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Susie Kong
President



Jill Iliffe
Executive Secretary

CNF ELECTIONS 2009-2013

The CNF is conducting elections for the following positions for the 2009-2013 term:

- ❖ President
- ❖ Vice President
- ❖ Board Member (East, Central and Southern Africa)
- ❖ Board Member (West Africa)
- ❖ Board Member (Atlantic)
- ❖ Board Member (Pacific).

The following members of the CNF's Board complete their terms of office in May 2009:

President: Susie Kong (Singapore)

Vice President: Satish Chawla (India)

East, Central and Southern Africa Region: Donald Epaalat (Kenya)

West Africa Region: Alice Asare-Allotey (Ghana)

Atlantic Region: Marion Howard (Barbados)

Pacific Region: Alumita Bulicokocoko (Fiji).

Each of the above members of the CNF Board is eligible for re-election except for Alumita Bulicokocoko from Fiji.

Completed nomination and consent forms must be received by the CNF by **17 October 2008** (jill@commonwealthnurses.org or Commonwealth Nurses Federation c/- Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0RN UK). Further details and nomination and consent forms can be downloaded from the CNF website: www.commonwealthnurses.org.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR CNF BIENNIAL

The new dates for the CNF Biennial are: Wednesday 24th June and Thursday 25th June 2009. The Biennial is being held in Botswana the week prior to the ICN Congress in South Africa. There will be a CNF Board meeting on Tuesday 23rd June 2009. **Please make this change in your diary.**

SOUTH PACIFIC NURSES FORUM

The 14th South Pacific Nurses Forum will be held 6-10 October 2008 in Suva Fiji at the Raffles Trade Winds Convention Centre. The CNF will be conducting a workshop at the SPNF in Fiji 6-10 October on safe care and safe practice. The Forum is being hosted by the Fiji Nursing Association. Contact the FNA for further information: Ph: + 679 3305855
Email: fna@connect.com.fj.



CARIBBEAN WORKSHOPS

Four two day workshops on safe care and safe practice are being held in the Caribbean in: Grenada: 21-22 October; Barbados: 23-24 October; St Lucia: 30-31 October; and Trinidad and Tobago: 4-5 November. Nurses and midwives from the other Caribbean countries are also invited to attend. Registration is through the nurses association in each country.

COMMONWEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP INDIA

The Commonwealth Steering Committee for Nursing and Midwifery is conducting a workshop in India 16-17 February 2009. The workshop is open to nurses and midwives from the region. The CNF countries in the region are: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Registration forms are available on the CNF website: www.commonwealthnurses.org or by email: jill@commonwealthnurses.org or by phone or text: + 61 438 647 252.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL WORK IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY AT THE WHO

1. Background

The Nursing and Midwifery Office at the World Health Organization have announced a number of opportunities for graduate students and outstanding nurse or midwife leaders to be involved in global health particularly in the areas of healthy policy; health system strengthening through primary health care approach; research; practice; and education of health personnel for nursing and midwifery services. WHO does not provide resources to support individuals qualifying for the internship or scholar programs, except for health insurance. The program is open throughout the year. For more information visit: <http://www.who.int>.

2. Internship

The program provides interns the opportunity to learn more about the World Health Organization as a whole as well as the role of nursing and midwifery at the WHO. It is open to graduate students who are finishing their program from an accredited school. The internship is for 8 weeks. Individuals who meet the eligibility criteria may apply for the internship. WHO's general intern guidelines are applicable. Additional information is available at <http://www.who.int>.

2.1 Practicum

This is an off-site program for individuals qualifying for the internship program. The practicum is for a period of at least 8 weeks and requires in-country work with the WHO Collaborating Centre on Nursing and Midwifery Development. Each participant works with a faculty adviser at a WHO Collaborating Centre. The faculty adviser provides onsite guidance and supervision. Additionally, the Nursing and Midwifery Office at WHO maintains weekly contact (electronic) with the participant and his or her faculty adviser to monitor the work progress and provide the assistance needed for successful delivery of expected outcomes at the end of the practicum.

3. Nurse or midwife Scholar Program

The program is designed for outstanding nurse or midwife leaders to actively participate in development of health policy and normative tools and models on nursing and midwifery services at the global level. It offers a program of intensive orientation on global health and the work of the Nursing and Midwifery Office in WHO. The program is open to individuals with extensive experience and skills in health policy, strategic planning, innovations, health informatics, nursing or midwifery education and practice. Eligible scholars include senior leaders in education, practice, research and policy. These may be for example: Government Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers, Deans or Professors of Nursing, Directors of International Programs, Directors of WHO Collaborating Centres on Nursing and Midwifery Development. The program is offered for a period of 3 months. Individuals with a PhD in nursing and related fields are encouraged to apply.

4. Work area openings

The Office of Nursing and Midwifery focuses on the following areas of work:

- Nursing and Midwifery Tools and Guidelines
- Contributions of nursing and midwifery services in health systems strengthening
- Innovative teaching strategies for nursing and midwifery education
- Economics and determinants of health
- Workforce resiliency
- Integrated planning of human resources for health
- Primary Health Care
- Nursing leadership in Primary Health Care
- Partnerships Models
- Nursing in Global Policy
- Gender and poverty reduction

Candidates may send a curriculum vitae and a letter of interest to the attention of:

Jean Yan, Coordinator: Health Professions Networks, Nursing and Midwifery.

Email address: yanj@who.int or largadov@who.int.

Visit: <http://www.who.int/hrh> or

http://www.who.int/hrh/nursing_midwifer/en.