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HISTORIC CNF WORKSHOP IN SIERRA LEONE

Sixty five nurses attended a two day CNF 4 Safety Workshop in Freetown Sierra Leone 21-22 April 2010, a first for CNF and the Sierra Leone Nurses Association.



Participants at the workshop



Sierra Leone Chief Nursing Officer, Mrs Mabel Carew with Sierra Leone Nurses Association President, Madonna Hill

ADVANCE NOTICE

20th CNF BIENNIAL CONFERENCE and GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 April, 2011
Radisson Blu Resort, St Julian's, Malta

The 20th CNF Biennial Conference and General Meeting will be held Wednesday 27 And Thursday 28 April 2011 in Malta.

Information about the theme, registration and accommodation will be forwarded to CNF members and placed on the CNF website very soon. CNF members are encouraged to advertise the dates to their members; put the dates in their diaries; and start planning to attend.

The ICN Committee of National Representatives meeting is being held in St. Julian's Malta 2-4 May 2011 with the ICN Congress being held in Valetta Malta 2-8 May 2011.



15TH SOUTH PACIFIC NURSES FORUM

8-11 November 2010
Aotea Centre, Queen Street, Auckland New Zealand

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For more information see:

<http://www.spnf.org.au/news.html>

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GHANA 4 SAFETY WORKSHOP



Forty five nurses from all across Ghana attended the two day CNF workshop in Accra Ghana 26-27 April 2010. Participants committed to replicating the workshop in their workplaces to improve patient and nurse safety.

Both the Sierra Leone and Ghana CNF workshops were funded by the Commonwealth Foundation.



Participants at the workshop



WHO *Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (EESC)*

The World Health Organization has developed a toolkit to provide guidance on developing policy, training curricula, essential equipment, teaching and best practices on trauma, anaesthesia, HIV prevention, pregnancy complications and in disaster situations. The toolkit is available from <http://www.who.int/surgery>. The toolkit takes a primary health care approach in strengthening health systems to reducing death and disability in injury, pregnancy related complications, congenital anomalies and infection.

NEW SYMBOL FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE



To celebrate International Nurses Day, the Bahamas Nursing Services Advisor, Mrs Willamae Hamilton Stuart and the Bahamas Principal Nursing Officer, Sandilands Rehabilitation Centre, Mrs Thelma McKenzie, challenged nurses in the Bahamas to wear a paper clip on the lapel of their uniforms to make a statement about nursing solidarity for excellence in nursing. The Bahamas nurse leaders suggest that while the cost of one humble paper clip is negligible, the value of the use of paper clips is indescribable and immeasurable. Likewise is the value of nursing to health care service delivery. The simple paper clip, available to nurses all over the world, is an item not given any great value or any value at all, however it is a valuable symbol for nurses who every day in health care facilities all over the world achieve, with dedication and commitment, the impossible and the immeasurable.

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