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WELCOME BACK FOR 2011

The WHOCC UTS would like to thank everyone for their hard work and contributions during 2010. We look forward to working with you again in 2011 and wish you a successful and happy year ahead.

SOUTH PACIFIC CHIEF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY OFFICERS ALLIANCE (SPCNMOA) AND WHOCC UTS TO RUN AUSTRALIAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (ALAF) FOR 2011

The AusAID-funded ALAF program recognised the need to scale-up leadership and capacity-building among the talented and dedicated pool of nurses and midwives within the South Pacific, and for 2011 the ALAF will continue to develop Fellows' skills for a new cohort. Past successes of the program have been the promotion and advancement in nursing careers such as becoming Acting Chief Nurse (Tokelau), promotion to hospital Chief Matron (Fiji), and taking on the role of hospital infection control nurse (Nauru).

Under the program, successful ALA Fellows will be exposed to expertise and best practice in order to implement an action plan in response to changing population and health system needs. Action plans will be inline with the SPCNMOA and country priorities. UTS will host a study-program and workshops for Fellows and their in-country mentors.

Successful nominees of the program are those identified as having the capacity to influence reform and drive policy. SPCNMOA will contact candidates and countries who AusAID have deemed successful in participating in this years program.

SPCNMOA MEETS IN AUCKLAND

From 8-11 November 2010, all 14 South Pacific countries attended the SPCNMOA meeting in Auckland to discuss health system strengthening and quality improvement. For 2010 the SPCNMOA meeting was held alongside the [South Pacific Nurses Forum](#) and coincided with the Asia Pacific Emergency and Disaster Nursing Network's meeting in order to save time and resources.

WORLD POPULATION DATASHEET

Take a look at the projection of the world's population by the year 2050. It is striking to notice the difference between developed and developing nations. While developed countries undergo a trend of ageing with little population growth, the developing world will have young populations coupled with large population growth.

Not only does the report detail the estimate in world population, but also the consequences and realities for societies to face. Implications for health service delivery, social infrastructure, resources and sanitation are the outcomes facing future population demographics.

[Click here](#) to read more about what is projected for your changing world.

FREE COURSES ON GLOBAL HEALTH KEY TOPICS

The USAID Global Health eLearning Centre announces several new



The WHO Strategic Directions for Strengthening Nursing and Midwifery Services 2010-2015, defines 5 Key Result Areas (KRAs). Based on these, presenters exemplified issues in their island countries. There were many presentations by regional health experts including Dr Jane O'Malley (Chief Nurse of New Zealand), and Ms Rosemary Bryant (Australian Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer) pictured here.

The content and discussion of the meeting surrounded themes of primary health care, management of non-communicable and chronic disease, emergency and disaster responses, and access to and standards of training and education of health workers as well as issues of skill distribution, wages, and the ageing health workforce. Broader global concepts such as how economic growth and inequity impact on health outcomes were also detailed.



Throughout the meeting there was a positive response to the successes and outcomes of the AusAID ALA program such as extension of networks and improved confidence in working with health ministries and government organisations.

The SPCNMOA 2011-2013 Action Plan will be developed in line with the SPCNMOA meeting priority areas and the SDNM (2010-2015) KRAs.

ASIA PACIFIC EMERGENCY AND DISASTER NURSING NETWORK (APEDNN) MEETS IN AUCKLAND

From 6-8 November 2010, the [APEDNN](#) met in Auckland for their annual meeting themed "System-wide Quality Improvement: The Foundation for Emergency and Disaster Resilience." The global participation was evident by the attendance of the following countries: Australia, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Fiji, Hong Kong, Japan, Kiribati, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, The United Kingdom, Vanuatu, Vietnam, USA and Hawaii, as well as attendance from the World Health Organization, WHO WPRO, the Commonwealth Secretariat, Sigma Theta Tau International, and the International Council of Nurses.

certificate courses in a variety of health areas such as maternal and child health, antenatal care, family planning, HIV, infectious diseases, and health systems. Courses are free and only take a couple of hours to complete. Reaching out to clinicians to guide best practice through case studies and critical thinking are how field experts have developed these courses. Go to the [login page](#) to find out more.



FREE POLHN COURSES FOR NURSES & MIDWIVES

From 1st Jan 2011, POLHN will be offering a set of FREE online self-paced courses for nurses and midwives from Lippincott's NursingCenter.com. Courses offered include advanced practice nursing, cancer, legal, diabetes, emergency care, gastrointestinal and genitourinary diseases, neonatal infections, obstetrics, quality, and reproductive health.

Course numbers are unlimited so please take advantage of this opportunity and mention it to colleagues in your region! These are great



Through capacity-building workshops participants focused on enabling nurses, facilities and communities to improve trauma and disaster systems by strengthening local, regional and national preparedness and response mechanisms. Lessons learned from recent disasters through country case studies, such as the recent Christchurch earthquake, discussed the need for response systems at local and regional levels, as well as analysing response systems via data collection to compare what actually happened to what was planned. Malaysia detailed some of their nation's disaster management plans and highlighted nursing leadership roles proceeding, during and following a disaster through provision of clinical services and community level public health interventions such as immunisation and hand washing.

The formal report from the meetings will be forwarded to participants.

AUSTRALIAN AND UNITED STATES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO PACIFIC NATIONS

Australian Regional Development Scholarships (ARDS) - Australian Agency for International Development.

Australian Regional Development Scholarships provide opportunities to people from some developing countries to study at selected educational institutions outside Australia. The purpose of the scholarships is for people to gain knowledge and skills which will help the development of their home country. Australian Regional Development Scholarships are available to citizens of Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Deadlines for applications vary. For more information visit the [AusAID website](#) or email infoausaid@ausaid.gov.au

United States - South Pacific Scholarship Program - Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP).

The United States-South Pacific Scholarship Program is a competitive, merit-based scholarship program that provides opportunities for degree study at U.S. higher education institutions. The scholarship program will include a summer internship in Washington, D.C. as well as a four- to five-week community service project in the student's home country. The program is open to citizens of Cook Islands; Fiji; Kiribati; Niue; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu. The closing deadline is February 1, 2011. [Click here](#) for more information, or email USSP@EastWestCenter.org.

tools for managers to encourage staff at appraisal time and for nurses, midwives, and educators to demonstrate continual professional development requirements!

Applications will be available from 1st Jan 2011. For expressions of interest or any further enquiries, please contact visit the [POLHN courses page](#).

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