

IFPN Newsletter

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International Federation of Perioperative Nurses

Welcome to the newsletter!

You were promised a newsletter every two months, and so here it is! I hope that you were able to circulate the previous edition widely around your Perioperative organization and your colleagues. We have not received any comments or any copy for this edition, so perhaps you will make a note that the next edition will be in May, and we shall be very pleased to have some news from you.

World Congress, Hong Kong 2003

August 17- 22

You will by now have heard the news that this conference has sadly had to have been cancelled for this year due to the world situation we find ourselves in at present.

Following AORN 03, it may be possible to identify when it is hoped that the next world conference may be held.

Extraordinary CNR meeting

An extra meeting of CNR will be held during the AORN Congress in Chicago. Date of the meeting is Tuesday, 25 March 2003, venue to be arranged. If you are expecting to be at the Congress, are not a member of IFPN but would like to attend the meeting to discover more, for the venue, or leave a message for Kate Woodhead or Sheila Allen at the International Room at Congress. Minutes of the CNR meeting will be available after the meeting.

4 Centre Research - Update

Researchers (IFPN members) in New Zealand, South Africa, UK and USA are investigating workplace relationships in the Perioperative setting.

The focus group meetings have taken place in each country and the data gathered has been sent to New Zealand to Marion Jones. She was the previous Treasurer of IFPN and is Associate Dean of the Auckland University of Technology. She is the research supervisor. Many thanks to all individual participants – we look forward to seeing the outcomes of the research.

A paper will be delivered at the European Operating Room Nurses Conference in April 2003 in Crete to identify global comparisons and contrasting themes.

New IFPN Members

We are always interested in hearing from organizations who would like more information about the current activities in IFPN and how membership may assist them in linking with ICN, with distribution and participation in developing standards, educational resource endorsement and other issues under review. Please email ifpn@natn.org.uk and your email will be forwarded to us. We look forward to hearing from you!

IFPN Guidelines

The published guidelines below are currently not available from the website as we are rather behind with the new website development. In addition, it is proving

difficult to provide on-line payment for small sums of money which will be necessary for our colleagues in developing nations, without IFPN losing money. We are still searching for a suitable solution.

“Surgical Hand Scrubbing in the Perioperative Setting”
“General Hand Washing in the Perioperative Setting” and
“ Skin Preparation of the surgical patient”.

These have been published with the generous support of an educational grant from Regent.

Further guidelines are being prepared currently on sterilization and decontamination, and the re-use of single use products. These will go to CNR for approval at the earliest opportunity.

ICN Congress, Marrakech, Morocco June 27-29

Building Excellence Through Evidence
Led by keynote speaker Dr Linda Aiken, prominent and provocative international experts will speak on pressing topics ranging from evidence, image and quality care through to HIV/AIDS and human resource issues.

Registering on line is now possible, together with further information on the conference programme.

www.icn.ch/maroc/2003conf.htm

International Nurses Day. May 12

Florence Nightingale’s birthday is celebrated each year by ICN as International Nurses Day. They focus attention on a particular theme. This year the topic is Fighting the Stigma of HIV/AIDS- Caring for All. National

Nursing Associations are given a tool kit of information and ideas of how to bring this to prominence, to raise awareness and bring the topic to the public’s attention. Discrimination and stigma from many areas in a society, impact heavily on people living with HIV/AIDS and may prevent them from accessing healthcare, causing a spiral of poverty and further despair.

IFPN at CNR Congresses

Discussions will shortly be taking place with members of ACORN the Australian College of Operating Room Nurses for a IFPN pre-conference Study Day in April 2004, Adelaide.

Website redevelopment

A shadow website is being developed to refresh the current IFPN website. Later in 2003 the new website will go live and will make global communication far easier. Access to minutes and documents will be available from www.ifpn.org.uk in a secure area. Newsletters will be posted and archived on the site.

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