



ICN Update

March 2019

Welcome to the March 2019 ICN Update!

The ICN Board and staff have been working hard together, advocating for nurses wherever they are around the world, influencing policymakers and putting the voice of nursing centre-stage at international meetings.

In March, President Annette Kennedy spoke at the 63rd session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York, highlighting the nurse's role in protecting marginalised women and survivors of human trafficking. Howard Catton spoke about nurse staffing at the 4th Global Ministerial Summit in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and also at the mission organised by WHO Europe on Primary Health Care in Czech Republic, on the importance of greater integration between hospital and primary care services.

We have been finalising arrangements for the CNR meeting and Congress in June/July in Singapore, and Congress is shaping up to be the most exciting and influential ever. The world's leading nurses will be there, together with the WHO and the Nursing Now Campaign board: what an amazing opportunity for the world's nurses to come together to advance the profession and improve health outcomes around the globe. We would like you to encourage your nurses to register for this crucial event.

Please find more details below and check out our website and social media.

Sincerely,

Annette Kennedy, ICN President
Howard Catton, ICN Chief Executive Officer

We are pleased to report that the **WHO Executive Board** in January approved ICN remaining in **official relations with WHO** and the plan for collaboration that had jointly been prepared and submitted by WHO and ICN staff.



Global Ministerial Patient Safety Summit in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Howard Catton was invited to speak at the 4th Global Ministerial Summit on 2-3 March 2019 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. His presentation was focused on nursing staffing: Impact on patient safety. A White Paper on Nurse staffing levels for patient safety and workforce safety has been developed on the occasion of this Summit in recognition of the crucial role of nurses to Patient Safety. This paper is the result of a close collaboration between ICN and the Saudi Patient Safety Center and it is based on the ICN Position Statement on Evidence-based safe nurse staffing and ICN Position Statement on Patient Safety. Howard also had the opportunity to meet with Dr Tedros and nurse leaders from Saudi Arabia and some neighbouring countries.

Commission on Women

The 63rd Commission on the Status of Women took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City from 9-22 March 2019. The priority theme was “Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls”.

Both Annette Kennedy and Erica Burton were in attendance and participated in side events and parallel sessions. With the support of Maimonides Medical Center, ICN held a reception to honour Annette and provide the opportunity for nursing leaders attending CSW to connect. Annette and Erica participated in the Global Strategic operatives for the eradication of human trafficking meeting hosted by The Order of Malta Mission to the UN. Annette was a speaker at the parallel session hosted by UN Women UK “Gender responsive social protection for marginalised women and girls and survivors of trafficking”.



ICN hosted the parallel session “Promoting the health and empowerment of women: Innovative exemplars in global nursing practice, education, consultation & partnership” at which Erica was a speaker alongside nurses leading women’s health initiatives worldwide.

Joint meeting of the EU Chief Medical, Chief Nursing and Chief Dental Officers

This joint meeting was organised by the Romanian Ministry of Health and the Order of Nurses and Midwives of Romania under the auspices of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. It consisted of plenary session and parallel sessions dedicated to risk areas to patient safety (AMR and associated infections), harnessing innovation and eHealth and enhanced cooperation to support health workforce in the European region. A final joint session was also proposed to discuss the nursing challenges and perspectives for nursing and midwifery in the European and international context. Howard Catton was invited to intervene in all the sessions of the meeting.



WHO mission on PHC in Prague

ICN participated at a mission organised by WHO Europe on PHC in Czech Republic. Czech Republic endorsed the European Framework for Action in Integrated Health Services Delivery¹ and committed to strengthening health services to meet the needs of its population, with greater integration between hospital and primary care services.

The purpose of this mission is to gather more in-depth information from stakeholders tasked with and/or engaged in health services design, planning, implementation, monitoring, stewardship and governance, as well as those involved in developing, strengthening and monitoring the nursing workforce.

Geneva Health Forum

ICN met Elizabeth Iro and Eric Comte, Executive Director of the Geneva Health Forum, to discuss how ICN can support and participate in the 8th edition of the Geneva Health Forum, the forum of innovative practices in global health. This upcoming edition of the forum will be focused on “Improving access to health: learning from the field” and will take place next year on March 24-26, 2020. ICN has been invited to meet the GHF programme committee in the coming weeks and present the first idea to involve nurse community in the Geneva Health Forum 2020.

