EfCCNa Council Meeting in Lugano April 2012

The EfCCNa Spring meeting took place on 28-29 April 2012 in Lugano, Switzerland. Due to the invitation of the Swiss Society of Intensive Care (SGI), the generous support of the Cardiocentro Ticino and the perfect organization of Paul van der Heiden, the EfCCNa representatives felt very welcome and comfortable to be there. The days in this beautiful part of Switzerland combined with the great hospitality of Paul and his family made this meeting an unforgettable event.

The meeting started with a round table where all council members reported important news and developments from their national organizations.

The preparation of the 5th EfCCNa Congress together with the Serbian Critical Care Nursing Organization (UINARS) runs on schedule. All council members are invited to use their networks for publicize and sponsorship acquisition. As in previous congresses travel sponsorship will be offered for delegates – three sponsored by EfCCNa and three by UINARS. www.efccna2013.rs

The Slovenian group of Nurses and Health Technicians in Anaesthesiology, Intensive Care and Transfusiology was accepted as the 26th member organization of EfCCNa.

As a result of the EfCCNa elections 2012 Bronagh Blackwood will stay for another period as vice-president. With regards to the Secretary the successor of Heike Strunk, who was on secretarial duty in EfCCNa affairs for almost the last decade, is David Waters from Oxford.

The Education Committee is currently working on a **European Intensive Care Competency Project** which is going to determine standards of core competencies in intensive care nursing. The Practice Committee reported that the **position statement on weaning from ventilation** is going to be finalized very soon. As a next project a **position statement on pain management and sedation in intensive care** is in preparation.

The collaboration of EfCCNa with the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses Association/European Renal Care Association resulted in a new manual **Acute kidney injury - A Guide to Clinical Practice** which will be published soon.

Connect – The World of Critical Care Nursing is still the official journal of WFCCN and EfCCNa. Paul Fulbrook appreciates very much to receive articles dealing with clinical issues in intensive care nursing.
Elections 2012

During the EfCCNa Council meeting in April in Lugano, Switzerland elections of the Vice-president and the secretary took place. EfCCNa is pleased to introduce the elected candidates:

Dr. Bronagh Blackwood, Belfast, Northern Ireland was re-elected in her position as Vice-president.

David Waters, Oxford, United Kingdom was elected as secretary. Congratulations to both!

EfCCNa Board of Officers 2012

Rosa Thorsteinsdottir (Iceland) President
Bronagh Blackwood (United Kingdom) Vice-President
David Waters (United Kingdom) Secretary
Anne Kokko (Finland) Treasurer
Eva Barkestad (Sweden) Board member

New EfCCNa Web master

By the end of the last year Paul van Doorn, the former EfCCNa web master who has set up the actual web site of the society in the well known layout and design has finished his duty. EfCCNa owes him a big thank you for his great work and commitment in the last five years. The new EfCCNa web master is Birgit Giering from Germany. Working as an IT-specialist she took over this task in March 2012. EfCCNa welcomes her very much and is looking forward to a good cooperation.

Visit EfCCNa on www.efccna.org

ICU-Diary Network launched

The website icu-diary.org is the base of an informal network for all health care workers that are interested in the icu diary. We offer literature, descriptions and help for implementation. We try to coordinate information, projects and new studies. And we try to connect people. The network is founded by Eva Akerman, Carl Bäckman, Ingrid Egerod, Christina Jones, Dirk Knück, Peter Nydahl and Sissel Storli.

If you would like to join the network or just receive the newsletter, please mail to info@icu-diary.org
5th EfCCNa and UINARS Congress 2013
Congress of the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations

East meets West:
Critical Care Nursing
Strengthening Healthcare in Europe

Belgrade, Sorbia, 23 – 25 May 2013
www.efccna2013.rs
Dear colleagues and friends,

The 5th EfCCNa – UINARS Congress will be held in Belgrade, Serbia, during 23rd -25th May 2013. This congress provides a stimulating experience about intensive care, cardiac care, anaesthesia, recovery, emergency and all other critical care nursing aspects. The abstract submission is now open and we welcome abstract related to critical care nursing. To submit your abstract, please visit: http://www.efccna2013.rs/as.asp

Besides a promising scientific programme, the city of Belgrade is welcoming you and remains a colourful, vibrant and culturally rich destination that is very worthy of a visit!

