



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES FEDERATION

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## MARGARET BRAYTON TURNS 90



Margaret Brayton was the first Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth Nurses Federation. This month she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Margaret had a long and distinguished nursing career and has a multitude of nursing friends across the world who I know would want to wish her well. At 90 she is still actively involved in many health, social development and social justice committees and causes.

Without Margaret's determination, perseverance, warm personality, generous nature and sense of humour, the Commonwealth Nurses Federation would not have prospered. Margaret lay the foundations for the successful organisation the CNF is today. It was a great privilege to attend Margaret's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in London on 10 July.

## COMMONWEALTH PEOPLE'S FORUM



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

The CPF provides an opportunity for individuals and organisations across the Commonwealth to interact, network and share ideas around issues of concern and interest. Representatives of the CNF will be attending the CPF and presenting at some of the assemblies. The CNF will also be participating as part of the Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance. More information about the CPF can be found on the Commonwealth Foundation's website: <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com>

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN MALAYSIA

The Malaysian Nurses Association (MNA) has held the first two days of their governance and leadership training in Kuala Lumpur. The training is being funded by a grant from the Commonwealth Foundation. The purpose of the training is to prepare young nurse leaders with the knowledge, skill and confidence to assume nursing leadership positions in the future. The CNF is supporting the MNA in the delivery of the training. The six day training will cover areas such as: governance, strategic planning, advocacy, lobbying, leadership and media. The training is to be held over three weekends.





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## 8<sup>th</sup> CNF EUROPEAN REGION CONFERENCE

*Advancing health through nursing*  
12-13 March 2010  
Coral Beach Hotel, Paphos, Cyprus

**Submit an abstract and plan to be there**

Abstracts should be submitted to the Cyprus Nurses and Midwives Association  
[cy.n.a@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:cy.n.a@cytanet.com.cy)  
by Monday 14 December 2009



## ICN CNR MEETING Durban, South Africa

Susie Kong, CNF President and Jill Illiffe, CNF Executive Secretary, attended the International Council of Nurses Committee of Representatives meeting in Durban, South Africa from 27-30 June 2009 as observers at the invitation of the ICN.



The meeting provided an opportunity to meet with many Commonwealth Nurses Federation members attending the ICN CNR meeting. At the meeting, a new ICN President was elected, Rosemary Bryant, from Australia. The CNF wishes Rosemary all the best for her term of office.

## NEW CNF BOARD

A new CNF Board for 2009-2011 took office at the CNF Biennial meeting in Gaborone Botswana 24-25 June 2009. Please feel free to contact your Board member for more information about CNF activities in your region. (first name)@commonwealthnurses.org  
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