

# WFCCN Newsletter

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## Esteemed WFCCN Service Recognition

Paul Fulbrook RN; PhD, MSc, PGDipEduc, BSc (Hons)

With this issue of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) E-News, we acknowledge the work of Prof Paul Fulbrook for his years of service as Editor of CONNECT, the journal of WFCCN.



Paul has worked in critical care nursing since 1986 in various clinical, educational, research, and professional roles. He qualified as an intensive care nurse in the UK and emigrated to Australia in late 2004. His current role is a joint appointment as Professor of Nursing with Australian Catholic University and Nursing Director Research at The Prince Charles Hospital in Brisbane, where he leads the Nursing Research and Practice Development Centre. His contribution to critical care nursing has been recognized formally via fellowships from the British Association of Critical Care Nurses and the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations; he was a founder member of the latter. Within the critical care context, he has published widely, has spoken at many international and national conferences, and is currently involved with several research projects in intensive care and emergency care. Paul is immediate past President of the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN), and has been a National Board member for seven years. He is the lead convenor and co-chair of the Scientific Committee for the 2016 WFCCN/ACCCN joint international conference, which will be held in Brisbane, Australia. He helped to establish the WFCCN and is now Editor Emeritus of *Connect: The World of Critical Care Nursing*. Paul was recognized with appointment as a WFCCN Ambassador at the WFCCN Turkey Congress in November, 2014 in Antalya. We thank him for his years of esteemed service!

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## CONNECT Co-Editor Appointments



We welcome Prof. Elizabeth D.E. Papathanassoglou, PhD, MSc, RN as the new Co-Editor of CONNECT. Elizabeth is a Professor of Critical Care Nursing and Head of the Masters Program in Advanced Practice at the Department of Nursing, Cyprus University of Technology. Her research interests combine basic science with the nursing management of acutely ill patients. She studies the pathophysiology of multiple organ dysfunction (MODS) and the modulation of pathophysiologic events by stress and psychological-cognitive nursing interventions. Additionally, she explores inter-professional collaboration, nursing autonomy, patients' rights, and the lived experience of critical care. She has a record of 90 publications in peer reviewed journals and her published work has received over 1,300 citations. Elizabeth was appointed as a WFCCN Ambassador at the WFCCN Turkey Congress in November, 2014 in Antalya.

Also appointed Co-Editor of CONNECT is Prof. Chair, who is the Director and Professor of the Nethersole School of Nursing in the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She was a Critical Care Registered Nurse with American Association of Critical Care till 2005 and an Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor for the American Heart Association since 1996. She has also been appointed as a Visiting Professor of Guangzhou Medical University at Guangzhou China, Central South University and Hunan Provincial People's Hospital at Hunan China.



As a distinguished scientist and author, Prof. Chair has published more than 190 articles in international referred journals and obtained 18 competitive grants in her 16 years academic career. In 2007, she was awarded the First Prize of Excellence in Acute & Critical Care Award from the British Journal of Cardiac Nursing & British Association of Nursing in Cardiac Care. In the same year, she also won the Master of Teaching Award at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Currently, she is serving on the editorial boards as Associate Board Member of Journal of Research in Nursing and Editorial Broad Member of the Asian Nursing Research. For recent years, Prof. Chair has been invited as a speaker in various conferences and seminars locally and internationally. Prof. Chair is also the Founder of the Hong Kong Cardiac Nursing Association and the President of Hong Kong College of Cardiac Nursing, one of the 14 Colleges in Provisional Hong Kong Academy of Nursing.

Both Prof. Chair and Prof. Papathanassoglou will be appointing new Editorial Board members to CONNECT. Opportunities to serve as a peer reviewer for CONNECT are also available. Expressions of interest should be sent to them directly at: [e.papathanassoglou@cut.ac.cy](mailto:e.papathanassoglou@cut.ac.cy) and [sychair@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:sychair@cuhk.edu.hk)

## About CONNECT

CONNECT is the official journal of WFCCN. It is an on-line nursing journal, available free of charge – via this web site - to all individual members of critical care associations and all others who are interested in critical care nursing - reaching an estimated 600,000 critical care nurses all over the world. The main purpose of CONNECT is to provide a forum for critical care nurses around the world to share good practice. It aims to be the voice of critical care nurses world-wide.



# WFCCN Turkey Congress, 2014



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HEMŞİRELERİ DERNEĞİ



The 10th Congress of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) was held in Antalya Turkey 13-15<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in conjunction with the 6th National Critical Care Nursing Congress of the Turkish Society of Critical Care Nurses, the 11th Congress of the Turkish Society of Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Medicine, and the 3rd Euro-Asian Critical Care Meeting.

