



International Federation of Perioperative Nurses

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Welcome

Welcome to the Spring 2015 edition of the IFPN newsletter.

As Chair of the Perioperative Nurses College of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation (PNC,^{NZNO}) it was a pleasure hosting the IFPN Board in Queenstown, New Zealand from October 16-18, 2014. As a first-time participant at an IFPN Board meeting, I felt immediately welcomed and I knew my biggest challenge was trying to refrain from over-committing. When you are in the presence of global Perioperative Nursing leaders, you find yourself drawn into positive collegial debates and before you know it you are fully engaged in undertaking IFPN activities.

Hence I found myself volunteering to coordinate this IFPN newsletter. It has given me a new appreciation of the tremendous work undertaken by nurses on editorial committees. I am grateful to Michael Esdaile from Advantage Publishing New Zealand, who volunteered his time and expertise to format this newsletter, along with artist Sally Petersen.

This newsletter has been approved by the IFPN Board for uploading on the IFPN website.

– Fiona Unaç, PNC,^{NZNO} Chair

President's message

Uppsala, Sweden, April 13, 2015

On May 10, 2015, Irini Antoniadou will be stepping down as IFPN President, ending her three year term. The full 'President's Message April 2014' is posted on the IFPN website. This condensed message provides an opportunity for President Antoniadou to provide an overview of recent IFPN activities, to thank colleagues and share her vision for global collaboration.

Honorable International Perioperative Colleagues

IFPN has continued making efforts for developing the Federation, making the bonds between the member associations stronger, opening up to collaboration with both old as well as new partners and other Perioperative Nurses' associations around our globe.

I wish to share some of the IFPN activities that have taken place during 2014-2015:



- Informal urgent IFPN meeting March 29, 2014 at the AORN Convention in Chicago to agree on the voting procedure for the next executives;
- At AORN; Chicago, March 29- 31, 2014, I was invited speaker-representing IFPN, at the Fifth Annual International Summit, with the theme “*Perioperative Innovations Unite a Global community*”;
- Attended EORNA Board meeting in Stockholm, Sweden, on May 9, 2014 – invited by Caroline Higgins, EORNA President to present IFPN activities from April 2012 (Lisbon meeting) to present time;
- Attended the Global Infection Control study group, OASIS (previous name ISIS) conference on June 3-4, 2014 in Vienna, Austria. IFPN is now an OASIS Global partner;
- Attended the AfPP 50th anniversary in York from August 15-17, 2014. IFPN informal gathering for IFPN Board members who were attending the AfPP celebrations;
- Attended as key note speaker at the ASIORNA conference on October 9-11, 2014 in Fukuoka, Japan;
- Formal IFPN Board meeting in Queenstown, New Zealand, October 16, 2014, hosted by Ms. Fiona Unaç President of PNC,^{NZNO}. Ms. Sue Lord, AfPP President and Chair of the Nominated Committee, announced the results of the voting for the new executives;
- GORNA-Greece voted in as full member at Formal Board meeting in Queenstown. Interest in membership shown from Ghana, China and Singapore;
- Attended SEORNA (Swedish Operating Room Nurses Association) 50th anniversary November 27, 2014, Stockholm, Sweden. Invited to present IFPN;
- Informal IFPN gathering March 8, 2015 in conjunction to AORN Congress in Denver, USA;

- Attended Singaporean OR Nurses annual conference as invited keynote speaker, March 21, 2015.

On behalf of IFPN and Executives, I wish to extend our thanks to all colleagues of IFPN and all partners for the great collaboration we have, with special gratitude towards the PNC,^{NZNO} colleagues for the huge welcome in Queenstown, New Zealand, where we were greeted in a special traditional way in accordance with the Maori culture. Such a fantastic experience. Thank you all!

My gratitude also to the colleagues of ASIORNA, JONA (Japan), KAORN (South Korea), the ORN Chapter of Singapore and the Committee of Perioperative Operating Room Nurses of China for the networking we have had and the willingness you

showed in coming together with IFPN.

