



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES FEDERATION

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## 60<sup>th</sup> MALAYSIAN NURSES AGM

Over 1,000 nurses attended the 60<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Malaysian Nurses Association (MNA) held in Kuching, Malaysia 26-29 March 2010. President of the MNA, Ramziah Binti Ahmad who is also CNF Board Member for the Pacific Region welcomed delegates.



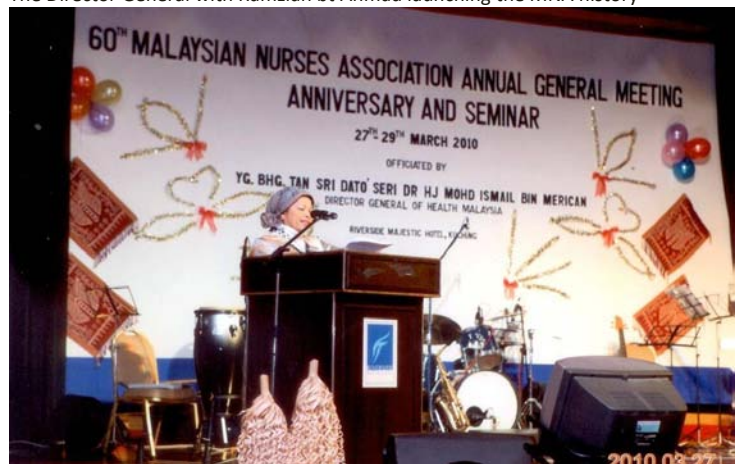
A highlight of the Anniversary Dinner was the launching of a book on the history of the MNA. The book, encased in ice, was launched by the Director General of Health, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr H J Mohd Ismail Bin Merican.



The Director General with Ramziah bt Ahmad launching the MNA history



Delegates at the MNA 60<sup>th</sup> AGM



Ramziah bt Ahmad welcomes delegates to the AGM dinner



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Nursing students entertain delegates at the dinner with traditional dance



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The CNF congratulates the MNA on a successful 60 years and wishes them well for a further 60 years.



## 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee GHANA

On 16 April in Koforidua, Ghana, the Ghana Registered Nurses Association (GRNA) celebrated 50 years of looking after the nurses and the people of Ghana. The Vice President of Ghana, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama, was the guest of honour at the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee celebrations where a second GRNA hostel and conference centre was officially opened.



GRNA members at the 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee celebrations



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The new GRNA hostel



Vice President of Ghana, His Excellency John Dramani Mahama



GRNA executive members cutting the Anniversary cake



Members of the GRNA Executive with Jill Iliffe Executive Secretary CNF

The CNF congratulates the GRNA Executive on a very successful 50 years and wishes them well for the future.



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## ADVANCE NOTICE

### 20<sup>th</sup> CNF BIENNIAL CONFERENCE and GENERAL MEETING

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

The 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 15<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH PACIFIC NURSES FORUM

8-11 November 2010

Aotea Centre, Queen Street, Auckland New Zealand

### **NURSES AT THE HELM** *Steering health across the Pacific*



For more information see:

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

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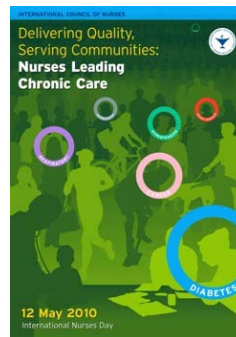
## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE



International Day of the Midwife is celebrated on 5 May each year. The theme for 2010 is: *The world needs midwives now more than ever*. More information is available on the ICM website: <http://www.internationalmidwives.org>.

## INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

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 2010 is: *Delivering quality, serving communities: nurses leading chronic care*.



Resources to assist in celebrating and promoting IND produced by the ICN are available on the ICN website:

<http://www.icn.ch/publications/2010-delivering-quality-serving-communities-nurses-leading-chronic-care/>

## BBC DOCUMENTARY

*Kill or Cure: Doctors and nurses*

<http://rockhopper.tv/programmes/306>

The BBC has released a seven minute documentary on health worker shortages and health worker migration. The film portrays the real-life journey of Dr Brian Kubwalo, a Malawian doctor working in Manchester UK, who embarks on a personal quest to find out whether he should go back to his native Malawi where his skills are sorely missed, or stay in Manchester where he can provide a better future for his children. Zooming in on constraints such as heavy workloads and low wages for health workers in countries such as Malawi and Pakistan, the film also raises alarm bells on the true global nature of the health worker shortages that are experienced in developed countries and well as developing countries.

*Rockhopper* is one of the world's leading TV documentary makers specialising in development, health and the environment.