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Dear colleagues and friends.

On behalf of the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing associations (EfCCNAs) and the Serbian Nurses Society of Intensive Care, Anaesthesia and Reanimation, UINARS, we have great pleasure of inviting you to attend an inspiring international Congress, which has become a major feature in the critical care nursing calendar.

The 5th EfCCNA – UINARS Congress will be held in the vibrant and cosmopolitan city of Belgrade, Serbia, during 23rd -25th May 2013

Belgrade is situated in South-Eastern Europe, on the Balkan Peninsula, at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. It is one of the oldest cities in Europe with a young and charming spirit.

This international event aims to provide delegates an enriching and stimulating congress experience which reflects the strength of collaboration and motivation of critical care nurses inspired by the EfCCNA motto: Working Together – Achieving More.

Besides a promising and stimulating Scientific Programme, the city of Belgrade, one of the oldest cities in Europe remains a colourful, lively and culturally rich location that is very worthy of a visit!

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Belgrade.

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

1 November 2012 . . . . . . Deadline for abstract submission
15 December 2012 . . . . . Confirmation of abstract acceptance
1 February 2013 . . . . . . Deadline for early registration fee
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The International Scientific Committee invites participants to submit their abstract relevant to the discipline of critical care nursing including intensive care, cardiac care, anaesthesia, emergency care, recovery room and anaesthesia. The Congress aims to cover the broad spectrum of the critical care practice, education, management and research that emphasise international importance to European healthcare services.

The abstracts should fit into the major congress themes:
- Developing clinical practice
- Advancing the care of the critically
- Innovative roles
- Applying technology
- Quality assurance and service improvements
- Informing practice through research

After relieving authors will be informed about abstract acceptance within four weeks of closing date.

Abstracts submission can be done exclusively through Congress website and must be written in English. Specific details about structure and how to submit the abstract are available on the Congress website: www.efccna2013.rs

Authors must register as a congress delegates in order to submit their abstract. After the Congress, all accepted abstracts will be published and available at www.efccna.org

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: 1 November 2012

EfCCNa & UINARS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

EfCCNa and UINARS are offering six Scholarships Awards. Each Award is worth max 400€. Three for Eastern European delegates and three for Western European delegates (see website for more details). To apply, those submitting an abstract online can indicate whether they wish to be considered for the (a) Young Scientist Award, (b) Best Practice Award, or (c) Educational Innovation Award.
News

Nursing in Critical Care - Virtual issue

*Nursing in Critical Care* has recently launched a virtual issue on infection control which is a collection of papers which is freely available to all who visit the home page http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1478-5153

BACCN published Position Statement on Visiting in Adult Critical Care Units in the United Kingdom

For more information please see: http://www.baccn.org.uk/members/downloads/BACCNVisiting.pdf

EfCCNa, European Dialysis and Transplantation Nursing Association and European Renal Care Association collaboration

Dr John Albarran (EfCCNa) together with Dr Maria Saraiva (EDTNA) have recently completed the development of an edited handbook entitled *Acute Kidney Injury: A guide to clinical practice*. This resource for practitioners will be officially launched on the 17th of September in Strasbourg and is now available as a pdf on the EfCCNa web pages. Keep an eye out for this!

Impact Factor

In the recently released 2011 Journal Citation Reports®, *Nursing in Critical Care* has been awarded an Impact Factor (IF) of 1.082 and it is now ranked 36 out of the 97 journals in the Nursing (Science) category and 32 out of 95 in the Nursing (Social Science) category. Alongside of this the journal achieved an immediacy index of 1.400, which is highest of all nursing journals, indicating that there is rapid citation for papers published in Nursing in Critical Care.

This means that *Nursing in Critical Care* is the only ranked journal for critical care nursing in both the UK and Europe, and well placed in terms of the international market.

Congratulations to the BACCN and to the Editors Dr John Albarran and Professor Julie Scholes

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THE WORLD OF CRITICAL CARE NURSING
The EfCCNa Autumn Meeting in Brighton

The EfCCNa Autumn meeting took place on 8-9 September 2012 in Brighton, England. The annual BACCN conference was scheduled on the following days from 10 – 11 September.

Results from the meeting:

**New structure of EfCCNa**

There is a mismatch between the number of committees and the number of council members which results in an unequal distribution of members in the committees. EfCCNa has 3 main strategic programs of work: research, education & practice and in the future EfCCNa is going to focus on projects under these programs. Each council member can assign themselves to a project and each project has a leader who takes on responsibility for managing the project in time and liaising with the board. The advantage of the new structure might be that more projects with smaller groups can be realised and this may contribute to the productivity of EfCCNa.

**5th EfCCNa Congress Belgrade, May 2013**

The preparation of the 5th EfCCNa Congress together with the Serbian Critical Care Nursing Organization (UINARS) [www.efccna2013.rs](http://www.efccna2013.rs) runs on schedule. Nevertheless there are concerns that the difficult economical situation in the Mediterranean countries may influence the attendance rate although there are reduced fees provided. Abstract submission has already started, deadline is November 1st. The name of the five key note speakers and the list of invited speakers will be published online within the next days. All EfCCNa representatives are invited to submit abstracts in order to contribute to an interesting program. Additionally they shall encourage their national colleagues to do so.