My time as IFPN President is coming to an end. My gratitude to you all for opening your doors and windows towards IFPN and me, inviting to share a task, a moment, an idea, a vision and a dream about future best Perioperative Nursing and care!

A special Thank You to my closest collaborator: IFPN Secretary Ms. Bonnie McLeod. We made it together, pulling our strengths jointly for the best interest of IFPN and our profession. I feel very proud of what I learned from you!

My best wishes to the next IFPN Executive group and all future Board Members!

Sincerely Yours,

– Irimi Antoniadou IFPN President (April 2012- May 2015)

IFPN EXECUTIVE



*Irimi Antoniadou
Sweden, President*



*Bonnie McLeod
Canada, Secretary*



*Patrick Voight
United States, Treasurer*



*Ruth Melville
Australia, President-Elect*

Welcome from New Zealand

The Perioperative Nurses College of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation welcomes IFPN Board - **Queenstown, October 16-18, 2014**

At the official of the opening of the 41st annual Conference of the Perioperative Nurses College of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation (PNC,^{NZNO}), delegates were welcomed into the conference venue with a mihi whakatau in accordance with Māori protocol. The mihi whakatau brings the host and the visitors together under a blessing of wellbeing and unity.

Out of respect for the IFPN Board, the Perioperative Nurses

College dedicated the opening plenary session to showcase the work of IFPN. President Antoniadou shared IFPN's vision, then introduced Bonnie McLeod, IFPN secretary, Patrick Voight, IFPN Treasurer, Phyllis Davie, IFPN Ambassador and the other IFPN Board members.

Following President Antoniadou's opening address and introductions, Professor Marion Jones was invited to Chair the



Left to right: Networking on the 'Mystery Tour'. Travelling to the PNC,^{NZNO}/IFPN 2015 Gala Dinner, Queenstown-style. IPFN/PNC,^{NZNO} and Phyllis, Sue and Eunice enjoying New Zealand hospitality.



From left to right: Bonnie McLeod (IFPN Secretary), Prof Marion Jones (IFPN Founding Member), Phyllis Davis (IFPN Ambassador), Patrick Voight (IFPN Treasurer), Irini Antoniadou (IFPN President), Dr Victoria Steedman (ACORN), Fiona Unaç (PNC,^{NZNO}), Eunice Liam (PNGPNS), Ruth Melville (ACORN); Rupinder Khotar (ORNAC) and Sue Lloyd (AfPP).

Thoughts on hosting the PNC,^{NZNO} / IFPN Conference

The 2014 PNC,^{NZNO} / IFPN Conference “Our knowledge ... your power” held in Queenstown in October 2014 was exciting for us to organise, particularly as we also had the privilege of hosting the IFPN Board and members.

We enjoyed the opportunity to showcase the knowledge, experience and leadership skills from our IFPN colleagues to our own National PNC delegates, particularly having IFPN Board members inspire us with the ‘panel session.’ They shared their individual experiences and answered a variety of questions in relation to current issues nurses in New Zealand face and how these issues were managed in their own countries.

We were also inspired hearing IFPN Board and committee members speak at individual sessions on topics they are passionate about.

As co-convenors we were very excited to organize a Mystery Tour for the IFPN delegation and invited PNC,^{NZNO} leaders to be able to share their knowledge and experience on an informal basis whilst being shown the sights of our beautiful region.

We would like to thank the IFPN Board and Committee members for coming to Queenstown, New Zealand and being part of the 2014 PNC,^{NZNO} Conference. It was a privilege to meet you and hopefully we will see you here again in the future.

– Kim Snoep and Kara Roderick-Wandless, Co-convenors 2014 PNC/IFPN Conference – Queenstown New Zealand

IFPN panel discussion. Professor Jones represented New Zealand on the inaugural IFPN Board and provided an insightful historical perspective of IFPN founding principles and vision.

The IFPN panel included:

- Irini Antoniadou, President, IFPN;
- Fiona Unaç, Chair, Perioperative Nurses College, New Zealand;
- Dr Victoria Steedman, President, AORN, USA;
- Eunice Liam, President, PNGPN, Papua New Guinea;
- Ruth Melville, President, ACORN, Australia, and IFPN President-Elect;
- Rupinder Khotar, President, ORNAC, Canada, and Incoming IFPN Secretary;
- Sue Lloyd, President, AfPP, United Kingdom.

