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WHO CC Regional Update

Dear Colleagues,

This has been an exciting year so far for the WHO CC UTS. From the Official Launch of the Global Network to hosting the DAF Australia Awards Fellowship, the WHO CC UTS has been working to contribute to the voice of nurses and midwives globally. We have also been saddened by the recent tragedies in Nepal and Vanuatu and will also be hosting a number of information sessions.

We welcome your feedback or comments regarding this newsletter or the work of the WHO CC UTS. Please contact us at whocc@uts.edu.au, or follow us on Twitter by adding the Twitter names @whoccnursmid and @yeahocc to your networks.

Launch of the Global Network of WHO CCs

Location: University of Sydney
Date: June 10, 2015

The WHO CC UTS recently celebrated its election as Secretariat of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Development (GNWHOCC) which included a photo exhibition representing the varied work of the WHO CC and formal celebration.

L-R: Prof John Daly, Prof Debbie Fraser, Ms Trinity Filer, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Ms Michael Rumsey, Prof Attila Brungs.

The Keynote Speaker was:
The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP - Federal Member for Sydney, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs & International Development giving a heartfelt speech. Other Speakers included:

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Professor Attila Brungs - Vice Chancellor and President, UTS
Professor John Daly - Dean, Faculty of Health and Head of the WHO CC UTS
Ms Michael Rumsey - Executive Director, International and Development, Australian Red Cross; WHO CC UTS
Professor James Buchan - International Human Resources for Health Expert, Adjunct Professor UTS and Queen Margaret University, UTS Advisory Board
Dr Rosemary Bryant - First Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Department of Health, Commonwealth Government Australia
Ms Trinity Filer - Assistant Director, Ministry of Health Chief, Solomon Islands Nursing Association
Professor Sally Redman - Dean, Sydney Nursing School; Chair WHO CC UTS Advisory Board
Ms Annette Mwansa Nkowane (video message) - Technical Officer, Nursing and Midwifery Health Workforce Department WHO HQ Geneva.

The WHO CC UTS extends a warm thank you to everyone who attended and wished us well for our duties as GN WHOCC Secretariat for 2014-2018.

Find photos from the event here.
Find the full webstory here.

The Global Network WHO CC website is accessible at www.globalnetworkwhocc.com

The April issue of the Global Network Links Magazine, outlining the work of WHO CCs in the Global Network, can be accessed here. The next issue of Links will be released later this year.

Australia Awards Fellowship Round 15

Location: University of Sydney
Date: June 1-12, 2015

The WHO CC UTS has successfully hosted another round of the Australia Awards Fellowships Round 15 (AAF), funded by the Australian Government. This year, there were 2 fellows from each of the following countries: Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu.

Above: Australia Awards Fellowship Round 15 Fellows and WHO CC UTS staff and speakers

The Fellowships program is conducted in collaboration with the South Pacific Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance.

The program was again a success with a variety of speakers contributing to the event, and Fellows creating an action plan relevant to the healthcare system needs of their respective countries. Once again, the fellows provided much positive feedback:

"This is a very good program that supports Pacific Island Nations in providing information and assistance to develop a project plan to address issues in the health care setting. I would like to encourage the continuation of this project in years ahead." - *AAF Round 15 Fellow, 2015 (Fiue).*

The WHO CC UTS will remain in contact with the fellows as they implement their action plans and during the AAF Program in Sydney. Please find SPCNMOA website here.

WHO CC UTS work in Papua New Guinea

Location: Papua New Guinea

Michelle Rumsey, Director of Operations and Development WHO CC UTS and Professor James Buchan, Director of Papua New Guinea Nursing Council to update and streamline regulatory processes. An online forum for registration for nurses and midwives in PNG, along with other information, are now available for download on the National Department of Health website: http://www.health.gov.pg/apps/nursing.htm

The monitoring and evaluation continues for the PNG Reproductive Health Project (PNGRHP) funded by the Australian Government, Australian Department of Health (PNG), Department of Foreign Affairs Australia and OSSearch Foundation. The RHTU is providing Essentials of Care (EOC) and Emergency Obstetric Care (EMOC) training for reproductive health workers in PNG.

