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International Federation of Perioperative Nurses

Dear Perioperative Colleagues worldwide,

I was a while ago since we send a web letter due to many circumstances as changing Executive Board members and also other positions as the web site task is. We are happy to come back to you with news from actions taken during autumn 2012 and this year 2013.



An IFPN informal meeting took place in San Diego, USA, on the 2nd of March pre congress of AORN. The meeting was possible to take place when the then AORN President Deb Spratt kindly offered space for the meeting and the IFPN group that were on spot in San Diego where able to come together and discuss ongoing issues. We thank deeply Deb Spratt for her valuable contribution and support.

Me and Bonnie McLeod Secretary IFPN (past president of ORNAC) have been very much involved with the planning of ORNAC/IFPN congress in Ottawa in April 21st -25th 2013. This collaboration was a great experience for all involved colleagues and particularly for our organizations, we can do fantastic things when we join forces also in this way! We are very much grateful to our Canadian colleagues who hosted the formal IFPN Board meeting on 23rd of April 2013, special thanks to immediate past ORNAC president Karen Frenette and the Board of Directors of ORNAC as also Bonnie McLeod, Secretary IFPN. After the official IFPN Board meeting we had an informal gathering with several international delegates, where we together brainstormed on how to develop future collaboration in between our organizations and what kind of activities they wish to happen on the global perioperative arena. These perspectives/ideas that have been shared with us, we will take into consideration and put them into the future strategies of IFPN. We also wish to show a sincere appreciation to all colleagues who generously gave from their visions and excellence. (continued on last page)

1st International Course on Implementation in Infection Control

28th – 29th November 2013

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Switzerland

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News from EORNA

EORNA is the European Operating Room Nurses association.

A non-profit organization representing 28 member associations our members may be from any of the areas for Europe as indicated on the WHO regional world Health map. In the last year Russia, RNA have joined EORNA. As well as IFPN, EORNA are members or have collaborations with many other organizations including the following: CEN,ESNO,EU OSH ,Aseptic Forum, EDANA.



Caroline Higgins EORNA
President

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EORNA Congress was held in Lisbon Portugal in April 2012. This was a highly successful event, with great educational and networking opportunities. The IFPN Board of Directors meeting was hosted by EORNA at this event and there was a large international contingent present. IFPN also had an educational strand.

EORNA have worked with an EU project and hope to launch this key skills management program this year. It will be known as EORNAKSM

European Perioperative Nursing day continues each February, this year's theme is 'Perioperative Nursing- A Humane Profession' We promote the values of compassion and empathy among others in the care of the clients we serve and towards all our healthcare colleagues.

Recently we have been informing our members re the imminent introduction of the EU Sharps directive- promoting safety for patients and staff.

Currently we are working with ESNO and lobbying MEPs in relation to the proposed change to Directive 2005/36/EU in relation to Professional Qualifications. Minimum education entry currently stands at 12 years they wish to change it to 10 year.

EORNA ACE Accreditation system is evolving fast in recent times and is now a valued recognition mechanism.

May 2013 sees EORNA in conjunction with ANSELL launch an e-learning safety program to co inside with the EU sharps Directive launch.

This is just a snapshot of EORNA current activities. We continue to endeavour to enhance patient care and their perioperative experience and also to provide platforms for our members. We are also pro- active on staff welfare, continuing education and professional development. The next EORNA Congress will be held in the beautiful city of Rome, Italy 2015 May 8th - 10th, We hope to see of many of you as possible!

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- We are represented on ESCO (European competency framework-) by Christine Williem (AFISO)
- We hope shortly to do another survey on the current compliance and work in relation to the WHO Safety Check List throughout our member countries
- EORNA are assisting our UK colleague Sue Lord with her research project, looking at the various non nursing staff employed in the perioperative setting in Europe. We hope this will assist us in our missions and develop a clear understanding of the work undertaken at the cold face of surgery by our members
- We are represented on a French multidisciplinary research project by Sandra Morton (INMO)
- EORNA is represented at most international Congresses. Liz Waters Ireland also attended the first Saudi Arabia Congress in March.
- EORNA support innovation and encouragement of the next generation of perioperative nurses in terms of Progress planning. Currently and indeed over the last 9 years we have supported actively our Spanish colleagues on the 'Kirozainbide project' Ref: www.kirozainbide.com

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IFPN Report on ORNAC National & International Conference

Submitted by: Irini Antoniadou, RN, CNOR, BSN, MEd, RNT, President of IFPN.

