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WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF CNF eNEWS



Susie Kong CNF President

A lot of activity goes on at the CNF between Biennial meetings. Through eNews we plan to keep you informed.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

At the 2007 CNF Biennial meeting in Malaysia, Michael Stubbings, the Executive Secretary of the CNF for the past eight years and Douglas Beattie, Honorary Treasurer of the CNF for the same period, announced their retirement. The CNF is indebted to Michael and Douglas for their stewardship and both are wished well for the future.



Michael, although not a nurse, has worked tirelessly to put the CNF in a strong and highly regarded position within the Commonwealth.

Douglas, with a strong nursing background, has made sure the CNF is in a sound financial position to undertake its work.



THE NEW TEAM



Jill Iliffe is the new CNF Executive Secretary. Jill is the former national Secretary of the Australian Nursing Federation. Jill is a nurse and midwife with post graduate degrees in international studies and

public policy and extensive clinical experience in a wide range of nursing areas including remote areas, intensive care, aged care, community health and women's health. Jill also has broad experience in management, policy development and political lobbying.



Angela Neuhaus is the new CNF Treasurer. Angela is an Australian who lives in the United Kingdom. Angela is a nurse with a strong background in rural and remote health and nursing management.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR CNF 2009 BIENNIAL

It is reported that the ICN are considering changing the dates for their 2009 Congress in Durban. If this happens, the dates for the CNF Biennial will also need to change. We will let you know of any changes as soon as the ICN confirm their dates.

COMMONWEALTH PEOPLES FORUM

The CNF, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Associations held a successful workshop at the Commonwealth Peoples Forum in Uganda in September 2007. The two day workshop covered five topics: human resources; lifestyle diseases; maternal and child health; mental health and safe health practices. John Hunt from the Commonwealth Dental Association was chair and Jill Iliffe was rapporteur.



John Hunt

COMMONWEALTH MEETINGS

The CNF was represented by Michael Stubbings and Jill Iliffe at the Commonwealth Foundation consultation with civil society organisations in January 2008 and by Michael Stubbings at the meeting of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Health in February 2008.



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NEW DIRECTIONS FOR THE CNF

The CNF Board decided, at the Biennial meeting in Malaysia in 2007, on a new strategic direction for the CNF. The Board wants the CNF to play a major role within the Commonwealth, influencing policy and raising the profile of nursing and midwifery.

Nursing shortages in many Commonwealth countries combined with nurse migration is placing critical pressures on nursing services. An increasing focus on community care and the introduction of new health worker classifications is adding to the difficulties faced by many Commonwealth national nursing organisations.

The Board wants to work more closely with national nursing associations providing 'in country' leadership, lobbying and governance workshops as well as workshops on nurse and patient safety. 'In country' workshops means many more nurses and many more workshops can be offered. The Board will also work more closely with other international organisations.

CNF EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

The CNF European Region held its 7th Biennial Conference in Malta in April 2008. The Conference was a great success attended by nearly 300 nurses from Malta, Cyprus and the United Kingdom.



TNAI SEEKING SUPPORT

The Trained Nurses Association of India has commenced a project to build a Central Institute of Nursing and Research including a care home for the elderly. They have called on nurses from across the Commonwealth to purchase bricks, cement and steel. Bricks cost Rs.5/- per brick; cement is Rs.260/- per bag and steel is Rs.36/- per kilo. More information is available from the TNAI (Tel: +91 011 26966873 or email: tnai_2003@yahoo.com).

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 Forum is being hosted by the Fiji Nursing Association. Contact the FNA for further information:

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ECSACON CONFERENCE

The East, Central and Southern African College of Nursing Biennial Scientific Conference is being held in Zimbabwe 11-13 August 2008. The theme is: *Transforming nursing and midwifery in East, Central and Southern Africa: visions for the future*. Further information is available on the ECSACON website:

<http://www.crhcs.or.tz>

CNF WEBSITE

Over the next few weeks, the CNF website will be given a new look and the content updated. If any CNF members have anything they would like put on the CNF website or any information they would like to share through the CNF eNews please email Jill Iliffe on:

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