



ICN Update

August 2018

Message from the ICN CEO

I would like to thank everyone in the ICN family for the warm welcome. The first month has allowed me to settle in whilst many people have been on mid-year holidays. I have had a chance to meet the team and understand the full scope and scale of ICN's activities. It is a privilege to serve the governing body, the CNR and their representatives, the Board. I thank Professor Thomas Kearns for his interim leadership and his generous hand-over.

Over the next few months, as we prepare for the next CNR and the Congress in Singapore, I will be trying to meet as many of you as possible, either in person at one of the ICN events or virtually. I have been tasked with developing the next strategic plan and for this I will need your ongoing input. A membership organisation is only as strong as its members and we will be working hard to ensure that all of our members have a strong voice to lead.

To have a more immediate view of our activities and items of interest to nurses, please follow us on the ICN Facebook page where I will post daily. The team will continue to share our news on Twitter and other social media sites.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Isabelle Skinner,
RN RM MBA MPH&TM PhD

Communications and Advocacy News

New ICN Website! After many years of service our old website was retired. We hope you make the time to visit the new [ICN website](#). Our old website has served us well but after many years of adding to it and adjusting it we decided that it was no longer fit for purpose. The Communications team have worked hard to design the new ICN website, which has the same url but a very different architecture. This newly redesigned website offers quick and easy access to essential information, news, events and other features that offer a more comprehensive understanding of the ICN's work and strategic priorities. We have a great members' area where you will find important documents and information for members. If you have forgotten your password for this area, please contact Bastien Canton on canton@icn.ch.



Social Media

We are delighted to report that we now have over 6,300 followers on Twitter and over 15,300 on Facebook. If you are not one of them, please make sure you follow us on [@ICNurses](#) and [Facebook](#).

Voice to Lead & International Nurses Day

For more than 45 years now, ICN has been publishing the International Nurses' Day (IND) resource. These resources are provided to over 130 countries with a potential audience of over 20 million nurses globally. Thanks to your contribution, this resource has been used by the nursing community across the world as a strategy to improve health and health systems and has improved our reach and engagement with people from all over the world. It has improved our ability to share individual's stories to the world.

In 2017, the IND was entitled 'Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.' This was the start of a new direction for IND as for the first time it changed from a hard copy resource to a fully dedicated website and a video. In 2018, the IND theme was 'Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human Right'. The success of this publication continues to grow and there is particular interest across the global community in regards to the Case Studies

Plans are underway for the 2019 International Nurses Day and, once the new theme has been approved by the ICN Executive Committee – we will announce it and start work on the logo, posters, stickers and other designs, for which we will ask you to provide translations into your own language.

Invitation to submit a case study for the 2019 International Nurse Day Publication

We are pleased to announce you the IND 2019 theme: **"Nurses: A Voice to Lead Health for All"** For 2019, IND will address the challenges the world faces because of becoming increasingly connected through travel, trade and cultural exchange and its influence on health and wellbeing. We aim to demonstrate the importance of global health issues and highlight how nurses are pivotal leaders in addressing these.

A sample of the topics to be addressed in this publication include, but are not limited to:

- Global health challenges, e.g. non-communicable diseases, mental health, communicable diseases and epidemics
- Societal issues, e.g. conflict, migration, technology and innovation
- Health Systems, e.g. Universal Health Coverage, population and Primary Health Care.

ICN would like to invite you to share your and your members' stories in the form of a case study to be a part of the IND 2019. We are looking for relevant case studies for use in the IND resource. We are interested in the work of nurses at any level (front line nurses, managers, directors, chief nurses, NNAs) as individuals or in teams.

Could you please provide the contact details of potential authors of case studies to David Stewart at stewart@icn.ch by **20 September 2018**.

As a guide, a summary of the case study requirements has been provided for you. I also encourage you to refer to the [IND website](#) to assist you in selecting the potential applicants to represent your NNA.

This is an exciting opportunity for countries to showcase their work to the entire world on how nurses are leading in times of global health challenges. We firmly believe that your contribution will be valuable to the nurses we represent and we look forward to hearing from you if you accept our invitation. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact [David Stewart](#).



