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**THREE WEEKS TO CONFERENCE
REGISTER NOW!**

2nd Commonwealth Nurses Conference 8-9 March 2014

With only three weeks to go to the 2nd Commonwealth Nurses Conference: *Nurses and midwives - agents of change* to be held at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park London 8-9 March 2014 time is running out to register. The program and online registration and payment can be made at:
<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2014>.



CNF 21st Biennial Meeting 2014

**Venue: Royal College of Nursing
20 Cavendish Square London**

Friday 7 March 2014
Hosted by the CNF and the RCN

Nurses and midwives:agents of change

The 21st CNF Biennial Meeting, restricted to CNF members, will be held on Friday 7 March at the Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London. This is an historic meeting with constitutional changes to be debated including a change of name to Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation. CNF members should download the papers from the CNF website and register both authorised representatives and observers to attend.

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

All necessary information is available from:
http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/21st_CNf_Biennial_2014.html

CNF PRESIDENT ELECT AND VICE PRESIDENT ELECT ANNOUNCED

The CNF is pleased to announce the results of the recent elections for 2014-2018 for President and Vice President and Board Member for the East, Central and Southern Africa Region who will take up their positions at the close of the 2nd Commonwealth Nurses Conference.

Dr Ramziah Binti Ahmad has been elected unopposed to the position of CNF President 2014-2018. Dr Ahmad is President of the Malaysian Nurses Association and the current CNF Board member for the Asia Region. Dr Ahmad will succeed Miss Susie Kong who has been CNF President since 2005.

Professor Kath McCourt has been elected unopposed to the position of CNF Vice President 2014-2018. Professor McCourt is the Chair of the Royal College of Nursing UK International Committee and Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, Northumbria University.

In CNF Board member elections, Mr Paul Magesa Mashauri, President of the Tanzania National Nurses Association, has been elected Board member for the East, Central and Southern Africa Region. Elections are still in progress for the CNF West Africa and CNF Atlantic Regions.



Dr Ramziah Ahmad



Professor Kath McCourt



Mr Paul Magesa Mashauri

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MALNUTRITION eLEARNING COURSE



The Malnutrition eLearning Course has been developed by the University of Southampton (UK), the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the International Malnutrition Task Force. It is a freely available course to train health workers across the world. In 2013, over 3,900 people enrolled in the course from over 140 different countries including students, undergraduates, health workers providing direct care to malnourished children, and others who needed to increase their knowledge of nutrition, such as lecturers and Ministry of Health officials.

The course is based on the WHO guidelines for the management of severe acute malnutrition and provides interactive learning across three modules. Module 1 includes the definition and classification of malnutrition; the visible and invisible changes caused by malnutrition and why malnourished children need different care from other children. Module 2 covers assessment and screening of children and Module 3 covers the management of malnutrition including the ten steps for successful management; how community and facility based approaches can be integrated to widen coverage; and why common conditions such as gastroenteritis, pneumonia and malaria have to be treated differently when there is coexisting malnutrition.

The course includes assessment and feedback on performance and a certificate of completion can be printed when the course is completed. For more information go to:
<http://www.som.soton.ac.uk/learn/test/nutrition>.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH



<http://www.evidenceaid.org/resources/>

The Evidence Aid project uses knowledge from Cochrane Reviews and other systematic reviews to provide reliable, up-to-date evidence on interventions that might be considered in the context of natural disasters and other major healthcare emergencies. Evidence Aid seeks to highlight those interventions which work; those which do not work; those which need more research; and those which might be harmful; and to provide this information to agencies and people planning for, or responding to, disasters. A wide range of subjects is covered with extremely valuable information. The website is easy to navigate and well worth exploring.

NEW FILMS ON CERVICAL CANCER



Medical Aid Films has announced the release of three new films on the topic of cervical cancer. The suite of films includes:

- * Cervical cancer: Understanding prevention, screening and treatment (targets community health workers and communities);
- * Screening and treatment options; and
- * How to conduct VIA and VILI screening tests (both designed for skilled health worker training).

The films are free and distributed under license which allows them to be copied as many times as necessary providing the content is not altered and they are not sold. Each film is also available as individual chapters to better facilitate incorporation into e-learning modules and for faster download in areas with limited bandwidth.

The films can be downloaded from:

<http://www.medicalaidfilms.org/our-films/cervical-cancer>.

Copies of the films are also available in hard copy, on DVD, or memory sticks from info@medicalaidfilms.org.

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Virtual International Day of the Midwife 5 May 2014

The Virtual International Day of the Midwife (VIDM) celebrates the International Day of the Midwife by bringing midwives, students, consumers and all parties interested in childbirth from across the globe together using online electronic media. A variety of live online events are presented every hour for 24 hours on the 5th of May 2014 via web-conferencing facilities. These may include presentations about latest research or practice issues, informal discussions, panel discussions, meetings or story-telling. The start time will be 10.00 am 5th of May, New Zealand time.

The organising committee of the VIDM is now calling for Expressions of Interest which have a clear aim or purpose; focus on maternity care or midwifery; be of interest to an international audience; and be appropriate to the chosen media. While the EOI must be in English, presentations on the day in other languages are welcome. EOI from non-midwives and midwifery students are also welcome. Presenters need not be experienced in using electronic media - each presenter will be allocated a facilitator who will be able to give support at every stage. However, presenters do need to have access to a computer with reliable Internet access, a headset and preferably a webcam.

Further information is available from: admin@vidm.org.



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