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Belgrade.

Gordana Dragosev
Serbia (Co-Chair)

Jos Latour
The Netherlands (Co-Chair)

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New ESPNIC Nurse Science Section – first meeting in Rotterdam

The first official meeting of the new ESPNIC nurse science group, combined with PICS-SG Nursing (UK) and the Dutch PIC/NIC working group took place in Rotterdam on 21-22 May 2012. This one and a half day meeting was very successful and wonderfully hosted by the Erasmus team, in particular Dr Erwin Ista. 23 PICU and NICU nurses attended this meeting from UK, Ireland, Italy and the Netherlands, with was chaired by Dr Lyvonne Tume, the elected group chair.

There were some fantastic and inspiring keynote lectures on Implementation Science (Dr Erwin Ista), The retention of PICU nurses (Inge t’wout), Nursing research development in PICU and NICU (associate professor Monique van Dijk) and a comparison audit of pain and sedation practices in PICU between the UK and The Netherlands (Julia Harris and Dr Leo Bakker). There was also the opportunity to hear some of the PICU and NICU nurses present their PhD studies that are in progress, which was really inspiring.

On the second day of the meeting, we discussed the six research sub-themes within this group: Pain, sedation & withdrawal in PICU and NICU (Julia Harris/Dr Erwin Ista), Nursing workforce (Andy Darbyshire/Dr Jos Latour/Dr Lyvonne Tume), Family empowerment and psychosocial care (Carolyn Boyles/Dr Jos Latour), Patient safety and risk reduction in PICU (Dr Kay Rushforth), Patient deterioration and early warning scores (Gerri Sefton) and a new nursing research theme around mechanical ventilation was proposed (Dr Bronagh Blackwood).

Overall it was a fantastic and inspiring meeting and we welcome other PICU and NICU nurses across Europe to this group.

If interested please contact Lyvonne Tume on Lyvonne.tume@alderhey.nhs.uk
A visit to the ICU in Utrecht

During a dinner conversation at the autumn meeting in Jerusalem, Colette Ram, representative from Netherland invited me and colleagues of mine to visit her ward in Utrecht. In the near future Sweden and especially Stockholm is prospecting and is building new intensive care facilities. Currently there are not enough ICU beds to meet the future healthcare demands of a growing population in Stockholm.

So where to go if not Utrecht, known for the newest and most sophisticate ICU in northern Europe! An extra plus was the visit at the University hospital in Amsterdam who recently rebuilt their ward and put in the latest technique in the same hospital area as before.

We were all in all seven nurses and doctors who took the very early morning flight from Stockholm to Schiphol and from there the direct train to Utrecht and the university clinic. Colette Ram met us at the door and spent one hour with us in a round table discussion on professional issues (comparing health care systems, intensive care units, working conditions etc).

After that we toured the ward and it was absolutely beautiful. These little things they had thought about when they planned the ward—they really make a difference! Outside the ward there were four small gardens which can be looked at from the patient rooms. So the patients can have a view and may also visit during their recovery from their critical illness. The rooms were spacious and give the patients privacy by frosted windows. Simply pushing a button and they became clear again.

I can really recommend to visit this impressive unit and if you are lucky you will receive the same fantastic hospitality we got in Utrecht and Amsterdam. A big thank you from your Swedish friends!

If you don’t have the opportunity to visit, you can still have a peek by visiting ”You tube” http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lAxEA4zTdc

Eva Barkestad, Swedish representative and board member in EfCCNa.

Are you also interested in visiting another hospital in Europe but don’t know how to manage it?