International Nursing Review

ICN's official journal, the International Nursing Review, has been inducted into the International Academy of Nursing Editors' Nursing Journal Hall of Fame as one of its inaugural recipients. Sue Turale, INR's editor, was present at the 37th Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Nursing Editors in Boston, USA on 7 August to receive the award in person. The Nursing Journal Hall of Fame was established to recognise scholarly nursing journals that have 50 or more years of continuous publication and sustained contributions to nursing knowledge. Nursing research has been published in ICN's International Nursing Review since 1953, helping to shape nursing practice and improving the lives of people all across the world.

Nursing Policy

Earlier this month, we released a new position statement on Evidence-based safe nurse staffing which calls for increased investment in safe, effective and needs-based nurse staffing levels in order to improve patient outcomes and create positive practice environments.

ICN revision of the Code of Ethics for nurses

ICN has received 22 official applications of representatives affiliated to different NNAs to be part of a group of ethical leaders who will undertake revision of the ICN Code of Ethics. The revised Code will be used to strategically foster nursing and healthcare in an ever-changing and more digitalised society with increasingly complex ethical challenges and moral dilemmas.

Programme News

TB/MDR_TB Project

The World Health Organization (WHO) has announced landmark changes in MDR-TB treatment regimens. The first important change is a new priority ranking of the available medicines for MDR-TB treatment, based on a careful balance between expected benefits and harms. Treatment success for MDR-TB is currently low in many countries. This could be increased by improving access to the highest-ranked medicines for all patients with MDR-TB.

The second important change is a fully oral regimen as one of the preferred options for MDR-TB treatment. Injectable agents cause pain and distress to patients, with many experiencing serious adverse effects that often lead to treatment being interrupted.

The WHO rapid communication aims to encourage and prepare countries to implement the upcoming new WHO policy guidelines on MDR-TB treatment which will be released later this year. WHO is also establishing a multi-stakeholder Task Force to coordinate support to national TB programmes in their rapid transition to the key changes envisaged.

Global Nursing Leadership Institute

The list of scholars accepted into the GNLI 2018 Policy programme is now available online [here](#). We look forward to welcoming participants from Australia, Canada, Gambia, Germany, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Mexico, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Taiwan, UK and USA. The GNLI



faculty includes: Professor Jane Salvage (GNLI 2018 Programme Director); Professor Diana Mason (GNLI 2018 Co-facilitator); Howard Catton (ICN Director of Nursing & Health Policy); Dr Isabelle Skinner (ICN CEO); Dr Alessandro Stievano (ICN Associate Director of Nursing & Health Policy); and guest speakers: Dame Christine Beasley and Dr Barbara Stilwell.

GNLI 2018 is a highly competitive five-month programme to support nursing leaders in building their political and policy competence. The programme comprises three modules:

- Module 1: Induction, 2 July – 7 September
- Module 2: Residential workshop, Geneva, 8-14 September
- Module 3: Implementation, 15 September – 30 November.

For more information on the programme or to make enquiries for 2019 click [here](#).

Leadership For Change

The second LFC training courses in **China**, sponsored by Johnson & Johnson and delivered by ICN in collaboration with the Chinese Nursing Association, were held 23-28 July. Workshops 1 and 2 of the ICN LFC Programme were delivered as a compressed programme over the course of six days. The programme welcomed 36 participants, including 23 senior level Directors and Associate Directors of Nursing from 12 provinces in China, and 13 mid-level managers who recently completed all three workshops of the LFC programme. The 13 mid-level managers were in attendance to gain additional experience with the programme and serve as facilitators for group activities. The senior level attendees enabled the programme to be delivered at a rapid pace. The participants formed into teams and developed plans for LFC projects including:

- Promotion of patient safety: Prevention of patient falls
- Development of a plan to establish and promote a nurse managed clinic in China
- Improving diabetes mellitus management among pregnant women through a digital education programme
- Improving leadership and management competencies of nurse managers
- Improving medication safety of inpatients in four hospitals in Shanxi and Qinghai Provinces
- Improvement of patient safety during transfer
- Improving nurse job satisfaction through changing job characteristics

The workshop was delivered by Kristine Qureshi, Associate Dean for Research & Director of Global Health University of Hawaii at Manoa, and supported by Alessandro Stievano, ICN Associate Director for Nursing and Health Policy and Marcia Petrini, Dean of Wihan University.

This cohort is expected to finish at the end of December. Thanks to our train the trainer model, training can now continue across the 12 provinces over the next two years helping many more nurses with their leadership for change journey.