During the panel discussion, each panellist gave a five minute overview of their college or association, discussed political influences affecting Perioperative Nursing in their country and membership diversity. This was followed by questions from the floor. These ranged from recruitment and retention, nursing skill mix, access to education and training and how Perioperative Nurses have a voice in shaping future healthcare.

Reflections of a Panellist

“I have attended or participated on many panel discussions. The IFPN panel discussion in New Zealand was one of the best. Each panellist was well prepared and given equal opportunity to respond. I particularly liked the inclusive nature of having conference delegates asking questions from the floor. There was a real sense of connection amongst the panellist as well as with the audience”.

– Dr Victoria Steedman, AORN President

IFPN Session, EORNA, Rome Italy, May 2015

The IFPN Board appreciates the opportunity to promote IFPN and share IFPN's vision during the EORNA Congress in Rome May 7-10, 2015. The IFPN Board would like to thank EORNA President Caroline Higgins, Board of Directors and Organising Committee for their invitation to host the IFPN Board.

Building upon the success of the 'IFPN session' at the Perioperative Nurses College Conference in Queenstown, New Zealand in 2014, the IFPN Board is again planning a collaboration approach, for the EORNA 'IFPN session'.

Initially IFPN was considering have four presenters during the 'IFPN session'. However, the IFPN board agreed that this model did not capture the essence of IFPN and global collaboration. So

instead, the IFPN board agreed to submit a single IFPN abstract and have an inclusive approach with as many IFPN board members and IFPN ambassadors contributing. The IFPN Board looks forward to sharing who we are, what we stand for, and what we do.

The IFPN session will have an opening address by IFPN President Irini Antoniadou, with each of the IFPN executives speaking as well as IFPN Board and Ambassador representatives.

Topics will cover the strategic plan of IFPN in the future, evidence-based practice and application of research, collaborative networking, safe surgery and leadership. The closing address will be delivered by IFPN President-Elect Ruth Melville. There will also be an opportunity for congress delegates to ask questions.



Perioperative Nursing Being Heard and Having Influence



International Level

At the highest level of nursing, Perioperative Nurses have an international voice. IFPN is an affiliate of the International Council of Nurses (ICN); a federation of more than 130 national nurses' associations representing millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

Regional/National Level

As a member organisation or member country of IFPN, we have a shared mission to support Perioperative Nurses internationally to improve patient care by promoting evidence-based, best practice.

Each of our member organisation or member countries influence health policy/health delivery at a regional and national level. There are numerous examples to draw from, with the examples provided only a small list of some of the organisations that IFPN members are affiliated or collaborate with.

Examples include:

- ACORN (Australia) – Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care; ASIORNA;
- AfPP (United Kingdom) – Department of Health UK;

Perioperative Care Collaborative; Medical Royal Colleges; EORNA;

- AORN (United States) – American Nurse Association; Safety America;
- EORNA (Europe) – European Committee for Standardization (CEN) Product Standardisation Board, European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO), The European Occupational Health and Safety Authority (EU OSH);
- GORNA (Greece) – World Forum for Hospital Sterile Supply (WFHSS), EORNA;
- PNC,^{NZNO} (New Zealand) – Health Quality & Safety Commission (HQ&SC), Ministry of Health of New Zealand (MoH).

Individual Level

Some of the core benefits for every Perioperative Nurse who joins a professional nursing organisation is having access to best practice standards, educational resources and networking opportunities. Through affiliation with Perioperative Nursing organisations, nurses are empowered to speak up and speak out on patient safety and nursing issues in their work settings.

OASIS Global Forges Partnership with IFPN

OASIS Global, founded in 2011, is an international group of thought-leading surgeons, infectious disease physicians, infection control professionals, and other health care practitioners committed to bringing simple surgical care practices to low and middle income countries. The international network of OASIS Global expands to 13 countries and representatives from five different continents.



