

# World Federation of Critical Care Nurses

## Accomplishment Report 2009-2011





### **Message from the Chief Executive Officer of The International Council of Nurses**

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is a federation of National Nurses' Associations (NNAs), representing more than 13 million nurses in over 130 countries. ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all, sound health policies globally, the advancement of nursing knowledge, and the presence worldwide of a respected nursing profession and a competent and satisfied nursing workforce.

On behalf of the ICN President, Board and staff, I congratulate WFCCN on its leadership in reaching out to nursing colleagues globally and regionally and helping to unite and strengthen nursing and healthcare worldwide.

As you know, it is critical that nurses from every country in the world are given the opportunity to meet and share their experiences. Today, we live and work in a world that is becoming closer and there is no doubt that today's issues are truly global. The decisions we make and the paths we choose today will determine not only the future of our profession but also impact on health and wellbeing of our society.

But while it is true that more than ever we are interconnected and therefore all at risk from these global issues, it is also true that some of us are more urgently at risk than others. I firmly believe that we must work first for those who are most at risk. In doing so we must realise that all of the big problems we face today cannot be addressed by one nation – or one profession - alone.

We must understand that the smaller the world becomes through technology and travel, through economics and disadvantage, through climate change, and through the spread of disease, the more we have to work cooperatively; the more we must work in consultation with those most affected by decisions often made far away from where their impact will be most felt.

I acknowledge the WFCCN and critical care nurses everywhere for your commitment to providing and improving quality care for both your patients and their families. By providing a global forum and network linking the critical care nurses of the world, you are encouraging participation and giving a voice to critical care nurses throughout the world. We congratulate you for your accomplishments and commend you on your hard work and many achievements. Please accept ICN's best wishes for continued success in your future endeavours.

David C. Benton  
Chief Executive Officer  
International Council of Nurses



**Message to the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses from the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine**

Dear Critical Care Colleagues,

On behalf of the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine (WFSICCM), I am extending sincere congratulations to the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) on the organization's accomplishments and continued growth. As the international organization representing critical care nurses worldwide, the WFCCN continues to achieve great success at providing a forum for networking, collaboration, education and practice excellence. The WFSICCM looks forward to continuing our collective efforts in promoting and advancing care to acute and critically ill and injured patients worldwide. The importance of strong and continuing collaboration between our two organizations is fundamental to our individual and collective success. Through this collaboration, we will be able to positively affect critical health care delivery in an important and meaningful way worldwide.

The WFSICCM will celebrate the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the WFSICCM, "Critical Care for All", which will be held in Durban South Africa on August 28 to September 1, 2013. We look forward to the participation of WFCCN in the Critical Care Medicine Congress for what will prove to be a most successful event, filled with a number of interesting and challenging forums. I look forward to our continued partnerships and collective initiatives to advance interprofessional collaboration to promote the highest standards of care for critically ill patients worldwide.

Edgar Jiminez MD FCCM  
President

## ***President's Message***



It is my distinct pleasure to serve as President of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) and to advance the work of the organization in promoting excellence in critical care nursing worldwide. It is well acknowledged that nursing plays an instrumental role in the care and treatment as well as the recovery of the acute and critically ill patient. In promoting evidence based practice and best care for acute and critically ill and injured patients, nurses play a key role in patient recovery and wellness. The WFCCN represents 39 international organizations representing over 400,000 critical care nurses worldwide. The accomplishments of WFCCN over the past two years have been significant in promoting education, networking and outreach among country members worldwide to improve the care for patients and their family members.

This Accomplishment Report outlines the many initiatives and projects that WFCCN has pursued, reflecting an impressive number of contributions from our country members worldwide. While we may practice in different settings and in different countries it always impresses me how similar the focus of critical care nursing is across the globe. As I have participated in a number of international venues meeting WFCCN members, it is evident that our organization has made a far reaching impact in advancing critical care nursing standards and care.

We acknowledge the ongoing work of our Founding President Ged Williams, who continues to contribute to advancing the goals of WFCCN. The organization is expanding its outreach thanks to his ongoing support of WFCCN.

I look forward to further advancing the work of WFCCN, expanding the membership, and collaborating with the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine, the International Council of Nursing, and other global entities to support high quality care for critically ill patients worldwide.

