



Presidents Report 2023-2024

I am pleased to provide a report of the activities of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) for the fiscal year 2023-2024. WFCCN is registered as a company in Australia, with Violeta Lopez as its appointed Company Secretary and the fiscal years runs from July 1st to June 30th. As a Australian company we are required to have an annual general meeting which is on September 16th 2024. The Board of Directors has followed the objectives of the Federation as set out in the 2016 Constitution. The board held 7 board meetings during the fiscal year 2023-2024. Our last council meeting was held May 9th, 2024, in Dubai. The next council meeting is November 18th, 2024

Memberships

We have a total of 33 Full Members and 22 associate members. New Full Members this year include Japan, Canada, Ghana, Kenya and Serbia. A total of 17 critical care expert clinicians and researchers renewed their ambassadorship with the WFCCN. We have one new Ambassador Stijn Blot from Belgium. We retain our membership in two international associations: The International Council of Nurses and The World Federation of Intensive and Critical Care.

Organizational Processes

We successfully finish the policy and procedure document for the WFCCN and will be placed on the website. I like to thank MaryKay Bader for all her work in making this happen. We launched 4 committees with volunteers from all over the world to help carry out the mission of the WFCCN. They include Education, Conference Planning, Media and Communications and Global Healthcare collaboration. The board hired a part time officer to help with coordination of communication, marketing, and board meeting management. Her name is Mary Grace Atienza.

WHO Collaboration

This year we are starting the journey of becoming a non-state member of the World Health Organization. We have signed a memorandum of understanding with the WHO and after two years of engagement we can become a nonstate partner and can begin to attend assemblies. Ged Williams, one of the board members has been instrumental in establishing the relationship with the WHO and applying for the WFCCN to belong to the Acute Care Action Network. As president, I was invited to participate in a quality Improvement program in Geneva sponsored by the WHO in June of this year. In addition, I was invited to be an observer at the Global Alliance of Care of the Injured which is happening around the same time. Many of our members participated as experts in the first project which was to review the content of the BASIC course that is being piloted in Belize this spring to improve the education of nurses and doctors taking care of critically ill patients.

Additional International Relationships

WFCCN is a founding member of the Sustainable Health Equity Movement. I would like to thank Adriano Friganovic for his work on this group. Our new representative for this group is Sofy Putruele of Argentina. We continue to be an active part of the Global Sepsis Alliance & the Surviving Sepsis Campaign for which Laura Alberto serves as the WFCCN representative. Shelly Schmollgruber was appointed to serve as the WFCCN representative to the African Sepsis Alliance

Congresses & Education

Congress 2024 was held in Dubai. I would like to thank Ged and the committee for their hard work. We are holding our annual congress 2025 in Dubai and are currently reviewing applications for 2026.

I have and will be representing the WFCCN at these various events in 2024; CCNPI Annual Congress in February of 2024, Brazilian Critical Care Nurses Conference in August along with additional board members, Mexico's National Critical Care Nursing Conference in October all with 2 additional board members and I complete 3 hybrid conferences, one for the 2 World Congress of Oncology Critical Care Nursing in June, Sepsis Presentation for World Sepsis Day sponsored by CNAPI and WFCCN and the Turkish Critical Care Nursing Meeting in December.

We finalized the VAP education program that will be used in India. There will be a series of webinars being designed and promoted developed by the Education Committee.

Web site and social media

Web site administration is done by our new webmaster in UAE. Ali Raza enviouseli@gmail.com will help the media and communication group with updating the website as well as hosting and

maintenance. I would like to thank Ana Brčina for the wonderful job she has done with ensuring our LinkedIn and Facebook pages are active with new content monthly. Our reach has increased by 25% and on Facebook we have 6300 followers. LinkedIn has increased by 30%. She has led the creation of marketing plans for the WFCCN and the IJCC. They are working to revitalize the Instagram page.

Publications and IJCC

I would like to thank Ged Williams, Patricia Zrelak and the outgoing editor Elisavet Papathanasoglou for their tireless work on helping to make the journal a success. We are excited to introduce our two new co-editors: Natalie McEvoy from Ireland and Wendy Pollock from Australia. We are happy to report that the 6th World Survey on Critical Care Nursing Policy, Practice and Research Priorities has been published in the Journal of Nursing Scholarship March 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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