Current partners include:

- The World Health Organization (WHO);
- Infection Control Network Africa (ICAN);
- Surgical Infection Society- Europe (SIS-E);
- International Federation of Infection Control (IFIC);
- The International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN).

OASIS Global is committed to a two- year collaboration with the World Health Organization to develop guidelines regarding a standard of care that will aim to reduce surgical site infection in low and middle income countries, as well as high income countries. The goal of the guidelines is to focus on techniques that can easily be implemented in a resource-limited country as well as in a hospital in the United States. The guideline will be complete in June 2015.

OASIS Global is also seeking to identify, understand and implement strategies to reduce infection rates during Caesarean sections, through a pilot programme launched in Thika, Kenya. By December 2015, OASIS Global hopes to have four centres (16 hospitals) enrolled in the surveillance project. This project, known as the Lucinda Project, addresses a critical need to accurately measure the medical and social consequences of this catastrophic disease in a critical population, young mothers and their children. The underlying philosophy of the Lucinda Project is that “Regardless of race, colour, social status or country of origin, a mother is a mother. Every mother, regardless of location, has the universal right to safely bring her child into the world”.

For further information go to: <http://www.oasis.global>

International Council on Surgical Plume

New Determination to Rid the World's Operating Environments of Smoke Plume

As stated in the 2005, Joint Position Statement: Occupational Danger for Perioperative Nurses, “*The International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN) and The European Operating Room Nurses Association (EORNA) wish to express in the strongest possible language the continuing occupational danger which nurses suffer when exposed to blood borne viruses without personal protection. EORNA and IFPN believe it is the fundamental right of every healthcare worker to be protected from potential danger whilst they are at work.*”

Ten years on, whilst some inroads have been made, there is still much work to be done.

A new non- profit council has recently formed with a mission to finally rid the world's operating environments of surgical smoke plume once and for all. With the participation of key clinical stakeholders, clinician based organizations, industry partners, and standard-setting bodies, this new consensus body is known as the International Council on Surgical Plume (ICSP). The charter of this Council is to provide education, aid in the



creation of new clinical studies, drive regulatory reform, and advocate enforcement of existing mandates related to surgical plume throughout the world (Excerpt from ICSP press release, 2015).

Along with expert health professionals, nursing is well represented on the ICSP Board of Directors and Clinical Advisory Committee, including IFPN's current secretary, Bonnie McLeod.

To learn more about the ICSP visit: www.plumecouncil.com.

Cross-national study on negative intraoperative behaviours

As posted on the IFPN website www.ifpn.co.uk Perioperative Nurses are invited to participate in a cross-national study on negative intraoperative behaviours. The Intraoperative Behaviours Study Group has provided this background introduction and study link.

Dear Colleagues,

Teamwork has been shown to be an important predictor of surgical outcomes. Communication between team members is recognized as an essential skill in the promoting teamwork and the culture of safety. The impact of different behaviors on teamwork has been not been well studied in the perioperative period.

Researchers at the University of Manitoba and collaborating institutions (University of British Columbia, University of Washington at St. Louis, and the University of Michigan) invite you to complete a survey regarding intraoperative behaviors of various professionals, including anesthesiologists, nurses, surgeons, and operating room technicians.

Please find the survey at the following link:

www.fluidsurveys.com/s/ibs/

If you complete the survey, you will be entered in a draw to win a MACBOOK PRO.

Thanks for your assistance with this project. If you have questions please contact: Divya Parveen B.Sc., Department of Anesthesia, University of Manitoba. E-mail: dparveen@sbgh.mb.ca

– from The Intraoperative Behaviors Study Group, University of Manitoba and collaborating institution

IFPN Member News

News from ORNAC



The Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC) was officially formed in 1983 and is managed by volunteers who give their time to promote educational programmes and high standards of operating room nursing practice. ORNAC has more 3500 members and is an Associate member of the Canadian Nursing Association (CNA).

Membership

Historically, the provinces of Canada were members of ORNAC, meaning only provincial President and President-Elect were members of the Association. Now all Perioperative =Nurses and associates within the perioperative environment, such as medical device reprocessing staff and the industry representatives in the

In this IFPN newsletter, there are news updates from ORNAC (Canada), AORN (United States), EORNA (Europe) and PNC,^{NZNO} (New Zealand).

