The 4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference, to be held in London 10-11 March 2018, is now only two months away. 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. Differential registration rates apply for high, middle, and low income countries.

On behalf of the President and Board of the Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation, I would like to wish all CNMF members and friends a safe, happy and healthy 2018. Our hope for 2018 is that the world will move toward living together in harmony; countries experiencing internal conflict will find peace; refugees, particularly children, will be safely resettled or return home; effective global action will be taken on climate change, particularly for small island states; more countries will achieve universal health coverage; and more people will have access to clean water and sanitation. Nurses and midwives must accept their responsibility to be activists and role models in achieving a safe, healthy, and peaceful world.

23rd CNMF BIENNIAL MEETING
London UK | Friday 9 March 2018
Registration essential

The CNMF 23rd Biennial Meeting of members will be held at the Royal College of Nursing, London UK on Friday 9 March 2018. The Biennial Meeting is the decision making body of the CNMF where reports are received from the President, the Executive Secretary, and the Treasurer, decisions are made, and strategic directions are set for the coming two years.

All members are welcome to attend. Registration is essential. If you have not registered, please contact: jill@commonwealthnurses.org to register and to receive the agenda and the papers for the meeting.
Released by UNICEF in December, The State of the World’s Children 2017: Children in a Digital World, discusses how digital access can be a game changer for children or yet another dividing line. The report represents the first comprehensive look from UNICEF at the different ways digital technology is affecting children, identifying dangers as well as opportunities. It makes a clear call to governments, the digital technology sector and telecom industries to level the digital playing field for children by creating policies, practices and products that can help children harness digital opportunities and protect them from harm. To access the report, go to: https://www.unicef.org/publications/index_101992.html.

ECSACON CONFERENCE

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/.

Malaria eradication stalls
WORLD MALARIA REPORT 2017

The World Health Organization (WHO) has released the World Malaria Report 2017 which draws on data from 91 countries and areas with ongoing malaria transmission. The information is supplemented by data from national household surveys and databases held by other organizations. This year’s report shows that after an unprecedented period of success in global malaria control, progress has stalled. In 2016, there were an estimated 216 million cases of malaria, an increase of about 5 million cases over 2015. Deaths reached 445,000, a similar number to the previous year.

World Malaria Report 2017
by Abdisalan Noor, John Aponte, Maru Aregawi et al
World Health Organization, 29 November 2017
http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/259492/1/9789241565523-eng.pdf?ua=1

ICN ANNOUNCES THEME FOR INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY 2018

International Nurses Day 2018 will be celebrated on 12 May. Posters are available for download from the ICN website: http://www.icn.ch/publications/2018-nurses-a-voice-to-lead-health-is-a-human-right/.