Florence Nightingale Medal

To the Presidents and Secretaries-General of the National Societies

Dear Madam,

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In Circular n° 626 issued on 1 September 2014, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) invited the Presidents and Secretaries-General of the National Societies to nominate candidates for the 45th award of the Florence Nightingale Medal.

This Medal – the highest international distinction a nurse can receive – honours exceptional courage and devotion to the victims of armed conflict or natural disaster; it also recognizes exemplary services or a creative and pioneering spirit in the areas of public health or nursing education.

We wish to draw attention to what was emphasized on page 2 of circular n° 626: “...the Florence Nightingale Medal is not intended to crown a career”. It was also stated in paragraph A on page 3 of the nomination form that concrete examples of courage and active compassion should be cited and that practical activities on behalf of injured, sick or otherwise vulnerable people should be emphasized.

Having thoroughly reviewed the nominations submitted by the National Societies in the light of the above criteria, we are pleased to announce that the 36 persons listed below have been selected for the 45th award of the medal. Since titles, qualifications and functions do not always have equivalents in other languages, it seemed preferable to publish them as they were sent to us by the National Societies.

AUSTRALIE – AUSTRALIA

Ms Elizabeth Bowell. Registered nurse. Emergency Health Delegate for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Active in disaster situations.

Ms Nola Henry. Registered nurse. Australian Red Cross health delegate. Active in conflict and disaster situations.

Ms Amanda McClelland. Registered nurse. Global Emergency Health Advisor for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Active in disaster situations.


AUTRICHE – AUSTRIA

Ms Monika Wild. Registered nurse. Head of Health and Social Services of the Austrian Red Cross. Active in the areas of public health and nursing education.

CANADA – CANADÁ

Miss Dawn Anderson. Registered nurse. Emergency Room Trauma Course instructor. Active in conflict situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.
Ms Du Liqun. Head Nurse, Department of HIV/AIDS of the Fourth People’s Hospital of Nanning. Active in the areas of public health and nursing education.

Ms Song Jing. Director of Nursing Department of the People’s Hospital of Zhecheng County, Henan Province. Active in the areas of public health and nursing education.

Ms Wang Xinhua. Nursing Supervisor, 302 Military Hospital of China. Active in disaster situations and in the area of public health.

Ms Xing Caixia. Deputy Director of the Nursing Department of Inner Mongolia People’s Hospital. Active in disaster situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.

Ms Zhao Qinghua. Vice Director of Nursing Department of the First Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Medical University. Active in the areas of public health and nursing education.

Professor Yong Soon Kim. Registered nurse. Professor Emeritus, Ajou University. Active in the areas of public health and nursing education.

Ms Okran Lee. Registered nurse. Director of Nursing at Bugok National Hospital, Ministry of Health and Welfare. Active in the area of public health.

Sr Sergio Madrigal Arroyo. Doctor en Enfermería. Activo en situaciones de catástrofe y en el ámbito de salud pública.

Ms Kirsten Plenge Abdalla. Registered nurse. Quality Coordinator of Ballerup Psychiatric Center. Active in disaster situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.


Ms Merete Rønnow Poulsen. Registered nurse. Operating Room Nurse, Gentofte Hospital. Active in conflict and disaster situations and in the area of public health.

Colonel Laura Favand. Registered nurse. Active in conflict and disaster situations and in the area of nursing education.

Dr Carmen Kynard. National Chairperson of Nursing, American Red Cross. Active in disaster situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.

Ms Diane St. Denis. Registered nurse. American Red Cross Disaster Health Services Advisor, Pacific Division. Active in disaster situations and in the area of public health.

Mrs Vonnie Thomas. Registered nurse. Active in disaster situations and in the area of public health.

Mr Lars Åke Hydén. Registered nurse. Nurse, Intensive Care Unit, Central Hospital of Vaasa. Active in conflict and situations and in the area of public health.

Mr Ramin Kohankhaki. Registered nurse. Head of Operations Coordination in Medical Emergencies, Iranian Red Crescent Society. Active in disaster situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.

Ms Ritsu Yamada. Registered nurse. Board Member of Medical Corporation Hoseikai. Active in the areas of public health and nursing education.

LIBAN – LEBANON – LÍBANO

Madame Marie-Claude Assaf. Infirmière diplômée. Vice-présidente de l'Association des Infirmières diplômées de la Croix-Rouge libanaise. Active en situation de conflit et dans le domaine de la formation aux soins infirmiers.

MYANMAR

Mr Sa Naing Naing Tun. Registered nurse. Active in disaster situations and in the area of public health.

NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE – NEW ZEALAND – NUEVA ZELANDA

Mr Graham Zinsli. Registered nurse. Health delegate for the International Committee of the Red Cross. Active in disaster and conflict situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.

PHILIPPINES – FILIPINAS

Mr Mohammad Janisa Manalao. Registered nurse. Project Officer, Haiyan Operations, Tacloban City. Active in disaster situations.

Ms Gwendolyn Pang. Registered nurse. Secretary General of the Philippine Red Cross. Active in disaster and conflict situations.


SIERRA LEONE – SIERRA LEONA

Mrs Josephine Makieu. Registered nurse. Head nurse in Ebola Treatment Centre of Kenema. Active in disaster situations.

Mr Morison Musa. Posthumous award. Registered nurse. Worked in Ebola treatment center.

SOMALIE – SOMALIA


THAÏLANDE - THAILAND - TAILANDIA

Ms Kanjanee Opastipagom. Director of nursing, King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital. Active in disaster situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.

Mrs Sirilak Wittayanakorn. Director of nursing, Queen Savang Vadhana Memorial Hospital. Active in disaster situations and in the areas of public health and nursing education.

A total of 1'449 medals have been awarded to date.

The medals and diplomas, accompanied in each case by a photogravure portrait of Florence Nightingale, will be dispatched to the National Societies concerned as soon as possible.

We would be grateful if the medals could be presented in the course of the present year and if the Presidents and Secretaries-General could ensure that the presentation ceremony is formal in nature, in keeping with the founders' wishes. Article 5 of the Regulations stipulates the following: “The Medal shall be presented in each country either by the Head of the State, or by the President of the Central Committee of the National Society
directly or by their substitutes. The ceremony shall take place with a solemnity consistent with the distinction of the honour conferred."

We ask the National Societies to convey our warmest congratulations to the recipients of the Florence Nightingale Medal.

Yours sincerely,

Jacques Chapuis
President of the Commission for the Florence Nightingale Medal

Dr Peter Maurer
President of the ICRC