The three-day Congress provided an opportunity for networking, sharing, discussion, and debate on critical care best practices. A number of oral sessions, poster presentations and a joint opening plenary session were included, representing the first joint Congress of the Turkish Society of Critical Care Nurses and the Turkish Society of Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Medicine. This issue acknowledges those representatives who presented an oral presentation, moderated or chaired a session, participated in the poster presentations and others who volunteered during the Congress to make the event a success. A special recognition is extended to Chairman Gülçin Bozkurt, the board, and members of the Turkish Society of Critical Care Nurses for their work in planning and hosting a most successful Congress!

## National Association of Nurse Intensivists of Nigeria (NANIN) Joint Meeting of Critical Care Stakeholders

The NANIN Critical Care WFCCN Meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014 with Nurse Intensivists from Nigeria and Ghana. Over 35 participants attended. A special thanks to Halima Kabara, WFCCN Country Member representative for Nigeria, for organizing a most successful meeting.



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## WFCCN e-book Project

The WFCCN e-book project is moving forward and a “thank you” is extended to all country members who are participating as chapter co-authors. The initial chapters will be debuted at the Seoul Congress in August, 2015 and will be posted on the WFCCN website.

- Overview of critical care nursing – back to the basics (Kathleen Vollman USA; Pang Ng Lan Singapore; Shelley Schmollgruber, South Africa)
- Acute stroke care (Anne Wojner Alexandrov USA; Marion Mitchell, Australia)
- Sepsis and shock (Ruth Kleinpell and Tom Ahrens; USA, Halima Kabara, Nigeria)
- Safety and quality in the ICU (Belle Rogado, Philippines; Adriano Frigonovic and Vedran Dumbrovic, Croatia)
- The role of ICU outreach and medical emergency teams (Ged Williams/Laura Alberto Argentina)
- Trauma management (Rich Arbour USA; Vida Bracko, Slovenia)
- Updates in management of liver failure (Lynn Kelso USA; Besey Ören, Turkey)
- Pediatric critical care concerns (Martha Curley, USA; Halima Kabara, Nigeria)
- Global critical care issues (Barbara McLean, USA, Gordon Speed, NZ)
- Patient and family centered care (Judy Davidson, USA; Kay Mitchell UK)
- Arrhythmia interpretation and emergency cardiac care (Sandra Goldsworthy, CA, David Waters, UK)
- Nurse sensitive outcome indicators (Esther Wong, Hong Kong; Judith Swan, NZ)

## WFCCN Ambassador Appointments

The WFCCN Honorary Ambassador distinction recognizes individuals, not eligible for Council membership, who are making outstanding contributions to critical care nursing and/or healthcare. Nominees demonstrate outstanding contributions to critical care nursing and/or healthcare at an international level including extraordinary leadership, innovative research, authorship of books, papers and other materials that have significant implications for critical care nursing and/or successful implementation of creative approaches to clinical practice, education, research, management or policy. Several new WFCCN Ambassador's were appointed at the WFCCN Turkey Congress.



Laura M Alberto, RN, BN, Esp. Ed., Master Ed., Dip. Com. Sc.

Ms. Alberto is an Argentinean nurse with qualifications in critical care, education and communication of science. She is a Quality and Research Nurse at Sanatorio de Alta Complejidad Sagrado Corazón in Buenos Aires, Argentina and an Adjunct Research Fellow with the Centre for Health Practice Innovation, Griffith University, Australia. She successfully completed an Endeavour Research Fellowship Award, a prestigious international merit based award, at Griffith University. She is also a Global Nursing Leadership Institute (GNLI) 2014 Alumni. Ms. Alberto is actively supporting the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) since 2003. She led the formation of Federación Latinoamericana de Enfermería en Cuidado Intensivo FLECI (Latin American Federation of Intensive Care Nurses) in 2006. She was elected as a WFCCN Core officer from 2007-2009. Since then, she has been supporting English and Spanish speaking communication of critical care nurses.

Ms. Alberto has practiced in public, private health facilities and universities in Argentina. Lately, she is having an instrumental role in the development of the intensive care unit liaison nurse (ICU LN) and the nurse researcher roles in Buenos Aires. This ICU LN position is the first described advanced practice role in critical care in South America



Yuko Ikematsu RN, PhD is a Professor in Clinical Nursing at Department of Nursing, Nagoya University of Graduate School of Medicine. She received a doctoral degree from Case Western Reserve University, USA. Her dissertation topic was mood alteration, dysphoria, of cardiac tamponade patients. She continues to study the topic and has published articles on her study. She served as a Chair of Nursing Division of Japanese Society of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine from 2005 to 2010. Besides specialization in critical care, she is devoted to education. She is studying nursing students with special needs specifically developmental disorders.



