will take place on **25-27 June 2019** in Singapore. To participate please complete the application form in the **Membership area** on the ICN website and send it to lfc@icn.ch by **15 February 2019**. For any queries about the programme contact us at lfc@icn.ch

[Check out our website for more information about all these aspects of ICN's work.](#)

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ICN President

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Howard Catton
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