20th CNF BIENNIAL CONFERENCE and GENERAL MEETING

Nurses and midwives: meeting the challenges of the 21st century

Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April, 2011
Radisson BLU Resort, St Julian’s, Malta

The 20th CNF Biennial Conference and General Meeting will be held Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April 2011 at the Radisson BLU Resort, St Julian’s, Malta http://www.radisson.com.mt. For information about registration, accommodation and the draft program please go to: http://www.commonwealthnurses.org.

FAREWELL TO ANNA MASLIN

Many nurses across the Commonwealth will remember Anna Maslin from the UK Department of Health and Chair of the Commonwealth Steering Committee on Nursing and Midwifery.

Anna has announced her retirement as from 31 May 2011. The CNF joins Anna’s many colleagues and friends to wish her a happy, healthy and enjoyable retirement and thank her for her commitment to nursing and midwifery in the Commonwealth over many years.

AFRICAN REGULATORY COLLABORATIVE

Chief Nursing Officers, Nursing Registrars and a representative of the National Nursing Association met together in Nairobi, Kenya 28 February to 2 March 2011 to develop strategies for enhancing nursing and midwifery regulation and practice in East, Central and Southern African countries.

The meeting was sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat, the US Centre for Disease Control and Prevention and Emory University Atlanta, Georgia, in collaboration with the Kenya Ministry of Health.

The aim of the meeting was to establish an innovative South to South partnership to build the capacity of Africa’s nursing and midwifery regulatory bodies. Four grants of US$10,000.00 are available for in-country proposals to strengthen nursing and midwifery regulation. Copies of the presentations and draft country proposals are available from: http://www.commonwealthnurses.org.
The Royal Commonwealth Society has launched a new project to create a Commonwealth Jubilee Time Capsule. People of any age across the Commonwealth are being invited to contribute memories from the last sixty years either stories, photographs or films. The best entries - one for each of the 21,915 days which make up the last sixty years - will be sealed into the capsule and presented to the Queen as a gift from the Commonwealth family to celebrate her Jubilee celebrations in 2012. The entries not chosen for the capsule will remain online as an important resource for students, teachers, historians and academics.

You can participate by submitting your own entry - all you need to do is pick a day that is important to you from the last sixty years and say why that day is important. For more information visit: http://jubileetimecapsule.org.

CONGRATULATIONS NURSES IN AUSTRALIA

Since 1994, and for the sixteenth year in a row, ever since nurses were included in the annual Morgan Image of Professions Survey, nurses in Australia have topped the poll as the most ethical and honest profession. Congratulations nurses in Australia.

RAMPHAL COMMISSION ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Ramphal Commission on Migration and Development met recently in Kingston Jamaica to consider their second report which covers the effect of climate change on migration and the impact on developing countries of the migration of skilled workers. The first report of the Commission is available on the Ramphal Centre website- http://www.ramphalcentre.org. The second report will be released in the near future. The Commission would like to see migration as a priority issue for the Commonwealth so the positive aspects of migration can be promoted and the potentially negative aspects managed appropriately.

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