ICN Code of Ethics

The ICN code of ethics is a crucial instrument to serve as a basis for the discussion of policies that harmonize and increase awareness of standards of ethics and professional practice for nurses at wider level. The ICN code of Ethics of 2012 is currently undergoing a process of re-draft and revision. The ethical steering committee composed by different NNAs will gather in the first two weeks of April to have an in-depth analysis of the new structure of the Code.

Campaign News

• International Nurses Day 2019

Toolkit: You should all have now received the IND posters and the English version of the toolkit for translation purposes. The French and Spanish versions will be sent to you shortly.

Website: The 2019 IND website is live and the IND posters and logos are available.

Posters: Three IND posters are available on line in English, French, Spanish and Russian.

Other resources: The IND logos are now available online in 17 languages.

- **Nobel Peace Prize nurses nomination:** ICN is supporting the call by the Korean Nurses Association for this campaign. The flyer is available for download from the ICN website in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Chinese](#), [Japanese](#) and [German](#).
- IntraHealth International is working in partnership with Nursing Now and Johnson & Johnson on a project investigating the gender-related barriers to nursing leadership. This research will help us to uncover possible pathways to nursing leadership and assist us in profiling nurse leaders for advocacy purposes at several conferences and events in the coming year. In order to help them maximize survey responses, particularly from sub-Saharan Africa. **We would greatly appreciate it if you would share this survey widely with your members.**
 - [English](#)
 - [Spanish](#)
 - [French](#)



Governance & Membership News

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at CNR 2019 in Singapore! CNR will start with an orientation on Monday 24 June and will end with a joint CNR Nursing Now session on 27 June. We will then move on to the opening ceremony of the CN Congress which will be held on the evening of 27 June at the Marina Bay Sands Congress Centre. Please find here the latest [CNR schedule](#).

Programme News

Leadership

Join us for the Policy Café: “Empowering nurses to deliver better outcomes by driving the health policy agenda”, during the ICN 2019 Congress in Singapore on 30 June. We will explore how prominent leaders successfully place nursing on the global stage, and hear how ICN's leadership and policy programmes are delivering results at country and regional levels around the world.

GNLI™

ICN is organising a GNLI Networking Event for GNLI scholars only. This event will be held on 30 June 2019, during the ICN 2019 Congress in Singapore. For more information [contact us](#).

LFC™

Final call for Leadership For Change existing trainers to participate to the LFC ToT Update in Singapore from 25-27 June 2019. This event will not only be an opportunity for current trainers to be re-certified but also enable them to share their experiences with other trainers from around the world. The cost of this training course excluding accommodation and flights is \$2,000 USD per person. Bursaries for participants from low-income countries (World Bank criteria) may be available to cover programme fees, economy class return air travel to Singapore, accommodation and meals, transport to/from Singapore airport, visa costs (including travel to obtain visa). If you wish to participate kindly complete the application form available in the membership area of the ICN website or [contact us](#).

ICNP

ICN would like to invite you to participate to the ICNP informative session to be held during ICN 2019 Congress in Singapore on 28 June 2019, to celebrate the launch of the new 2019 release of ICNP, and to hear about the benefits of capturing national nursing data and how the future of the nursing profession is being transformed through data. In addition, on the same date, join us at the Policy Café: “The revolution required to advance the nursing profession and improve the health system - Nurses are the main frontline healthcare providers around the world. They are responsible 24 hours each day for continually identifying health issues, implementing and adjusting care needs and monitoring outcomes to achieve desired health outcomes. This is a data rich environment. With the right tools such as EHRs and terminologies, we now have the ability to capture large scale information for analysis thereby discovering knowledge to transform health care and health outcomes. Come and hear the success stories from Norway and Portugal as they have successfully implemented one of the most comprehensive nursing terminologies in the World: ‘ICNP’.”

For more information [contact us](#).