Professor Ruth Kleinpell  
President, 2011-2013

## Nursing considerations to complement the Surviving Sepsis Campaign guidelines

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**Objectives:** To provide a series of recommendations based on the best available evidence to guide clinicians providing nursing care to patients with severe sepsis.

**Design:** Modified Delphi method involving international experts and key individuals in subgroup work and electronic-based discussion among the entire group to achieve consensus.

**Methods:** We used the Surviving Sepsis Campaign guidelines as a framework to inform the structure and content of these guidelines. We used the Grades of Recommendation, Assessment, Development, and Evaluation (GRADE) system to rate the quality of evidence from high (A) to very low (D) and to determine the strength of recommendations, with grade 1 indicating clear benefit in the septic population and grade 2 indicating less confidence in the benefits in the septic population. In areas without complete agreement between all authors, a process of electronic discussion of all evidence was undertaken until consensus was reached. This process was conducted independently of any funding.

**Results:** Sixty-three recommendations relating to the nursing care of severe sepsis patients are made. Prevention recommendations relate to education, accountability, surveillance of nosocomial

infections, hand hygiene, and prevention of respiratory, central line-related, surgical site, and urinary tract infections, whereas infection management recommendations related to both control of the infection source and transmission-based precautions. Recommendations related to initial resuscitation include improved recognition of the deteriorating patient, diagnosis of severe sepsis, seeking further assistance, and initiating early resuscitation measures. Important elements of hemodynamic support relate to improving both tissue oxygenation and macrocirculation. Recommendations related to supportive nursing care incorporate aspects of nutrition, mouth and eye care, and pressure ulcer prevention and management. Pediatric recommendations relate to the use of antibiotics, steroids, vasopressors and inotropes, fluid resuscitation, sedation and analgesia, and the role of therapeutic end points.

**Conclusion:** Consensus was reached regarding many aspects of nursing care of the severe sepsis patient. Despite this, there is an urgent need for further evidence to better inform this area of critical care. (Crit Care Med 2011; 39:1800–1818)

**Key Words:** sepsis; severe sepsis; septic shock; nursing care; guidelines; Surviving Sepsis Campaign

### SEPSIS GUIDELINES

The WFCCN inspired guidelines "Nursing Considerations to Complement the Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines" by Aitken, L.M. et al was published in Critical Care Medicine in 2011. The guidelines augment the International Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines (Dellinger RP et al. 2008, Critical Care Medicine) and represent input and contributions from WFCCN members worldwide. These guidelines for nursing care of the patient with sepsis include both adult and pediatric clinical care recommendations and the level of evidence supporting each recommendation. The writing team for the Nursing Considerations document, led by Professor Leanne Aitken, Professor of Critical Care Nursing at Griffith University & Princess Alexandra Hospital in Queensland Australia, was established with interested members of the WFCCN's Council as well as international experts in sepsis care. Sixty three recommendations related to the nursing care of patients with severe sepsis are included in the guidelines, which represent a major contribution to promoting evidence based care for acute and critically ill patients. The work of the writing team was extensive as each guideline is based on a systematic review of the literature including the level of supporting research evidence that exists to support the recommendations. Writing team members included Professor Ged Williams, Australia, Ms. Maurene Harvey, United States of America; Professor Stijn Blot, Belgium; Dr. Ruth Kleinpell, United States of America; Ms Sonia Labeau, Belgium; Dr. Andrea Marshall, Australia; Mr. Gillian Ray-Barruel, Australia; Dr. Pat Moloney-Harmon, United States of America; Mr. Wayne Robson, United Kingdom; Mr. Alexander Johnson, United States of America, Ms Pang Nguk Lan, Singapore; and Dr Tom Ahrens, United States of America. The WFCCN acknowledges their work and contributions to this seminal manuscript which will help to enhance nursing care for patients with sepsis worldwide.

## RESEARCH UPDATES

### Third World Survey of Critical Care Nursing Organizations and their activities

Quality Improvement

## Critical care nursing organizations and activities: a third worldwide review

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WILLIAMS G., BOST N., CHABOYER W., FULBROOK P., ALBERTO L., THORSTEINSDÓTTIR R., SCHMOLLGRUBER S. & CHAN D. (2012) *Critical care nursing organizations and activities: a third worldwide review. International Nursing Review* 59, 73–80