The IFPN Board looks forward to sharing news from KAORN (South Korea), JONA (JAPAN), AfPP (UK), SOBECC (Brazil), PNGPNS (Papua New Guinea), GORNA (Greece), ZOTNIG (Zambia) as well as from IFPN ambassadors in future IFPN newsletters.

vendor community, may become members of ORNAC.

There are major changes around governance, including a new structure and process for Board service, membership model, reporting to membership and updating the treasury. In May 2014, ORNAC hosted its first annual general meeting under the new governance model.

Perioperative Nurses Week

The Perioperative Nurses Week was celebrated on November 10-14, 2014. The theme, Excellence. Every Patient. Every Time is beautifully represented in the winning three minute video by Esther Eng and Ann Chang. To view this video go to the EORNA website www.ornac.ca and click on the Perioperative Nurses Week

Contest link on the home page.

ORNAC National Conference

The ORNAC national conference will be held in Edmonton, Alberta from May 3-7, 2015. The conference theme is Bridging Excellence in Perioperative Practice.

Subsequent conference sites are Niagara in 2017, and Halifax in 2019.

Strategic Plan – three year vision

ORNAC conducted a strategic planning session in November 2014. Input into the ORNAC's next three year strategic direction was sought from the Canadian Anesthesiologist Society, the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Nurses Association, the National Exhibitors Advisory Council and patient representatives.

– *Rupinder Khotar, President, ORNAC*

News from AORN



Dr Victoria Steelman, AORN President 2014 and Renae Battié 2015 President

The Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses current name was adopted in 1999 with its origins created in New York in 1954. AORN has more than 44,000 members primarily based in the United States, but also includes international members.

Annual Meeting

The 62nd AORN Surgical Conference & Expo is scheduled for Denver, Colorado May 7-11, 2015. The theme is Pursuit of Excellence. The theme reflects the enhanced awareness of the importance of incorporating evidence-based research into nursing practice with a commitment for life-long learning. The congress had 4000 nurse delegates registered, along with 4000 exhibitors. The IFPN Board appreciates AORN's generosity in providing a meeting room for IFPN to have an informal meeting during the AORN, Denver Convention.

The upcoming AORN Surgical Conference & Expo will be held in Anaheim, California April 2-5, 2016.

Membership Survey

Every three years AORN contracts an external firm to conduct a membership needs assessment. Based on the responses (2448) from both members and non-members AORN is focusing on four

key initiatives.

- Redesigning the website to ensure a seamless online user experience;
- Conducting a review of AORN membership value proposition;
- Developing a new online education gateway;
- Creating a new Recommendation Practices Team to ensure that AORN is on the cutting edge with tools to help implement the Recommended Practices.

Guidelines for Perioperative Practice

AORN has changed the title of its Perioperative Recommended Practices to Guidelines for Perioperative Practice. AORN recommended practice documents are evidence-based, appraised and scored using the AORN Evidence Rating Model. This system approach enables AORN to meet the submission criteria and to be accepted by the National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC). Guidelines accepted by the NGC are nationally recognized by professions and accrediting and regulatory bodies. IFPN will be publishing a number of guidelines in 2015.

AORN Activities

AORN is currently undertaking a number of important initiatives. Some of these include:

- Developing/compiling a variety of resources to assist with care of patients at risk of Ebola;
- Engaging input from young members by establishing a position of 'young professional advisor' to the Board of Directors;
- Developing a template for multidisciplinary simulations and is in the process of developing simulations.

During the development of this newsletter, there was a change of office for the AORN President. The 2014 and 2015 Presidents are both acknowledged.

News from EORNA



The European Operating Room Nurses association (EORNA) is a non-profit organisation representing 28 member associations. The EORNA title was formally agreed in 1992 by European Perioperative Nursing organisations who had been collaborating for many years. EORNA members may be from any of the areas for Europe as indicated on the World Health Organization (WHO) regional world health map.