An incredibly nice and well-organized international conference was hosted by the Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC) in collaboration with International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN) in Ottawa from April 21-25, 2013. This is something we, as perioperative nurses, can be very proud of. The shared experiences from this event promoted the future continuation of joint international efforts. Around 1200 delegates, from 16 countries, attended the event and there were several opportunities to meet up and exchange ideas, experiences, and visions. We are pleased to be able to share some feedback from just a few of the IFPN representatives who participated in the Conference.

Having the opportunity to be involved in the collaborative planning of the conference, with my Canadian colleagues, was very enjoyable, enriching and illuminating. Our various experiences and perspectives allowed us to support one another, find solutions, and work toward the common goal of a successful and educational event. I felt privileged and profoundly delighted to be part of ORNAC's celebration of its 30th Anniversary. Congratulations to you all! The participation of the IFPN member countries was very positive, strengthening our attempts to get closer to achieving the international federation's goal of global collaboration. Together we can create positive change for the benefit of both the patient and our own professional development. To achieve this, and other visions we share, we need to continue the challenging work of developing IFPN into a strong and modern organization.

Irini Antoniadou, President of the International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN).

The opportunity to network with international colleagues at the ORNAC/IFPN Conference was very exciting. Sharing experiences and strategically planning for opportunities for ongoing collaboration provides support for our common goals around patient and staff advocacy. Unity of OR nurses' efforts, demonstrated in an organized forum, positions us for future success. Our hosts were very gracious and the celebration of Canadian heritage night was so entertaining. I also got to experience a professional hockey game during my visit!

Rosie Schroeder, President of Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN).

I was very privileged to be in attendance at the ORNAC 23rd National & International Conference with IFPN held in Ottawa in April. I found Ottawa to be a lovely city with very hospitable people. There was some disappointment expressed by the organizers about the lack of spring flowers along the beautiful Ottawa River bank and walkway. There was no need for such concern as their warmth and welcome more than compensated for the lack of flowers! The spectacular convention centre was an excellent and spacious venue. The creed of the Convention centre is to support 'inspired people creating extraordinary events'. Between the venue team and ORNAC they sure were successful on this occasion. It was a special milestone for ORNAC as they celebrated their 30th anniversary and there was a celebratory mood throughout. It was a wonderful experience to see many of ORNAC's former Presidents in attendance and given due recognition for their contribution to the development of this vibrant organization. The education program was very varied and informative. There were many excellent speakers including Dr. Dave Williams, who is also an astronaut, who spoke about Risk Management. The healthcare partners in industry provided a good exhibition and workshops. I was delighted to partake in a debate with other IFPN members on safety issues. It was a good debate and I think in future it would be great to have even more time to debate this topic and get more input from the very interested delegates.

Caroline Higgins, President of European Operating Room Nurses Association (EORNA).

During the ORNAC Conference there was a renewed effort by IFPN to begin revising its strategic priorities with input from member and non-member nations. As the world, and the community of perioperative nursing, quickly evolves IFPN's strategic plan must remain relevant to meet the needs of our perioperative nurses and associations from around the globe. IFPN continues to be the voice of perioperative nurses on the global stage in Geneva and around the world.

Patrick Voight IFPN ambassador/Task Force Group.