International Nursing Review

The third worldwide review of critical care nursing organizations was published in the journal *International Nursing Review* in 2011. The study led by Ged Williams, founding president of WFCCN, profiles the issues and activities of critical care nurses and professional critical care nursing organizations. Sixty-five respondents worldwide completed the survey and the result highlight that the most common issues identified were teamwork, access to educational programmes, formal practice guidelines/competencies, staffing levels, and working conditions. Compared to the previous surveys conducted in 2000 and 2005, the results of this third worldwide review highlight important issues related to training, workshops standards for education courses and clinical practice guidelines, as well as the significant role that critical care nursing organizations play in promoting optimal nursing care. The findings from the study will help to focus the activities and priorities of future researchers, academics and nursing and health leaders throughout the world as they continue to govern and support the critical care nursing specialty over the coming decade. WFCCN will continue to promote educational resources and practice standards to further enhance the practice of critical care nursing worldwide.



## **SURVIVING SEPSIS CAMPAIGN GUIDELINE REVISION**

The WFCCN participated in the revision of the Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines which is anticipated to be published in January 2013 in *Critical Care Medicine*.

WFCCN President Ruth Kleinpell was one of 65 international experts from 26 international organizations who participated in the guideline revision work. Nominal groups were assembled at key international meetings (including those committee members attending the conference). Teleconferences and electronic-based discussion among subgroups and among the entire committee served as an integral part of the development. A stand-alone meeting was held in Chicago Illinois USA in September 2011 for all sub-group heads, co- and vice chairs, and selected key individuals (photo taken at meeting below). The evidence based guidelines utilized the GRADE SYSTEM to review the strength and quality of evidence of research supporting the guideline revisions.



## **DECLARATION OF COPENHAGEN**

The WFCCN formulated the Declaration of Copenhagen at the March 2011 meeting in Copenhagen. 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 must show evidence of outstanding contributions to critical care nursing and/or healthcare at an international level, such as:

- ◇ Contribute leadership, knowledge and excellence in critical care nursing and/or healthcare.

- ◇ Successful implementation of creative approaches to clinical practice, education, research, management and policy.

- ◇ Creative development, utilization, or evaluation of specific concepts in education, practice, or health services.

- ◇ Extraordinary leadership in nursing/health systems or nursing/healthcare organizations.

- ◇ Innovative research that contributes to quality in critical care nursing and/or health service delivery.

- ◇ Authorship of books, papers or other material that have significant implications for critical care nursing and healthcare.

- ◇ Commitment to provide an annual written report of activities and contributions that meet the objectives of WFCCN.

The council of WFCCN approved the nominations of Dr. Anne Alexandrov and Ms Kathleen Vollman as Honorary Ambassadors. They will receive their recognitions at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress of WFCCN set for April 12-15, 2012 in Sibenik Croatia.





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Kathleen is a Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, Educator, Consultant with ADVANCING NURSING LLC in Northville, Michigan USA and Clinical Faculty at Michigan State University in the Clinical Nurse Specialist Graduate Program. She is known nationally and internationally for her expertise related to critical care nursing practice. From 1989 to 2003 she functioned in the role of Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Medical Critical Care Area at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit Michigan. Currently her company ADVANCING NURSING LLC, is focused on creating empowered work environments for nurses through the acquisition of greater skills and knowledge. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. In addition, she designed and developed the Vollman Prone Positioner which is available worldwide. Ms Vollman is listed in Who's Who of American Inventors



Anne W. Alexandrov PhD, RN, CCRN, FAAN

Dr. Alexandrov is Professor and Assistant Dean, at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA. She is also the Program Director of NET SMART – AP (Neurovascular Education and Training in Stroke Management and Acute Reperfusion Therapies – Advanced Practice) program, the world's first vascular neurology fellowship education/clinical training program for Advanced Practice Nurses in the world. Dr. Alexandrov is a nurse physiologist who focuses her research on integrated systemic and intracranial hemodynamics. Her physiologic research is in the area of blood flow augmentation in hyperacute stroke, innovatively using devices such as intra-aortic balloon pumps and external counterpulsation, gravitational techniques, and manipulation of oxygenation/ventilation. She is a past President of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

## JOURNAL

**CONNECT**  
THE WORLD OF CRITICAL CARE NURSING



CONNECT is the official journal of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) and is published in association with the European federation of Critical Care Nursing associations (EfCCNa) and the Latin American Federation of Intensive Care Nurses (FLECI). It is an on-line nursing journal, published four times per year. It is 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 400,000 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. One of its founding principles is that of support of the critical care nursing speciality. Connect aims to create a nurturing environment that enables all critical care nurses to have a voice.



