The 4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference, to be held in London 10-11 March 2018, is now only a month away and excitement is mounting. It is time to register now to be able to participate. The title of the conference is: Leading the way – nurses and midwives for a safe, healthy and peaceful world.

Excellent abstracts have been submitted by nurses and midwives from every region of the Commonwealth addressing the conference theme and demonstrating how nurses and midwives can and are leading the way to a safe, healthy and peaceful world. Over the two days of the conference there will be 75 presentations from nurses and midwives from 21 different countries.

The conference is being held at the historic Royal College of Physicians, Regent’s Park London on the eve of Commonwealth Week. Commonwealth Day is celebrated on Monday 13 March 2018.

The conference is a wonderful opportunity for nurses and midwives across the Commonwealth and beyond to share their experience with and learn from each other; to make new friends; and to establish international networks. In addition to the oral presentations, a range of posters will also be available. For more information, to access the conference program, and to register, go to the CNMF website: http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2018.
WHO REVISES ANTENATAL RECOMMENDATIONS
January 2018

The World Health Organisation (WHO), in partnership with USAID’s Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP) has released two summary briefs on WHO Recommendations on Antenatal Care for a Positive Pregnancy Experience (January 2018). Recent evidence, the WHO found, suggest that the focused antenatal care model of four antenatal visits is associated with more perinatal deaths than ANC models that comprise at least eight contact visits between the pregnant woman and the health care provider.

This is a really important change in approach which needs to be brought to the attention of all midwives and maternity care service providers.

ECSACON CONFERENCE
3-7 September 2018 Nairobi Kenya

The 6th Quadrennial General Meeting and the 13th Scientific Conference of the East, Central and Southern Africa College of Nursing (ECSACON) will be held 3-7 September 2018 at the Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya.

The theme for the conference is: Nurses and Midwives responding to global agenda on sustainable development goals and universal health coverage. For more information go to: http://ecsahc.org/news/1454/

ICN ANNOUNCES THEME FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY 2018

International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world on May 12, the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. The International Council of Nurses commemorates this important day each year with the production and distribution of the International Nurses’ Day Kit.

Posters and other resources are available for download from the ICN website: http://www.icn.ch/publications/2018-nurses-a-voice-to-lead-health-is-a-human-right/.