



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES FEDERATION

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## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE Tuesday 5 May



International Day of the Midwife is celebrated on 5 May each year. The theme for 2009 is: *The world needs midwives now more than ever.* More information is available on the ICM website:  
<http://www.internationalmidwives.org>.

## INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY Tuesday 12 May

International Nurses Day (IND) is celebrated each year on 12 May, which is the birthday of Florence Nightingale. The International Council of Nurses (ICN) proclaimed 12 May as International Nurses Day in 1965. The theme for IND 2009 is: *Delivering quality, serving communities: nurses leading care innovations.*



Resources to assist in celebrating and promoting IND produced by the ICN are available on the ICN website:  
<http://www.icn.ch>.

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH SURVEY



Thank you to the many nurses who completed the CHPA *Climate change and health survey*. Surveys were received from 42 of the 53 Commonwealth countries.

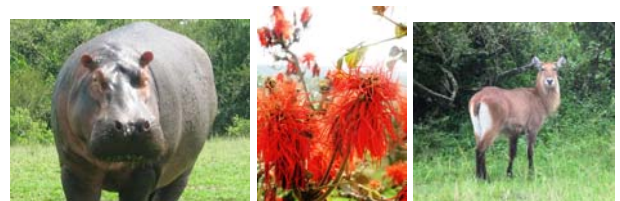
The surveys have been collated and a Summary Report will be presented on 17 May to the Commonwealth Health Ministers by the Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance (CHPA). The report will then be circulated to all those who completed the survey and placed on the CNF website.

## CNF BIENNIAL 2009

Gaborone, Botswana  
Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 June 2009



Botswana



## REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

Further information, registration forms and the Biennial meeting and workshop program can be downloaded from the CNF website:

<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org> or by emailing:  
[cnf@commonwealthnurses.org](mailto:cnf@commonwealthnurses.org).

The CNF Biennial is being hosted by the Nurses Association of Botswana.

## COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT



The CNF has been awarded a grant of £20,000.00 by the Commonwealth Foundation to continue its work in 2009-2010. Activities which will be funded through the grant are: Two workshops in West Africa (Ghana and Nigeria) on patient safety late in 2009; and research on the effects of migration on nursing in small Pacific island countries. Without the support of the Commonwealth Foundation, the CNF would not be able to conduct such activities to support our membership. In 2008 the Commonwealth Foundation funded four very successful patient safety workshops in the Caribbean in Grenada, St Lucia, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago.



## COMMONWEALTH PEOPLES' FORUM



The Commonwealth Peoples' Forum (CPF) is held in conjunction with the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting which in 2009 will be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago 22-26 November.

The CPF provides an opportunity for individuals and organisations across the Commonwealth to interact, network and share ideas around issues of concern and interest. More information about the CPF can be found on the website of the Commonwealth Foundation: <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com>.

## SUCCESSFUL GRANT FOR MALAYSIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION



The Malaysian Nurses Association (MNA), led by President, Ramziah bt Ahmad, has been successful in a grant application to the Commonwealth Foundation to conduct leadership training for young nurse leaders in Malaysia.

The course will be run over three weekends over six months and will cover issues such as: governance; strategic planning; advocacy; lobbying; leadership; and engaging the media. The MNA hopes that young nurse leaders from neighbouring country Brunei Darussalam will also be able to attend.

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REGISTERED NURSES ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 80 YEARS IN 2010

The Trinidad and Tobago Registered Nurses Association will celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 4 June 2010. The TTRNA, led by President, Valerie Rawlins, has already started planning to celebrate this important milestone.



The CNF has also begun a history project to collect the formation dates of member associations and the date they joined the CNF.

## COMING EVENTS

### Commonwealth Health Ministers meeting

The Commonwealth Health Ministers meeting (CHMM) is being held in Geneva on 17 May 2009. The 2009 theme is: *Climate change and health*, however it is anticipated that Commonwealth Health Ministers will also discuss 'swine flu' and the global economic crisis. The Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance (CHPA) is being formally launched at the CHMM and will also be presenting the results of the recently conducted *Climate change and health survey*.

### Commonwealth Civil Society consultation

The Commonwealth Secretariat and the Commonwealth Foundation have advised they will be conducting the next consultation with civil society in London on Wednesday 20 May. The consultation will provide an opportunity to review the outcomes of the Commonwealth Health Ministers meeting and begin preparations for the Commonwealth Peoples Forum and the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting to be held in Trinidad and Tobago in November 2009. The CNF will be attending the consultation.

### Commonwealth Africa Symposium on the International Migration of Health Workers

The Commonwealth Foundation is holding a second symposium on the international migration of health workers. The first symposium was held in South Asia (New Delhi India November 2008). The second symposium will be held in Africa (Gaborone Botswana) 16-18 June 2009. The Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance will be working in partnership with the Commonwealth Foundation to conduct the symposium.

### Commonwealth Steering Committee for Nursing and Midwifery Atlantic Workshop 2010

The Commonwealth Steering Committee for Nursing and Midwifery conducts an annual regional workshop for nurses and midwives. A successful workshop was held in New Delhi India 16-17 February 2009. The 2010 workshop will be held in Grenada in the Caribbean 15-16 February 2010.

### ICN Congress and CNF Biennial 2011

The International Council of Nurses has announced that their 2011 Congress will be held in Malta. As Malta is a Commonwealth country it is anticipated that the CNF Biennial will also be held in Malta the week before the ICN Congress.