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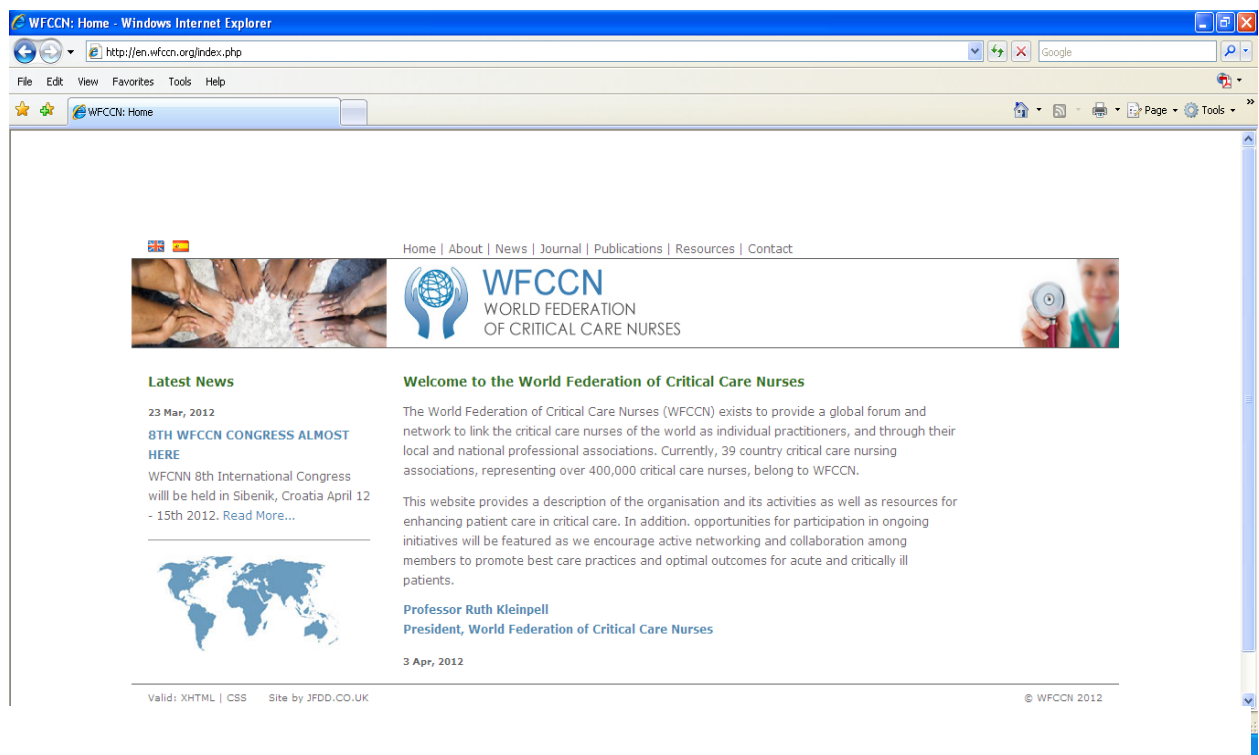
## WEBSITE UPDATES

[www.wfccn.org](http://www.wfccn.org)

The WFCNN website was updated to reflect the continued accomplishments, activities and work of the organization. Jamie Fulbrook, a freelance digital designer, continues to serve as the webmaster. WFCNN member Gordon Speed oversees the website updates in conjunction with Mr. Fulbrook.

Several new updates have included:

- ◇ Updated Core Member Profiles
- ◇ Resource Section Updates
- ◇ Publication Updates
- ◇ Direct Journal Link to The WFCNN guidelines "Nursing Considerations to Complement the Surviving Sepsis Campaign Guidelines" by Aitken, L.M. et al. published in Critical Care Medicine in 2011
- ◇ Topical Index of Web-Based Resources for Critical Care Nursing Education



Please visit [www.wfccn.org](http://www.wfccn.org) regularly to receive updated information.