The next EfCCNa congress will be held in 2015, deadline for bidding is December 1st, 2012; the decision will be made by January 2013.

**Projects**

The *European Intensive Care Competency Project* which is going to determine standards of core competencies in intensive care nursing will be ready for feedback in January 2012 and shall be launched at the Belgrade congress.

The former Practice Committee chair reported that the *position statement on weaning from ventilation* is finalized. 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 is published now. The file will be provided on the EfCCNa web site after the official launching.
Structural changes in EfCCNa

EfCCNa has three main strategic programs of work: research, education & practice. In the future EfCCNa is going to focus on projects under these programs rather than on committee work. Benefits of this new structure might widening the participation of members to perform to their strengths & interests, increase the ability to migrate/immigrate across programmes, enabling more members to lead on projects, rather than having one chair to lead on many projects.

Congress Announcements 2012/2013

Resuscitation 2012—Annual Congress of the European Resuscitation Council—ERC
18—20 October 2012 Vienna, Austria
more information

European Society of Intensive Care Medicine – ESICM
13—17 October, Lisbon, Portugal
more information

33. ISICEM—International Symposium on Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine
19—22 March 2013. Brussels, Belgium
more information

ICN 25th Quadrennial Congress: Equity and Access to Healthcare
18 — 20 May 2013, Melbourne, Australia
more information

5th EfCCNa & UINARS Congress
23—25 May 2013. Belgrade, Serbia
more information

24th Annual Congress European Society of Paediatric & Neonatal Intensive Care
12—15 June, 2013, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
more information

World Congress on Critical Care : Critical Care for All
28 August—1 September 2013, Durban, South Africa
more information

World Sepsis Day 2012

On September 13, 2012 the first World Sepsis Day was celebrated and received a great reception; more than 1000 organisations and hospitals from all over the world supported the initiative. The founding members of the Global Sepsis Alliance (GSA) have prepared the World Sepsis Declaration in order to set targets to change the global burden of sepsis by 2020.
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CoBaTrICE Meeting in Bern, May 2012

The Austrian council member of EfCCNa, Karin Klas has attended the CoBaTrICE meeting this May in Bern, Switzerland. Read a resume of the meeting.

Why CoBaTrICE? The vision of ESICM

As in the past there was no clear definition of an intensive care medicine specialist profile and as well no equivalent trainings of doctors/residents in intensive care medicine were available throughout Europe the CoBaTrICE program was established. So far a syllabus with definitions about skills and competencies was achieved. Next step is to develop training programs with exams to ensure the competencies and skills have been achieved. The ESICM training options will consists of refresher and practical based courses, lecture content from congresses, the PACT online learning program, journal/publications and modular training courses (BASI /ATCIC). In the vision of ESICM this will lead to the harmonisation of the professional status, qualification, training standards and examination. All these activities may be a first step to European Diploma of Intensive Care Medicine.

Improving Patient Care through high Quality Training

To date not all European countries offer special training and education on intensive/critical care medicine for physicians. So there is high demand on theses programs and the need was seen to provide the courses through ESICM. Overall the physicians rated the trainings and examinations through ESICM of high importance in order to gain a European level of education. Problems have been discussed about the fact how this education could/should be provided and who the „trainers“ should be. Interestingly it was discussed whether qualified senior and special trained ICU-Nurses could mentor young physicians. Some of the experienced physicians saw this as a chance for quality improvement as the relationship with the experienced Nurses was seen as very worthy. In their view this collaboration would enrich the training and the development of young physicians. Also, it was mentioned that the nurses do that already but without an official assignment. Most of the physicians stated that during their training phase they have learned the essentials of critical care mostly through the senior Nurses.

Vince versa the recognition of the contribution of nurses to the professional development of young physicians in the critical care arena is a great opportunity to enrich the „standing“ for senior Nurses in the Team.

Next step for the future would be to evaluate whether the participation in the ESICM/CoBaTrICE program could lead to the development of a European diploma for Critical Care Nurses.
Selected Papers of Interest

So You Want to Change Practice: Recognizing Practice Issues and Channeling Those Ideas
Paula Lusardi, Crit Care Nurse April 2012 32:55-64, doi: 10.4037/ccn2012899

Professional Autonomy, Collaboration With Physicians, and Moral Distress Among European Intensive Care Nurses
Elizabeth D.E. Papathanassoglou, Maria N. K. Karanikola, Maria Kalafati, Margarita Giannakopoulou, Chrysoula Lemonidou, and John W. Albarran
Am J Crit Care 2012;21 e41-e52, http://ajcc.aacnjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/21/2/e41

Use of Augmentative and Alternative Communication Strategies by Family Members in the Intensive Care Unit
Lauren M. Broyles, Judith A. Tate, and Mary Beth Happ
Am J Crit Care 2012;21 e21-e32, http://ajcc.aacnjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/21/2/e21


Position Statement with Clinical Practice Recommendations: Pain Assessment in the Patient unable to Self-Report
http://www.aspmn.org/Organization/documents/UPDATED_NonverbalRevisionFinalWEB.pdf

Assessment of correlation between bispectral index and four common sedation scales used in mechanically ventilated patients in ICU.

Are you 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!

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