Shelley Schmollgruber PhD, RN is Senior Lecturer, MSc Coordinator, Deputy Chair Research for the Department of Nursing Education University of the Witwatersrand, Durban, South Africa. Shelley has made significant contributions to critical care nursing and to WFCCN, serving as Secretary for several terms, and as a Congress faculty member.



Kay Mitchell BSc, MSc, RGN

Kay is a Senior Research Manager, Critical Care Research Area, Southampton NIHR Respiratory Biomedical Research Unit, UK. She is also a Director of the Xtreme Everest Oxygen Research Consortium, and Acting Managing Director of the UCL Centre for Nurse and Midwife-led Research, London, UK. Kay is currently undertaking a PhD looking at epigenetic markers of adaptation to hypoxia. She is also responsible for managing and developing the Xtreme Everest bioresource generated from the ten research studies to date in order to exploit it using bioinformatic techniques. In addition, she is involved in developing clinical academic pathways for nurses and midwives in the UK. Her Masters research was related to weaning long-term ventilated patients.

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## Acknowledgements: WFCCN Donations

The WFCCN acknowledges the recent donations of the following country member organizations:

Australian College of Critical Care Nurses: \$1,599.25 USD

National Association of Nurse Intensivists of Nigeria: \$1000 USD

Critical Care Society of Southern Africa: \$ 11,040 USD, representing proceeds from the 2013 World Critical Care Congress in Durban, South Africa.

As WFCCN does not have a required dues structure for membership, the work of the organization is supported by donations from country member organizations. We thank those organizations that help assist the WFCCN in working to achieve its mission.

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## Bolivia Critical Care Meeting



FLECI, the Federation of Latin-American Intensive Care Nurses is holding its 4th international conference and Council meeting in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 29, 30 and July 31, 2015, hosted by the Bolivian Society of Nurses in Critical Care Medicine. The Council will be electing a new Core administration and setting the agenda for ongoing collaboration and collegial support in their region among the many national critical care organization members. WFCCN ambassador, Laura Alberto, Founding Chair/President Ged Williams and Dr. Sebastian Ugarte, President of the Pan American and Iberian Federation of Societies of Intensive and critical Care Medicine, will join the Congress and the council meeting to add a global, collegial, and collaborative presence to the proceedings. We wish our Latin American colleagues a successful event and look forward to their report in the next edition of WFCCN Newsletter.

## Register Today: 2015 Critical Care World Congress

The 2015 Critical Care World Congress, entitled "One Step Further: The Pursuit of Excellence in Critical Care" will be held 29<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 in Seoul, Korea. WFCCN will be co-hosting the meeting, along with the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine.

The program highlights nursing sessions as well as a number of interdisciplinary and medical sessions. Over 60 international nurses are presenting in the program and over 50 nursing abstracts have been submitted for poster presentations. As of May, 2014, over 1400 registrants are confirmed including over 600 nurses, and over 600 physicians, among other healthcare professionals from 34 countries.

The WFCCN business meeting is set for 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and we look forward to your country representation and attendance. We are asking all WFCCN country members to sponsor one nursing attendee in order to have worldwide representation at the Congress, which promises to be a stellar not-to-miss critical care meeting. Please visit the website for further information: [www.wfsiccm2015.com](http://www.wfsiccm2015.com).



## Save the Date: 2016 WFCCN Congress in Brisbane Australia



Planning is underway for the WFCCN 2016 World Congress, which will be hosted by the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses on 20-23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016 in Brisbane Australia. The conference theme will be strongly focused on clinical practice. Another strong theme will be cultural care, and a WFCCN Brisbane Declaration is planned to focus on cultural care. The

conference will have a variety of international symposia as well as international clinical case studies, and a mixture of lecture presentations and workshops. Social events, as well as excursions will be available. Paul Fulbrook, the National Vice President, Australian College of Critical Care Nurses and Marion Mitchell,

County Member representative for Australia, will co-chair the scientific committee. We thank them in advance for their coordination and planning!



The WFCCN is an international organization with 42 country members representing over 600,000 critical care nurses worldwide. Visit the website at [www.wfccn.org](http://www.wfccn.org)