## PROJECTS

### Educational Curriculum Module Development

Under the leadership of Sandra Goldsworthy, Assistant Professor University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada the WFCCN Educator's Interest Group is continuing to work on the development of an international critical care nursing e-learning text, which will consist of several e-modules addressing critical care nursing content including but not limited to:

- ◇ Hemodynamic Monitoring
- ◇ Sepsis and Shock
- ◇ Acute Renal Failure
- ◇ Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome
- ◇ Critical Care Nutrition
- ◇ Nursing Care Measures to Improve Outcomes During Critical Illness
  - Early Mobilization
  - Skin Care Considerations
  - Concepts of Patient and Family Centered Care

The WFCCN Educator's Interest Group will work with country member representatives to prepare the content of the modules. Inquires to several publishing companies have been sent to assess interest in partnering to format the layout of the modules for posting on the WFCCN website. We thank the workgroup for their continued work on this exciting initiative that will help to promote the mission of the organization to provide resources for enhancing patient care in critical care worldwide. The use of e-learning holds much potential for providing critical care nurses access to global resources.



## CONFERENCE REPORT

### 7<sup>th</sup> WFCCN Congress, Manila Philippines

The 7<sup>th</sup> WFCCN Congress was held October 5-6, 2010 in Manila Philippines. Over 500 international participants attended the meeting. The Organizing Committee prepared a dynamic scientific program that illustrated the synergism of the global critical care nursing community in promoting innovative evidence-based practice. It highlighted critical care nursing practice in cardiovascular, respiratory, sepsis management, nutrition support, quality improvement, critical care education and management and showed how cooperative interaction among the critical care nursing groups can create an enhanced combined effect for the global outcome of quality and safe patient care.

The congress integrated Skype presentations by WFCCN members Vedran Dumbovic and Adriano Friganovic who were in transit from Croatia via Frankfurt to Manila. They arrived in time for the closing ceremony (pictured below) and their presence proved to be a highlight of the conference as attendees were able to network with them after their teleconferenced session.

During the full council meeting of WFCCN, Bosnia and Herzegovina were accepted as Associate Members of WFCCN



WFCCN Asian Representatives: Juko Ikematsu (Japan), Debbie Kim (Korea) and Yueh-Jiau Hwang (Taiwan)



Philippine Organizing Committee with WFCCN Adriano Friganovic and Vedran Dumbovic



Prof. Ruth Kleinpell (USA) and Ged Williams (Australia)



WFCCM Council Members with the Philippine's Professional Regulation Commission, Chairman of the Board of Nursing Hon. Carmencita Abaquin



## CONFERENCE REPORT

### 6<sup>th</sup> WFCCN Congress, Florence Italy

The 6<sup>th</sup> WFCCN Congress was held 28 August - 1 September 2009, in Florence Italy in conjunction with the 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the WFSICCM and the 63<sup>rd</sup> conference of the Italian critical care medicine society (SIAARTI) and a meeting of WFPICS.

Over 600 speakers and 2500 delegates attended the Congress. Over 70 nursing oral presentations and 60 nursing poster presentations were given.

During the Congress WFCCN hosted a number of important meetings:

- Full WFCCN Council meeting
- CONNECT Journal editors and advisory board members
- Surviving Sepsis Guidelines working group
- WFCCN, Nurse Educators Network
- Joint meeting of the WFCCN and EfCCNa Councils
- Joint meeting of the WFCCN and WFSICCM Councils

The Florence meeting provided significant opportunities for WFCCN members and Council members to network, dialogue and strategize on future and current initiatives





## MEETING REPORT

### WFCCN Copenhagen Meeting

The WFCCN annual meeting was held in Copenhagen Denmark on March 24-26, 2011 in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations Congress. Highlights of the meeting included approval of the Declaration of Copenhagen designating the criteria for WFCCN Honorary Ambassador designation and approval of the nominations of Dr. Anne Alexandrov and Ms Kathleen Vollman, Confirmation of Zambia as a new member association, report of the Third WFCCN World Wide Survey of Critical Care Nursing, and election of a new CORE for 2011:

President, Ruth Kleinpell PhD RN FCCM, Director, Center for Clinical Research and Scholarship, Rush University Medical Center; Professor, Rush University College of Nursing, Chicago Illinois, USA

Secretary: Maria Isabelita (Belle) C. Rogado RN, MAN, CCVN Professor, Graduate School of Nursing Arellano University Legarda Street, Manila Philippines

Treasurer: Vedran Dumbović RN, bacc. med. techn., University Hospital Centre Zagreb Clinic for thoracic surgery "Jordanovac" Intensive Care Unit, Head nurse

Trade & Sponsor Representative: Ged Williams RN, RM, Crit Care Cert., LLM, MHA, FRCNA, FACHSM, FAAN, MAICD. Executive Director of Nursing & Midwifery Services. Gold Coast Health Services District.