Then please have a look on the EfCCNa web site which provides respective information about the participation in an Exchange program!

www.efccna.org
EfCCNa welcomes 26th Member

The professional Group of Nurses and Health Technicians in Anaesthesiology, Intensive Care and Transfusion Medicine

The Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia is a professional, non-governmental and non-profit association in Republic of Slovenia that unifies 18,000 members. The association is made up of 11 regional societies and has 21 professional groups. One of them is the professional Group of Nurses and Health Technicians in Anaesthesiology, Intensive Care and Transfusion Medicine and it covers three large fields of nursing care – intensive care, anaesthesiology and transfusion medicine - areas that are all very specific; however in praxis they are often close to each other and sometimes even overlap.

The professional group of Nurses and Health Technicians in Anaesthesiology, Intensive Care and Transfusion Medicine follows the vision and values of the head association, embraces strategies of developing the profession on all levels and emphasizes the principles of ethical professional practice. It is headed by a president; an important role goes to the executive committee that consists of 9 members – three from each field of nursing care.

The purpose of this group is to examine professional issues from specific fields of nursing care, to identify and analyse the need for professional developments, to organize and participate in professional trainings, formulate recommendations and expert guidelines from specific fields and deal with professional and social issues that are important for further development of the profession.

In important task represents concern for publishing professional articles from specific fields in both national and foreign publications. It also proposes experts to perform professional oversight in their specific fields and participates in relevant professional and other working groups within Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia.

EfCCNa warmly welcomes the new member society and its representative Dejan Dobersek from Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Congress Announcements 2012

BACCN Annual Congress
Brighton, 10—12 September 2012  ➤ www.baccn2012.org.uk

23rd ESPNIC Medical & Nursing Annual Congress & 4th Congress of EAPS
Istanbul, Turkey, 6—9 October 2012  ➤ www.kenes.com/ paediatrics

ESICM Lives 2012
Lisbon, Portugal, 13—17 October 2012  ➤ www.esicm.org

This is Nursing

A short film reflecting the challenges and huge rewards that a career in nursing can bring was given its first showing at RCN Congress in Harrogate this year. The film, supporting the RCN’s This is Nursing work, offers an insight into the critical role nursing staff play in restoring the health and wellbeing of their patients. It shows nurses and health care assistants offering care and support in various clinical areas and in both acute and community settings. It was filmed on location in NHS and independent sector organisations around the country.

Link to RCN
World Congress of Intensive Care in Sibenik, Croatia

The 8th International Congress of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) and the 5th International Congress of the Croatian Nurses Society of Anaesthesia, Reanimation, Intensive Care and Transfusion was scheduled for 12-14 April 2012 in Sibenik Croatia.

The collaboration between two societies on world level assured an attractive and highly innovative scientific program and brought more than 400 participants from all over the world to Croatia. The majority of the delegates came from European countries like Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Estonia, Iceland, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Finland, Serbia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Turkey, Greece and of course, Croatia. But there was also a great number of colleagues from USA, Australia, the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Canada and New Zealand.

Under the motto ‘Current and future Challenges for Critical Care Nurses’ 120 lecturers contributed to the success of the congress. Simultaneous translation English/Serbo-Croatian was provided throughout the whole conference.

Participants were addressed by Prof. Ruth Kleinpell, President WFCCN, Katarina Dugina, Representative of the Croatian Nurses Council, Dragica Branica, Assistant Director General Hospital Sibenik and Rosa Thorsteinsdottir, President of the EfCCNa.

Adriano Friganovic
EfCCNa Representative Croatia and Congress Chairman

E-learning Facilities on EfCCNa web site

Now available on the EfCCNa web site:

New E-learning modules covering important topics of critical care nursing. Under the headline ‘Ventilation’ one will find a basic training course on NAVA (Neurally Adjusted Ventilation Assist) from Maquet and several Dräger webinars on certain ventilation topics. ‘Patient Safety’ deals with the WHO campaign Clean Care is safer Care and with the AACN self assessment tool on Palliative and End-of-Life Care you can test your knowledge in this specific field of nursing care.

Please have a look on www.efccna.org -> Education -> E-learning resources

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