MENTAL HEALTH NURSING FORUM

Wednesday 15 May 2013
Australian Nursing Federation Victorian Branch
540 Elizabeth Street Melbourne Australia | 0900-1330 (followed by lunch)

According to the World Health Organisation, one out of every four persons across the world will experience mental health problems and require mental health care during their lifetime. Nurses have a critical role to play in overcoming the stigma associated with mental health, in health education, in early intervention, and in providing treatment and care.

On 19 May 2013, Commonwealth Health Ministers meet in Geneva on the eve of the 66th World Health Assembly. The theme for the Commonwealth Health Ministers’ meeting is mental health. At the 66th World Health Assembly, a comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020 will be submitted for ratification.

The Mental Health Nursing Forum, hosted by the Commonwealth Nurses Federation, the Australian Nursing Federation, and the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses, will provide an opportunity for nurses to discuss the critical role of mental health nursing in addressing the global mental health burden and formulate recommendations to go to the Commonwealth Health Ministers.

Registration is essential as places are limited

To book, please email: jill@commonwealthnurses.org (or jill@jilliliffe.com) with your name, country, and any dietary requirements by 12 May. There is no charge to attend the forum however registration is essential as places are limited. Nurses from non-Commonwealth countries are encouraged to attend to share experiences and expertise. Further information on the CNF website: http://www.commonwealthnurses.org.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The CNF is pleased to announce the ‘Call for Abstracts’ for the 2nd Commonwealth Nurses Conference: Nurses and midwives - agents of change, to be held in London UK 8-9 March 2014. The 21st CNF Biennial Meeting will also be held in London on 7th March 2014. For more information go to the CNF website: http://www.commonwealthnurses.org.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE
http://www.internationalmidwives.org
5 May 2013

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY
http://www.icn.ch
12 May 2013

The CNF EUROPEAN REGION CONFERENCE
Cyprus March 2013

Led by their President, Mr Ioannis Leontiou, the Cyprus Nurses and Midwives Association (CYNMA) hosted the 10th CNF Europe Region Conference: Advancing nursing and midwifery through evidence based practices, on the 15-16 March 2013 in Larnaca, Cyprus.

Almost 300 delegates attended the opening ceremony with the majority being from Cyprus and Malta. Canada, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Singapore and the UK were also represented. Honorary guests included: the Director General of the Ministry of Health; Mr Andreas Xenofontos, the Cyprus Chief Nursing Officer; Miss Susie Kong, President of the CNF; Mr Paul Pace, President of the Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses; Ms Paula Hancock, CNF Europe Region Board member who was also representing the United Kingdom; and Ms Frances Day-Stirk, President International Confederation of Midwives, who also gave the keynote address.

Eighty-four abstracts were submitted to the conference with 52 selected for presentation. A broad range of nursing and midwifery topics were covered. The quality of the presentations was excellent and of a truly international standard. The event provided many opportunities to discuss and debate new ways of thinking and working. The social programme included a conference dinner which provided further opportunities to network with friends and colleagues and enjoy the Cypriot music, dance and excellent Greek food.

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