WFCCN members (left to right), Adriano Friganovic, President of the Croatian Nurses Society of Anesthesia, Reanimation, Intensive Care and Transfusion; Professor Ruth Kleinpell, President WFCCN, Professor Ged Williams, Founding President and Vedran Dumbović RN, WFCCN Treasurer at the Copenhagen Meeting

## REGIONAL UPDATES



European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations (EfCCNa) Report 2009-2011.

During the period of 2009-2011, the EfCCNa community celebrated some very exciting events.

On October 2-4, 2009, EfCCNa celebrated its 10th Anniversary at the 24th meeting of the Council of Representatives in Berlin, where the Federation was officially established on October 2, 1999. It was a weekend of celebration and also a hard work. At the meeting a new Association was welcomed to the Council — the Israeli Society of Cardiac and Critical Care Nurses represented by Julie Benbenishty.

In 2011, yet another new Association member was welcomed to the council, the Malta Critical Care Nurses Association (MCCNA), who is the 25th member association. The representative is Jevon Schembri, president of MCCNA.

Another important event in 2009 took place On October 11, in Vienna, Austria. The European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM) brought together healthcare professionals, patient safety organisations and industry groups to make a landmark pledge on patient safety: the Declaration of Vienna. EfCCNa and EFN (European Federation of Nurses) were the only nursing organisations invited to participate and Rósa Thorsteinsdóttir was there to sign the Declaration on behalf of EfCCNa. The purpose of the meeting was to raise the profile of patient safety both on the political and scientific levels.

The year of 2010 was a busy year preparing for the 4th EfCCNa & FSAIO Congress 2011 which was successfully held on March 24 – 26, 2011 at the brand new Tivoli Congress Centre Copenhagen. This unique congress of two critical care nursing organizations - EfCCNa and the Danish Professional Society for Nurse Anesthetists, ICU- and Recovery Room Nurses (FSAIO) was collaboratively organized under the motto: **European Critical Care Nursing: Working together for a better Tomorrow.**

The three days programme included a variety of clinical, educational, and research topics, able to provoke lively discussions between the more than 700 delegates from 32 countries.

Much work during 2011 has been to prepare for the next congress which will take place in Belgrade, Serbia also being a collaboratively organized between EfCCNa and the Serbian Nurses Society of Intensive Care, Anesthesia and Reanimation, UINARS during 23rd -25th May 2013. Under the motto: **East meets West: Critical Care Nursing strengthening healthcare in Europe.**

EfCCNa sees this as a great opportunity to get in contact with our colleagues in the Eastern part of Europe which we know need support and to be a part of our community.

On October in 2008, an EfCCNa fellowship was established. During the congress in Florence in 2008 and Copenhagen in 2012, six of EfCCNa representatives that have made a lasting contribution to the growth, establishment and profile of the Federation have been awarded EfCCNa Fellowship. Those six are: Birte Baktoft, Wouter de Graaf, Jos M. Latour, Heike Strunk, John W. Albarran and Elio Drigo.

Two studies were published in the period 2009-2011.

EfCCNa survey: European intensive care nurses' attitudes and beliefs towards end-of-life care by Jos M. Latour, Paul Fulbrook and John Albarran and is available in *Nursing in Critical Care* (vol. 14, Issue 3, pages 110-121, May and June 2009).

The EfCCNa Delphi study of research priorities of adult intensive care nurses in Europe, by Bronagh Blackwood, John W. Albarran and Jos M. Latour and is available in the *Journal of Advanced Nursing* (Vol. 67, Issue 3, pages 550—562, March 2011)

Two more very important projects with participation of EfCCNa members are: A survey of European intensive care nurses' knowledge levels and Professional Autonomy, Collaboration With Physicians, and Moral Distress Among European Intensive Care Nurses. Those studies will be published in 2012.

Since 2010 the Education committee has been very busy working with the main aim on developing a European competency document for post-basic nurses working within critical care. The result of this work will be announced during 2012.

The work of the Exchange committee has good results and since 2007, 42 Critical Care nurses (CCN) from different countries have participated in the exchange program going to various countries and ICUs. This programme is open to all critical care nurses or nurses working in intensive care whose national professional organisation is a member of EfCCNa.

