

Annual General Meeting of WFCCN

28 September 2020



President's Report

I am honoured to provide, for the first time in my term, a report of the activities of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) for the financial year 2019-2020. WFCCN is registered as a company in Australia, with Marion Mitchell as its appointed Company Secretary. The Board of Directors (BOD) followed the objectives of the Federation as set out in the Constitution. The Board of Directors held nine meetings during the 2019-2020 financial year. All meetings have been minuted and emailed to all members and associates.

At the annual general meeting in October 2019 in Melbourne, Australia, new board members were elected as follows: Adriano Friganovic (AF) President, Sandra Goldsworthy (SG) Vice President, Violeta Lopez (VL) Secretary, Kathleen Vollman (KV) Director of Finance, Marcelo Morales (MM) Media Director and Ged Williams (GW) Partnership and Policies Director. Paul Fulbrook (PF) automatically took a role as Past President. Susan Yeager stepped down from the BOD and I want to thank her for her contribution.

Director attendance at Board meetings was: AF (President) 9/9; SG (Vice President) 7/9; PF (Past President) 7/9; VL (Secretary) 8/9; KV (Director of Finance) 9/9; MM (Director of Media and Communications) 5/9; GW (Director of Partnership and Policies) 8/9. Many thanks are extended to all the directors. I would like to extend special thanks to Kathleen Vollman for her leadership in the ongoing website development. I would also like to acknowledge the key role Marcelo Morales has played with regard to translation of various WFCCN communications.

Ambassadors

BOD appointed two new Honorary Ambassadors: Renata Pietro from Brazil and Halima Salisu Kabara from Nigeria. Susan Yeager has extended her appointment as Honorary Ambassador for another five years.

Members

WFCCN has 22 full members and 29 associate members. During this financial year, the following new full members were approved:

1. Sri Lankan Society of Critical Care Nurses (SSCCN)
2. Critical Care Nurses Association of Nepal
3. Critical Care Nursing Society of India

We also approved new associate members:

1. Zambian Critical Care Nursing Network
2. Association of Nurse Specialists in Anaesthesia and Reanimation of Cambodia (AISARC)
3. Society of Israeli Cardiac and Critical Care Nurses

We started a media campaign for individual membership to the WFCCN.

Memberships

WFCCN maintained its membership with the International Council of Nurses and the World Federation of Intensive and Critical Care (WFIC). Ruth Kleinpell continue to represent WFCCN with WFICC while Elizabeth Papathanassoglou (Editor of CONNECT) represented WFCCN in the Global Sepsis Alliance.

Due to the current COVID-18, the BOD agreed to reduce the annual membership fee for all our members. Letters have been emailed to all members by our Financial Director.

Congresses

Unfortunately due to global pandemic we canceled WFCCN World Congress 2020, which should be held in Dubai. We also canceled Policy Leadership in Critical Care Nursing course planned to be held after the congress in Dubai. According to new regulations of WFCC, we have applied for congress colocation in Vancouver, Canada in 2021. Expressions of interest to host the 2022 Congress have been emailed to all members. So far, no response has been received and this opportunity remains open.

Web site and social media

In this year, we added COVID 19 platform to the web site to share updated informations to our all our members worldwide. The WFCCN Facebook account remain very active in the past period and the number of followers is at the moment exceeded 5000. We presented new board members, provided video meessages of support during the lock down, new ambassadors and shared all informations important to functioning of

WFCCN. We established social media subgroup with intention to collect informations from member countries and to share with others.

Publications/ Journal

BOD put a lot of effort to help in revitalization of Connect – The World of critical Care Nursing. We had several meetings with editorial board. Ged Williams was elected as new co editor Elizabeth Papathanassoglou. BOD started Best paper award for this year to encourage member manuscripts submissions. Connect is also in the process of appointing new Associate editors and Editorial board.

Other publications:

2nd edition of the International Best Practices in Critical Care e-book

Education position statement – on website, to be published in Connect

Rights of critical care nurses – in progress

WFCCN world survey – accepted for publication- Journal of Nursing Scholarship

ZERO Pressure Injury Delphi survey - Published – Journal of Advanced Nursing


International relations

As a way to assure health equity in the world, WFCCN joined as a founding institutional member of the SUSTAINABLE HEALTH EQUITY MOVEMENT (SHEM). SHEM calls for a transformational change of global governance, health and economy so as to bring together all international actors and efforts towards sustainable equity between and within countries to emerge from this pandemic with a safer and fairer society for all.

The first step to achieve organizational goal was the endorsement of letter to the Secretary General of United Nations. Nursing members in the Interim Steering Committee were Ged Williams and Adriano Friganovic. SHEM had launched a symposium on the 2nd of July where the founders presented their perspectives and plans for the future. The first speaker was *Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) and Dr. Michelle Bachelet, High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations*. The symposium was attended by more than 1000 online participants. From the WFCCN, Adriano Friganovic presented the topic "Frontiers of Critical Care Nursing Aspects of Global Equity". Next moves were activities to increase number of supporters. SHEM was also launched on the website available at <https://www.sustainablehealthequity.org/>, FaceBook and Twitter account. There are also a

number of activities in coordination with WHO to prepare case studies from different parts of the world. As a nursing organization, WFCCN offers our knowledge and experience, organizational resources and our network to help in achieving the goal of sustainable health equity as a universal human right.

To all WFCCN members, associate members, and ambassadors, I want to thank you all for your contribution and effort in building excellence in critical care nursing.


Adriano Friganović
President