TB/MDR-TB Project news

The TB/MDR-TB Project held a research workshop in Durban, South Africa from 11 to 15 March with faculty from the University of KwaZulu-Natal School of Nursing. This workshop brought back nurses trained last year to follow up on the progress made with their research proposals, challenges they faced and what further assistance was needed to move their projects forward. We had participants from Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa and Zambia. The participants made great progress during the week and several are now ready to submit their proposals to ethics committees for approval to begin data collection. The topics of proposed research include: infection prevention and control, healthcare worker stigma towards TB patients, reasons for patient non-adherence to treatment, healthcare worker knowledge, attitudes and practices related to TB, provider practices related to the prescribing of isoniazid preventative therapy (IPT) for preventing TB in HIV-positive patients and rates of hearing loss in patients on drug-resistant TB therapy. We were very fortunate to have ICN 2nd Vice President, Ms Thembeke Gwagwa come and visit us and she was able to meet with NNA representatives participating in the workshop.

The ICN TB/MDR-TB Project is proud to announce the selection of six TB nurses as Leading Lights for March 2019. The nurses selected were announced on World TB Day (24 March). For more information on these exceptional nurses, please visit [here](#).

The ICN/Curry International TB Center Nursing guide for managing side effects to drug-resistant TB treatment is now available on the ICN website in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian. A French and Portuguese (Brazil) version will be available online by the end of March 2019 and a Bahasa Indonesia version is in the process of being finalised.

Communications, Media, Publications and Advocacy News

In order to keep up with our latest news, please follow us on twitter ([@ICNurses](#)) and on [Facebook](#) – and go to our [News page](#) on our website.. You can find our latest videos, including a [video](#) explaining our work at the WHO Executive Board, on our [YouTube channel](#).

Press Releases

In March 2019, ICN disseminated press releases on the [ICN International Workforce Forum](#), the [latest speakers for the ICN Congress](#), and [World TB Day](#).

Annual Report 2018

The ICN annual report 2018 has been published. You can find the electronic version on our [website](#) and copies will be sent to you shortly.

International Nursing Review

The [March 2019 issue](#) of the INR contained the following editorials:

- ***In times of great need, great leaders emerge – the shining voice of nursing leaders*** by David Stewart and Bethany Halpin
- ***Celebrating 120 years at the ICN Congress*** by Howard Catton
- ***A global call to action: cultivating a safety mindset*** by Gwen Sherwood, Professor Emeritus,



University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Events News

ICN Congress Singapore



Concurrent Sessions: 4,632 abstracts were submitted to the ICN Congress. We have accepted 599 abstracts for oral presentation, 1,547 for posters and 83 for eposters. Abstract submitters have been informed as to whether they have been successful and we will shortly be releasing the full concurrent programme online.

As of 25 March, we have received over 4000 registrations. The Singapore Nurses Association has planned 23 **professional visits** which delegates can book via the online registration system.

A Congress [newsletter](#) is sent out to you every month – please feel free to share this information to your members and encourage participation at this event.

NP/APN Conference in Halifax

We are working closely with the NP/APN Network and the Canadian hosts on the **11th NP/APN Conference in Halifax**, 30 August 30 to 2 September 2020. The website is now live and there is a link from the ICN website event page to the conference website. The conference will be promoted at the ICN Congress in Singapore.

2021 ICN Congress

Work is underway, in collaboration with the Emirates Nurses Association and the venue, ADNEC, for the **2021 Congress** to be held in Abu Dhabi. The 2019 Congress will be a great opportunity for ICN and ENA to promote this next ICN Congress so please make sure you visit our booths.



2020 Events

Howard Catton attended a meeting with the Florence Nightingale Foundation regarding preparations for the **2020 Florence Nightingale bicentenary conference** in October 2020.

We have sent a letter of confirmation, along with the roles and responsibilities of hosting an endorsed conference, to the Taiwan Nurses Association, in preparation for their **2020 endorsed conference to be held 9-12 September 2020**.

Partnership News

Deliver for Good has launched an [Advocacy E-course](#), which is a free, open source resource for all advocates to refresh knowledge and skills on the 12 investment areas.

Human Resources News

We are delighted to announce that we have recruited a new accountant at ICN – **Ms Yacine NDAO LAPORTE**.



Reminders

1. [Send us](#) your translations of the IND resources – posters, logos and toolkit.
2. Show your support for the [Nobel Peace Prize nurses nomination](#) by signing the online form.
3. Share the [survey on gender-related barriers to nursing leadership](#) with your members.
4. Join us for the Policy Cafés at the ICN Congress and for the special networking events for GNLTM and LFCTM
5. Join us for the ICNP informative session on 28 June 2019.