The Maternal and Child Health Initiative (MCHI) Phase II is holding a Midwifery Leadership and Management workshop from 2-4 September in Madang. Participants include PNG midwifery educators, clinicians, and some clinical midwifery facilitators. This is the second last workshop for Phase II of the initiative which winds up at the end of December 2015.

A longitudinal study of Midwives graduated from Phase I of the MCHI is being conducted. This is tracking the graduates and their experiences since graduation. Data collection has been completed and preliminary results are available from the Asia Pacific region to share experiences, knowledge and updates on relevant issues both on a regional and global level.

Global Network Side Meeting at ICM Conference

The Global Network held a side meeting during the ICM conference chaired by Professor Caroline Homer and attended by midwifery representatives from WHO CCs, ICM and WHO HQ. The aim of the meeting was for members to discuss the visibility of the midwifery arm of the Global Network and meet members from ICM and other WHO CCs. The GNWHOCCs look forward to future discussions and collaborations.

International Council of Nurses (ICN) Conference 2015

Date: 19-22 June, 2015
Location: Seoul, Republic of Korea

The 2015 International Council of Nurses (ICN) Congress was held at the Council of National Representatives (CNR) Meeting was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Senior staff from the WHO CC UTS including Professor John Daly, Dean, Faculty of Health and Ms Debbie Fraser, Director, Office of Global Affairs and Citizen, Global Nursing. The meetings provided opportunities for global nursing issues to identify the profession's priorities and future directions.

Global Network Side Meeting at ICN Conference

During the ICN Conference, a side meeting of the Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery (GNWHOCC) was held at the Catholic University of Korea, College of Nursing campus, sponsored by their Research Institute for Hospice/Palliative Care.

Twenty-three members of the Global Network, attended the meeting, representing five of the six WHO regions around the world. Senior representatives from WHO Geneva, WHO regional offices, and GN WHO CC partner organizations – the International Council of Nurses (ICN), ICM and Sigma Theta Tau International - were also present.

The Secretary General of the GNWHOCC Professor John Daly (Dean, Faculty of Health, University of Technology Sydney) chaired the meeting and a brief summary report was provided by the GNWHOCC Assistant Secretary General, Ms Michele Rumsey. It is hoped that this information will assist the GNWHOCCs to gain a better understanding of how each network operates and to facilitate potential collaborative work in the future.

International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) Conference 2015

Date: 20-22 July, 2015
Location: Yokohama, Japan

ICM is an international federation with 116 midwife groups across 102 countries. The conference takes place every three years with the aim of improving current conditions and resolving ongoing concerns.This year's theme was "Midwifery Care for Every Woman Everywhere".

The three day conference was attended by Caroline Homer, Associate Dean (Research and Development), Alison Moreau, Midwifery Member, Alison Cummins, Lecturer and Course Coordinator at UTS and Florence West, Research Officer WHO CC UTS. The conference program included concurrent Japanese and English sessions, workshops and meetings to enable midwives from the Asia Pacific region to share experiences, knowledge and updates on relevant issues both on a regional and global level.

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Human Resources for Health

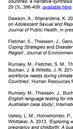
Professor James Buchan, International Human Resources for Health Expert UK and Professor, Queen Margaret University/Adjunct Professor UTS attended the ICN Conference in Korea in June. He was one of the guest speakers and facilitators at the Global Nursing Leadership Institute and Global Nursing Connection. The aim of this session was to examine the critical connection between national nursing workforce sustainability and international flows of nurses.

Find Professor Buchan's commentary regarding nurse retention in the April 2015 issue of Global Network Links Magazine here.

WHO is currently working on a Global Strategy on HRH: Workforce 2030 is available here. This document will impact the future of the global health workforce.