EORNA Congress 2015

The 7th EORNA Congress in Rome, Italy from May 7-10, 2015 is hosting the IFPN Board. Not only will there be a global perspective from the IFPN panel but there will also be oral and poster presentations from many corners of the perioperative world.

There will be a medical devices and equipment exhibition provided by industry partners, which will keep delegates up to date with technology changes and product advice. The industry will also host workshops in specific areas. There is an exciting social and cultural programme planned for delegates and accompanying partners to absorb the pure magic of the enchanting city of Rome.

An overview of the IFPN session can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

European Perioperative Nursing Day, 2015

The theme for the 2015 European Perioperative Nursing Day February 15, 2015 was 'Sharp safety begins with you'. The theme was aptly chosen in recognition of the recent launch of the EU Sharps Directive.

Kirozainbide Project

EORNA has been actively supporting the Kirozainbide Project for more than 10 years. The Kirozainbide Project was developed by Spanish colleagues in 2002. It is an interactive guide for Perioperative Nursing practice created and managed by nurses. The Kirozainbide Project was awarded the inaugural EORNA Award for Innovation in Perioperative Care. www.kirozainbide.com

EORNA Activities

EORNA is working on a number of projects. A snapshot of some of these activities includes:

- Launching an anti-bullying programme in the workplace;
- Launching EORNA Recommended Standard of Practice;
- On-going collation of items and articles for electronic newsletters with a longer term plan for a research magazine;
- Promoting the EORNA ACE Accreditation system;
- Assisting Sue Lord, UK colleague, with research on the various non-nursing roles in perioperative settings in Europe;
- Surveying compliance of the WHO Safety Check List throughout its member countries.

– Caroline Higgins, President, EORNA

News from PNC,^{NZNO}



The Perioperative Nurses College of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation (PNC,^{NZNO}) was established in 1973 and has approximately 1100 members. It is a nursing specialty group of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation which is the leading professional and industrial nursing organisation in New Zealand with more than 46,000 members.

PNC members work in a variety of settings including, but not limited to: outpatients, day surgery, intervention and investigative units, radiology, surgical inpatients, operating rooms and post anaesthetic care units.

PNC Activities

PNC is progressing a number of key projects and enhancing membership engagement. Some of these activities include:

- Endorsement of the PNC Knowledge & Skills Framework: Registered Nurses Assistant to the Anaesthetist;
- Endorsement of the updated PNC Registered Nurse First Surgical Assistant for Operating Theatres in New Zealand Service Guidelines;
- Developing a PNC Perioperative Nursing Knowledge & Skills Framework;
- On-going promotion of a 7Kg Surgical Crate Weight limit.

World War I Commemorations

April 25, 2015 is the 100th year anniversary of the ANZACs (Australian & New Zealand Army Corps) landing in Gallipoli, Turkey. As part of New Zealand's WWI commemorations, PNC is honouring its history and nursing heroes with articles in The Dissector, the official Journal of the PNC,^{NZNO}, and a special tribute at its national conference in September this year.

PNC National Conference

The PNC National Conference will be held in Palmerston North, from September 24-26 2015. The conference theme is Reflection and Action.

Subsequent conference sites are Dunedin in 2017, and Napier/Hastings in 2018.

– Fiona Unaç, Chair, PNC,^{NZNO}

Welcome GORNA

The Greek Operating Room Nurses Association (GORNA) has become the newest members of IFPN. Upon being accepted on to the IFPN Board, Ioannis Koutelekos, President and Efrosini Konellou, General Secretary replied:

“On behalf of the Executive Board of the Greek Operating Room Nurses Association, we feel very honoured and would like to thank you for accepting us as full member of the IFPN Board. We hope that we can and will contribute towards the improvement of quality in Perioperative Nursing, and also develop educational programmes that enhance Perioperative Nursing” (February, 2015).

GORNA was founded in 1987 and represents more than 1400 Perioperative Nurses throughout Greece. GORNA's members are nurses who work in operating rooms, central sterilization units and in anaesthesiology departments. GORNA is also a member of the European Operating Room Nurses Association and the World Forum for Hospital Sterile Supply.

Welcome GORNA, we are delighted to have you as a full member of the IFPN Board.