It was indeed a memorable experience to attend the ORNAC/IFPN joint conference along with my ASIORNA colleagues from Korea and Malaysia. I was much privileged to share my study with global colleagues and to experience the Canadian culture night and the celebration of ORNAC's 30th Anniversary. I enjoyed meeting many of ORNAC past Presidents and my global perioperative colleagues. During the IFPN meeting we networked actively and discussed our current imminent issues. I feel that we all are one perioperative family and need to foster and strengthen our voice through IFPN. Sincere thanks to ORNAC and IFPN for this successful conference and a job well done. I hope that we have more chances to get together in the future.

Kesook Yoon, President of Asian Perioperative Nurses Association (ASIORNA) and representative of Korean Association of Operating Room Nurses (KAORN).

I was very privileged to represent the Perioperative Nurses from Papua New Guinea at this conference. I have been fortunate to attend a number of ORNAC Conferences in the past and they keep getting better and better! This is the first time an IFPN member organisation has partnered with IFPN to host a National/International Conference and I hope this will be the footprint for future collaboration between IFPN and Member countries. I look forward to being a part of the exciting challenges and changes discussed at the IFPN Strategic Forum that was planned by the Executives of IFPN and facilitated by Patrick Voight. There were many highlights in this conference (catching up with friends being high on the list) but the ORNAC 30th birthday celebration, and acknowledgement of the many past Presidents in attendance, was significant. ORNAC, as an organisation has been able to remember the past, with pride, and incoming President and Executive are able to build on the legacy – Past, Present and the Future of ORNAC. Congratulations and thank you ORNAC and IFPN.

Phyllis Davis IFPN Ambassador, Papua New Guinea.

I was fortunate to represent ACORN and the Australian Perioperative nurses at the ORNAC/ IFPN Conference where ORNAC celebrated its 30th birthday in the beautiful city of Ottawa. This was an opportunity to network with many other countries represented. I too look forward to more IFPN strategic challenges as discussed at the forum planned by the Executives of IFPN and facilitated by Patrick Voight. The hospitality of the ORNAC Executive was amazing and very much appreciated by myself and the other Australian attendees. I participated in the panel debate on the topic of Patient Safety - The use of the Surgical Safety Checklist and found this discussion to be interesting and believe that interactive panel discussions could be of benefit to other member countries. Congratulations to all the planning committee and I hope this is the first of many more meetings between member countries.

Ruth Melville President of Australian College of Operating Room Nurses (ACORN).

ORNAC National Conference in Collaboration with IFPN

From April 21st to 25th, 2013, ORNAC hosted its 23rd national conference in Ottawa in collaboration with IFPN. The event was a tremendous success drawing in about 1200 delegates and 200 vendors.

The educational program was robust and covered a wide variety of topics and included a number of international speakers presenting on subjects ranging from surgical safety, organ procurement, simulation in the operating room and cultural diversity. The social program included events such as dining out in Ottawa, an amazing race around the city and a cultural night highlighting the foods of each province.

ORNAC celebrated its 30th anniversary during the conference and the occasion was marked by the attendance and recognition of many ORNAC Past Presidents. It was an opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the volunteers who have helped ORNAC grow over the past 30 years.



ORNAC



ORNAC Strategic Plan

In 2010, ORNAC began a strategic plan aimed at increasing membership and ensuring sustainability of the association. With these objectives in mind, the Board of 28 members began the task of changing the Board structure, reviewing the association's bylaws and simultaneously improving its business practices.

Today, the bylaws have been updated and the Board consists of 17 members. Board membership includes the Executive team, a representative from each province and a seat for Leadership, Advanced Practice and Education. Phase 1 of the strategic plan is complete. While ORNAC carries out implementing the changes required to align with the new bylaws, Phase 2 of the strategic plan is being discussed.

The next phase will strengthen the work of the pillars: National Conference Planning; Advocacy; Marketing; Research and Informatics; and Professional Practice. Work within these pillars includes expanding services offered to our perioperative nurses, deepening the collaboration with other health care providers such as the Canadian Anesthesiologists' Society, the Canadian Nurses' Association, the Canadian Standards Association and the Canadian Medical Association as well as encouraging involvement of our members in the work of ORNAC.

Next Steps

ORNAC will focus on the transition from provincial to individual membership. Historically, ORNAC has consisted of representatives from its 10 member provinces.