Regional Meeting on Strengthening Midwifery

Date: August 11-13, 2015
Location: New Delhi, India



Florence West, Research Officer, Project Coordinator WHO CC UTS, attended the Regional Meeting for Strengthening Midwifery to Improve Maternal and Newborn Health in New Delhi recently. This workshop was hosted by the WHO SEARO Regional Office and supported by the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM).

Items discussed during the meeting included the midwifery needs in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) framework, midwifery in the South-East Asian Countries, strengthening midwifery leadership, education, and service, and midwifery quality, policy, practice, and education.

Over 55 delegates from 10 countries attended the workshop, enabling meaningful discussions and dialogue to work towards a regional vision on regional objectives and strategies in SEARO countries.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

ICN CEO Position Opening
Location: Geneva

Dr David Benton, Chief Executive Officer of the International Council of Nurses has stepped down from this position and they are currently searching for his replacement. If you are interested in applying for this position, find the link here.

Please contact ceo@icn.ch for more information.

People-Centered Care (PCC) Consortium
Dates: 10-11 September, 2015
Location: Tokyo, Japan

This consortium with the theme, "The Challenges of "Super-Ageing" in the Disaster-Stricken Society", will be hosted at St Luke's International University, Tokyo, Japan. Keynote speakers include: Professor Toshiko Abe (St. Luke's International University), Professor Yoshiharu Kohno (St. Luke's International University), Guest speaker is Dr. Gutte Gaebel (WHO WPRO, Team Leader Human Resource for health). St. Luke's University has a WHO CC that is part of the Global Network of WHO CCs (www.globalnetworkwhocc.com).

Asia Pacific Emergency and Disaster Nursing Network (APEDNN)
Dates: 22-25 September, 2015
Location: Manila, Philippines

The APEDNN was formed in response to increasing numbers of people affected by emergencies and disasters, during the Joint Asia Pacific Informal Meeting of Health Emergency Partners and Nursing Stakeholders in Bangkok, Thailand, in October 2007. The network's mission is to promote nursing leadership to reduce the impact of emergencies and disasters on the health of communities. The APEDNN is hosting the 8th Annual Conference in September.

Please click here to register.

STTI - Las Vegas Nov 2015
Dates: 7-11 November, 2015
Location: Las Vegas, Nevada USA

Sigma Theta Tau International's 43rd Biennial Convention is open for registration. This year's theme is "Nurses Inspire, Transform Regionally, Lead Globally." Plenary speakers are Hester C. Klopper, Jacquelyn Campbell, and Professor Sheila Tlou.
More information about registration and key dates can be found here.

UNSW 5-Day Short Course on Global Non-Communicable Disease (NCD): Preventive Approaches
23-27 November, 2015

For further details, please click here

UTS Faculty of Health are sponsoring a 2 day short course
November 30th & December 1st, 2015

UTS Faculty of Health are sponsoring a 2 day short course on "Responding effectively to interpersonal violence: violence, resistance and the power of language". Dr Allan Wade is an internationally recognised expert on responses to violence and trauma and his work has been key in helping people to reorgan ise their methods of working with victims to develop accounts of their responses and resistance to violence. For more information on the short course and information on how to register please click here.

Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation Conference

On 12-13 March 2016, the Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation will host their third conference entitled 'Towards 2020: Celebrating nursing and midwifery leadership in the Commonwealth'. The conference celebrates the centennial of the birth of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing, and the WHO decade for a healthy world. Abstracts for the conference are being accepted until 31 March 2015 and can be submitted here

18th South Pacific Nurses Forum and SPCNMOA Biennial Meeting
Dates: 10-14 October, 2016
Location: Honiara, Solomon Islands

The theme and sub-themes for the event are: "The consequences of *English language testing for international health professionals and students: An Australian case study*" *International Journal of Nursing Studies*. available here

The Facebook page for the event can be found here, and the official website here.

Click here for the flyer, which contains key dates for the forum.

The South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers' Alliance (SPCNMOA) has also released its annual report for 2014 to 2015. The SPCNMOA now has a website at www.spcnmoa.com

Publications

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