EfCCNa continues the good collaboration with the WFCCN and other important organisations like the European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO), which EfCCNa is a member of since 2007. The EDTNA/ERCA (European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association / European Renal Care Association). For the past two years EfCCNa has collaborated with EDTNA/ERCA on a project: Acute Kidney Injury – A Guide to Clinical Practice, a book that will be launched in September 2012.

A collaboration with ESICM on patient safety and the Cobatrice programme. And in 2011 EfCCNa supported the EFCNI (The European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants) White Paper on Maternal and Newborn Health and Aftercare Services. In 2011, EfCCNa established collaboration with the ERC (European Resuscitation Council) and will participate in a joint session at the ERC congress in Vienna in 2012.

The EfCCNa council meetings are being held around Europe twice a year. At the meetings the CoR report from their national association / country and for the past years there are four most common issues that are being identified: Staffing levels; education; patient safety and decreasing in membership within the national associations. The conclusion within the group is that this is very much linked to the financial crisis within Europe. But those are important issues and an opportunity for EfCCNa to identify and use as guidance for future work within the Federation.

Working together — Achieving more

Rósa Thorsteinsdóttir  
President of EfCCNa

## REGIONAL UPDATES

### Federacion Latinoamericana de Enfermeria en Cuidado Intensivo (FLECI) Report

The Latin American Federation of Intensive Care Nurses was created in 2006 with support by WFCCN. Since its formation, FLECI continues to strengthen and expand the work of the organization.



Second Congress of the Federation Latinoamericana Intensive Care Nursing  
Second Conference of the Committee of Experts in Intensive Care Nursing of  
the FAE

23 and November 25, 2011

Cesar Carman Hotel - Cordoba Argentina

Took place in the city of Cordoba, Argentina, the Second Congress and the fourth meeting of the board of representatives of the American Federation of Nursing in Intensive Care (FLECI), together with the Second Conference of the Expert Committee on Critical Care Nursing of the FAE (CEECC-FAE).

The FLECI, founded in 2006 is comprised of various organizations of Critical Care Nurses in Latin America.

With just over 10 associations in the Council of Representatives, FLECI strengthens in every encounter, this time held in Cordoba, Argentina.

Nurses were present in Brazil, Chile, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia and Mexico. Professor Ged Williams also a member of the Core of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) and Dr Wendy Chaboyer, who presented new roles in caring for the critically ill patient. The scientific program of this Congress was the most important papers related to research, evidence-based practice and participation of organizations of Nursing in collaboration with medical societies, on issues relevant to nursing care as surviving the campaign sepsis. WFCCN partner in the "Global Alliance for Sepsis."

Following the statutes of the Federation, is performed in the framework of this event, the election of new authorities that will lead FLECI objectives for 2011-2013. Were elected by vote of the members of the board of representatives:

President: Elizabeth Barrionuevo (CEECCFAE, Argentina)

Secretary: Sayonara Fatima Faria Barbosa (Department of Nursing-Intensive Care Associação Brasileira (AMIB)

Treasurer. Alcira Céspedes (SOCIBECI, Bolivia).

Institutional Relations Representative: Mariot Bermúdez Soto (SOCVECI, Venezuela)



Among the recent achievements of FLECI are creating a web site and the efforts for joint participation with the American Federation of Critical Medicine and Intensive Care future scientific sessions.

Moreover, the FLECI is part of the regional associations that make up the WFCCN and is working actively for the growth of nursing in this specialized field of care in all aspects related to professional practice: education, research, teaching, management and clinical practice.

Additionally, we offer continued support from colleagues in Latin America for the journal CONNECT.

Report written by  
Elizabeth Barrionuevo RN  
President

## MEETING REPORT

Founding President Ged Williams and President Ruth Kleinpell attended the IX Panamerican and Iberic Critical Care Congress held in Cartagena, Colombia from November 29 to December 3th, 2011. The Cartagena Congress provided a significant opportunity for WFCCN to be represented at the WFSICCM meeting held in conjunction with the conference. At that meeting, proposals for hosting the 2015 and 2017 World Federation of Societies of Critical Care Medicine Congress were reviewed. A total of 7 countries presented proposals and Seoul Korea was selected to host the 2015 Congress and Brazil was selected to host the 2017 Congress.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- ◇ Networking with nursing leaders and faculty
- ◇ Presentations of nursing and medical education sessions and discussion forums
- ◇ A joint meeting of the WFCCN, The Latin American Federation of Intensive Care Nurses (FLECI) and Dr. Sebastián Ugarte, President of the Federación Panamericana e Ibérica de Sociedades de Medicina Crítica y Terapia Intensiva (FPISMCTI) and Past President of the Chilean Society of Intensive and Emergency Medicine. At this meeting, WFCCN Council members helped to facilitate discussions of designating nursing representation in FLECI within the Federación Panamericana e Ibérica de Sociedades de Medicina Crítica y Terapia Intensiva

FLCEI and FPISMCTI agreed to coordinate further collaborative communication and activities within the South American region and WFCCN agreed to continue to provide practical support, guidance and involvement as able.