Later this year, ORNAC will begin a membership drive aimed at all perioperative registered nurses. Non perioperative registered nurses will be able to join ORNAC as associates.

The Pillars will be activated to begin projects and the Board will update the association's policies and procedures.



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EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS—CELEBRATE MILESTONES

**September 2013 marked the celebration of 40
years for the
Perioperative Nurses College,
New Zealand Nurses Organisation (N.Z.N.O.),
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**Theatre Managers and Educators Conference
2014 (TMEC) Risk or Risky Management,
Intercontinental Hotel Wellington,
20th-22nd March 2014, www.tmec.co.nz**

**March 29 - April 2, 2014 Chicago, IL
March 7-12, 2015 Denver, CO
April 2-7, 2016 Anaheim, CA
April 1-6, 2017 Boston, MA
March 24-29, 2018 New Orleans, LA**



**ORNAC celebrated their thirty year anniversary in April 2013.
Congratulations!!**

SIAST develops app for nursing students

New tool helps students learn about surgical instruments

September 25, 2013 – SIAST Nursing students specializing in surgery now have a new tool that will give them something no textbook can provide: audio pronunciation, accessible on any smartphone.

“Many surgical instruments are named after the person who invented them, sometimes

making pronunciation a challenge for students. A Canadian-specific pronunciation guide is a key feature of InstruMentor™,” says Eli Ahlquist, program head, Perioperative Nursing.

The mobile application was created by Nursing faculty in collaboration with SIAST’s Learning Technologies division to help students in an online course on surgical instruments. In addition to audio, the app includes authentic presentation of instruments and their assembly.

Graduates moving into a clinical setting should have no difficulty in recognizing the tools in their intended contexts, says Ahlquist. The Nursing faculty who developed the app have also shared it with surgeons at the Regina General Hospital, who are encouraging medical students to use it.

“I highly recommend the InstruMentor App for students and practising nurses alike,” says Lynann Bedard, a Perioperative Nursing/RN student. Bedard describes the tool as an “invaluable resource.”

The Perioperative Nursing/RN program is an advanced certificate program of interest to registered nurses who work in the operating room and want to increase their expertise, or for those who want to pursue a career in perioperative nursing. For more information, visit www.goSIAST.com/Nursing.

SIAST is Saskatchewan’s primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training. A member of Polytechnics Canada, SIAST’s programs include apprenticeship training, certificates, diplomas and degrees. The institution serves 26,000 distinct students through campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities.

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The cooperation between ORNAC/IFPN resulted also to a joint IFPN article in the journal of ORNAC, present IFPN Board members and Ambassadors expressed their perspectives on this collaboration and exchange of knowledge. My gratitude to you all who contributed in this piece of work!

During May 2013 at the ICN meeting in Australia IFPN was presented by President of ACORN Ruth Melville. On that event new countries nursing organizations became members such as Palestine and China. We wish to congratulate our Palestinian and Chinese colleagues as also ICN for this achievement. Great to become even more, gives us all more scenes for exchange!!

Continuing efforts are constant as for developing contacts with more perioperative nursing associations. Countries that IFPN has been visible the past year are Russia (October 2012), Greece (November 2012), USA and Saudi Arabia (March 2013) where I have been invited to present IFPN and speak at their national conference activities. My gratitude to you all, given me the opportunity in presenting IFPN at your national events. Many impressive ideas has been forwarded from members, potential future member associations and possible future partners regarding in finding platforms on global level for education, standards of practice, exchange of knowledge and expertise within the member associations, extended collaborative activities in regions outside IFPN etc. etc. These ideas among other issues, have occupied the Executives during the past year in finding ways of partnerships that can be valuable and beneficial for the perioperative nurses We will continue this work together with our member organizations and other partners. Wish you all the strength you are in need to influence the development of political strategies within the healthcare systems you are part of and for achieving goals and visions that are important to us as perioperative nurses and the patients we care for.

Sincerely,

Irini Antoniadou

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