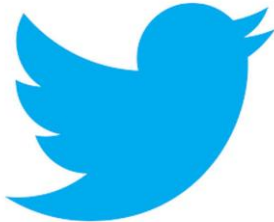




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Commonwealth Foundation appoints new Director-General



Dr Anne Therese Gallagher has been appointed the new Director-General of the Commonwealth Foundation. Dr Gallagher is a lawyer, teacher and scholar with extensive experience in international affairs including human rights and the administration of criminal justice.

Dr Gallagher taught law at the Australian National University, and served for 12 years at the United Nations including as special adviser to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. From 2003, Dr Gallagher worked with the Association of South East Asian Nations to strengthen legislative and criminal justice responses to human trafficking and related exploitation.

The CNMF congratulates Dr Gallagher on her appointment and looks forward to working with and learning from her. The CNMF has enjoyed a strong and positive working relationship with the Commonwealth Foundation over many years and is confident this will continue under Dr Gallagher's leadership.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

5th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives
Conference
6-7 March 2020 London UK



Call for Abstracts closes 31 May 2019

Submit your abstract online. Go to:
<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2020>

PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING COURSES

TAKE THE SURVEY



The Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research is conducting a survey to gain an understanding of people's awareness of public health issues in order to develop public health training courses on topics of specific interests. The survey takes three minutes to complete, is anonymous, and voluntary. Nurses are particularly encouraged to complete the survey. Click on:

<https://goo.gl/forms/2KnyQIKERi4hZvfo1>

24th CNMF Biennial Meeting 2020

SAVE THE DATE

The CNMF Board have confirmed that the 24th CNMF Biennial Meeting of Members will be held on Thursday 5th March 2020 in London, United Kingdom. The Biennial Meeting of Members is the decision making body of the CNMF. All CNMF members are entitled to attend and participate in the debate and decision making. CNMF friends are welcome to attend as observers.



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SUCCESSFUL WACN CONFERENCE Sierra Leone

The West African College of Nursing (WACN) held its 15th Biennial General Meeting, 24th Scientific Session, and 38th Council meeting in Freetown Sierra Leone 18-20 March 2019. The Sierra Leone Chapter of WACN hosted the conference.

The CNMF President, Professor Kathleen McCourt attended the conference together with 300 West African nurses and midwives. The theme for the conference was *Health service partnerships: the role of nurses and midwives in building global health security*. The President of Sierra Leone, the Hon Julius Maada Bio officially opened the conference. The international conference program provided an opportunity for nurses, midwives, other health care professionals, and the general public to come together to discuss community and health workforce responses to current health issues.



CNMF President, Professor Kathleen McCourt with Sierra Leone Nurses Association President, Mr Senesie Margao.

The West African College of Nursing was officially inaugurated on 14 April 1981. Countries currently comprising membership are Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Benin and The Gambia.

CNMF OPPOSES NEW PENAL CODE FOR BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

A new penal code for Brunei Darussalam came into force earlier this month. The code is reported to have extended the crimes which attract the death penalty; and introduced death by stoning as a punishment, as well as public flogging and amputation. The death penalty is already legal in Brunei Darussalam however the last execution was in 1957.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet warned that the new laws could encourage violence and discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, and religious affiliation. "Any religion-based legislation must not violate human rights, including the rights of those belonging to the majority religion, as well as of religious minorities and non-believers", she said.

The CNMF strongly opposes any legislation or actions which are cruel, inhuman or degrading; or which are discriminatory in nature, or breach international human rights conventions. Capital punishment is not acceptable at any time or in any form in any country, particularly any Commonwealth country. The CNMF supports other international calls for the Brunei Darussalam law to be set aside.

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4th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference,
Jamaica

The Caribbean School of Nursing, University of Technology Jamaica, is hosting the 4th Nursing and Midwifery Research Conference with the theme "Promoting Healthy Ageing through Nursing and Midwifery Research".

The Conference will be held 8-9 August 2019 at the University of Technology, Jamaica campus. Submit abstracts to: conresearchconference@yahoo.com.

**4th BIENNIAL NURSING & MIDWIFERY
RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

Theme: "Promoting Healthy Ageing Through Nursing and
Midwifery Research"

August 8 & 9, 2019

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

Submission Deadline: May 31, 2019