## MEETING REPORT

South America - : November 2011, Argentina:

Ged Williams represented WFCCN at the following events as invited speaker and representative of WFCCN at strategic regional meetings and activities:

- 19-20 November 2011 Critical Care Medicine and Nursing Societies of Chile Conference.
- 21-22 November Critical Care Nursing Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 23-24 November, FLECI Conference, Cordoba, Argentina.
- 28-30 November, WFISCCM/ Federation of Pan American and Iberian Societies of Critical care medicine and Intensive Care. Cartagena, Colombia.
- 2 December, Grand rounds, Universidad de Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia.

During these visits the joint activities and interests of FLECI and WFCCN were further shared and developed.





Dr Sebastian Ugarte Ubiergo, President FPISMCTI and Chilean Critical Care Medicine Society with Ged Williams in Santiago, Chile.

## MEETING REPORT



President Ruth Kleinpell attended the COPICON Congress 2011, held in conjunction with the Critical Care Society of Southern Africa & the South African Thoracic Society of South Africa on July 27-31, 2011 in Durban South Africa meeting.

Pictured above from left to right are Professor Busisiwe Bhengu, from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, School of Nursing, Durban, South Africa; Prof Ruth Kleinpell; and Sr. Cheryl Carter Quality Co-ordinator at Addington Hospital, Durban South Africa.

Prof Ruth Kleinpell presented at the Congress and networked with nursing leaders to begin preliminary discussions for the planning of the 2013 9th WFCCN Congress which will be held in conjunction with the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine at the International Convention Centre in Durban, South Africa between 28 August and 1 September 2013.

Key highlights of the meeting included:

- ◇ Discussion of nursing care issues
- ◇ Touring of critical care units in Durban hospitals
- ◇ Networking with nursing leaders
- ◇ Preliminary planning meeting for the 2013 WFCCN and WFSICCM Congress



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

8<sup>th</sup> WfCCN Congress, Croatia

The 8<sup>th</sup> WfCCN Congress will be held in Šibenik Croatia on April 12-15, 2013 in conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Croatian Nurses Society of Anesthesia, Reanimation, Intensive Care and Transfusion

The poster features logos for the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WfCCN) and the Croatian Nurses Society of Anesthesia, Reanimation, Intensive Care and Transfusion (HDMSARIST). It lists the organizing bodies: the Ministry of Health, the Croatian Nursing Council, and the Šibenik and Knin County governments. The main title is '8. MEĐUNARODNI KONGRES WfCCN' and '5. MEĐUNARODNI KONGRES HDMSARIST'. The theme is 'Current and Future Challenges for Critical Care Nurses'. The event is held at the Solaris Holiday Resort in Šibenik, Croatia, from April 12-15, 2012. The poster includes a large '2012' graphic and a 'PROGRAM' section.

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The theme of the 2013 Conference, "Critical Care for All", is a profoundly important issue for South Africa, the region and the entire Continent.

This event will attract several thousand delegates including physicians, nurses, government ministers and officials, major business leaders from the pharmaceutical, hospital and allied medical fields, as well as the international media and representatives from the world's leading think-tanks and foundations

The WFCCN will be actively involved in developing the scientific program and planning nursing and interdisciplinary educational forums and discussions. The focus of the Congress will be to highlight advances in critical care practice as well as address issues related to clinical research, new insights and therapeutic advances and patient and family centered care practice.

During the Congress, WFCCN will host a number of important meetings:

Full WFCCN Council Meeting

CONNECT Journal editors and advisory board members

WFCCN, Nurse Educators Network

Joint meeting of the WFCCN and WFSICCM Councils

The Durban Congress promises to be a highlight for WFCCN to advance the work of the organization, promote global networking, and strategize for future initiatives.

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