Events News

10th ICN Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Conference

The 10th ICN Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Conference was held 26-29 August in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The three-day conference, attended by 1,500 delegates looked at nurses' leading role in the transformation of care, with a particular focus on universal health coverage, the Sustainable Development Goals and human resources for health. ICN was represented at the Conference by Annette Kennedy, ICN President who spoke at the opening ceremony; David Stewart, ICN Associate Director, Nursing and Health Policy, who spoke on the centrality of nursing's role in addressing global health challenges, and Professor



Thomas Kearns, ICN's Interim CEO, who spoke on expanding advanced nursing practice across the scope of mental health nursing. The next ICN NP/APN Conference will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada on 30 August – 2 September 2020. Find more information on the [NP/APN 2020 website](#).

Meeting of the Council of National Nursing Association Representatives, Singapore 25-27 June 2019

The ICN Board of Directors invites all NNAs to submit motions for discussion at the CNR meeting in Singapore, June 2019. The detailed process to suggest a motion was described in the May Update. Please send the proposed item to governance@icn.ch in one of ICN's three working languages before 25 September 2018. Please ensure the subject of the proposed motion is clearly defined, with the rationale for a change provided. The motion must be supported by at least by one other NNA, evidenced by the signatures of the President of the proposing NNA. Please note that an NNA submitting any item to the CNR agenda should be in a good standing.

ICN Congress 2019 Singapore 27 June – 1 July 2019

The abstract submission and registration system will open on 1 September 2018. You can find more information on [Congress webpage](#).

Awards

Please send us your nominations for the [Kim Mo Im Policy Innovation and Impact Award](#) by 30 September 2018. To access the brochures and nomination forms please go to our website or email governance@icn.ch for more information. See reminders section below.

Upcoming Events

25-27 September 2018: ICN Regional Conference in Abu Dhabi-Theme, Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Ensuring access to healthcare through leadership, innovation and collaborative practice

This inaugural regional conference will look at the major health issues and challenges in the region. Through plenary speakers, concurrent sessions and posters delegates will be able to hear about innovations in Nursing practice and models of care and the role of Nursing leadership as well network and share ideas with Nurses from across the region. Other key themes will include informatics and technology, disaster and emergency nursing, infection control and prevention, workforce development and education. To register for the ICN Regional Conference in Abu Dhabi, [click here](#).

30 November – 1 December Indian Nursing Council Conference – endorsed by ICN

ICN has officially endorsed the Indian Nursing Council's international conference with the theme: Nurses and Midwives for Universal Health Coverage. The event will kick off on Friday 30 November with a two day programme, followed by a one day leadership session, and will be followed by the ICN Executive Committee and Board meetings. Information on how to submit and abstract and how to register will be posted soon on the new ICN website.



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Members News

We welcome news from our Members to be shared with the whole ICN family. If you have something you would like to include in the next ICN Update, please send it to [Lindsey Williamson](mailto:Lindsey.Williamson@icn.ch).

Specialist Affiliate Member News

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Student News

We remind you that ICN has two student nurse interns, **Julián Vadell Martínez** and **Christian Strømnes** who are working with us to identify and connect with national student associations and student activists and will be considering the opportunities for increasing the student and novice nurse voice within ICN. They will also work closely to support the Nursing Now campaign and will be involved in the preparations for the 2019 Congress Student Assembly. If your student leaders would like to connect with Julian and Christian, please email [Marie Carrillo](mailto:Marie.Carrillo@icn.ch).

Reminders

1. IND 2019 Case Studies

Please provide the contact details of potential authors of relevant case studies for IND 2019 to [David Stewart](mailto:David.Stewart@icn.ch) by **20 September 2018**.

2. The Kim Mo Im Policy Innovation and Impact Award 2019

The award is granted every two years to a nurse who has demonstrated policy innovation and impact. It focuses on a key global issue of the time and ICN established strategy.

Submissions are open to nurses who are members of a national nurses' association (NNA) of good standing. Amongst other things the nominee must:

- Demonstrate an outstanding achievement and impact in nursing and/or health and public policy innovation regarding health care and/or education,
- The specific policy innovation must focus on a key global issue and be related to the established strategy of ICN,
- A group of two or three nurses who have collaborated on the same project may be nominated together as a group nominee.



For more information please check our [website](#). Completed forms must be received at ICN headquarters **by 30 September 2018!**

3. CNR 2019 Agenda

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