



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES FEDERATION

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## LEADING THE WAY: Nurses and midwives for a safe, healthy and peaceful world

The 4th Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference

Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London, UK

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 March 2018

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**Closing date 30 June 2017**

Our world today is far from being safe, healthy or peaceful. Many countries are experiencing war or civil conflict; there are more refugees than ever before seeking a safe place to live for themselves and their families; bush fires, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis are a frequent occurrence; diseases such as Ebola and Zika threaten health and stability; climate change threatens entire populations. Nurses and midwives are in a unique position to act as role models and lead the way in promoting a safe, healthy and peaceful world.

Calling all nursing and midwifery leaders, clinicians, administrators, academics, researchers, activists and advocates to submit an abstract to the 4<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference and share your work with colleagues across the world. The conference has four key themes:

#### **Promoting health and wellbeing**

- Working with older people, young people, adolescents or children; people with mental health issues or other disabilities; in health education; or primary health care settings.

#### **Alleviating illness and disease**

- Working to develop or implement new or improved practices, policies or quality improvement projects; to prevent or minimise communicable or non-communicable disease; in all health care settings.

#### **Promoting social harmony and cohesion**

- Working with minority groups; with people who are marginalised, vulnerable or oppressed; in cross cultural settings; with refugees or people seeking asylum.

#### **Contributing to a safe environment**

- Working with disease outbreaks; in disaster zones; with the effects of climate change; in areas of conflict; or in peacekeeping activities.

#### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Submit your abstract of no more than 300 words to the Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation **by 30 June 2017**. Late abstract submission cannot be accepted. Abstract submissions must be made using the abstract template which can be downloaded from the CNMF website:

<http://www.commonwealthnurses/conference2018>.

Website abstract submission: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2018>

Email abstract submission: [cnf@commonwealthnurses.org](mailto:cnf@commonwealthnurses.org)

#### MORE INFORMATION

If you require further information please email: [cnf@commonwealthnurses.org](mailto:cnf@commonwealthnurses.org)



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## 23<sup>rd</sup> CNMF BIENNIAL MEETING

The CNMF 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



CNMF Biennial March 2016

## 12<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF THE CNMF

*Recent advances in nursing and midwifery: toward  
a safer future*

A very successful 12<sup>th</sup> European Conference of the Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation was held in Limassol Cyprus 10-11 March 2017 hosted by the Cyprus Nurses and Midwives Association (CYNMA). The papers presented were of excellent quality and a credit to all those nurses and midwives who so generously shared their work. CYNMA were excellent hosts and two wonderful dinners were organised with lively music and dancing which gave participants the opportunity to network in a social setting. The CNMF Vice President, Professor Kathleen McCourt and the CNMF Executive Secretary were delighted to be able to participate in the conference.

## WORLD MALARIA DAY 25 April

25 April is World Malaria Day. Information and campaign materials are available from the World Health Organisation website:

<http://www.who.int/campaigns/malaria-day/2017/en/>  
Test your malaria prevention knowledge. Take the quiz to find out how malaria is transmitted and how it can be prevented <http://www.who.int/campaigns/malaria-day/2017/quiz/en/>  
Malaria Fact Sheet:  
<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs094/en/>

## CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM

Saturday 20 May 3.00 – 6.30 pm  
Starling Hotel Geneva

The CNMF is a member of the Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance (CHPA) and is working with the CHPA and the Commonwealth Foundation to host a Commonwealth Civil Society Policy Forum in Geneva in May to coincide with the Commonwealth Health Ministers' meeting. For further information and to register to attend go to: <http://www.chpa.co>.

Commonwealth Foundation CHPA International Community of Women Living with HIV Eastern Africa (ICWEA) TWN

COMMONWEALTH CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM policy dialogue

UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

THE POLITICS OF WELLBEING

WOMEN'S VOICES ON STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE IN HEALTHCARE

JOIN THE DEBATE  
**20 MAY 2017**  
3.00 - 6.30 PM - STARLING HOTEL, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND  
FIND OUT MORE AT [WWW.CHPA.CO](http://WWW.CHPA.CO) OR EMAIL [SECRETARY@CHPA.CO](mailto:SECRETARY@CHPA.CO)

## BECOME A CNMF MEMBER

Membership of the CNMF is open to national nursing associations; national midwifery associations; specialist nursing associations (such as mental health, critical care, paediatrics, operating theatre etc); regional and international nursing, midwifery and health associations; regulatory bodies, universities, and individuals. By becoming a member of the CNMF, you can support the work of the CNMF and become involved in that work. Members can promote their own work through the monthly e-News, the CNMF website or the extensive CNMF network. Join online:  
<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/membership.html>