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Greetings from the Chair:

Dear Colleagues,

Hopefully you have all had an enjoyable time over the festive period. It is with great pleasure I welcome Melanie Rogers as the new Chair elect for the Core Steering Group (CSG). I will work closely with Melanie over the next 12 months to ensure a smooth transition.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Stacie Stender (Secretary), Pat Maybee (Treasurer) and Joyce Pulcini (member) of the core steering group for their commitment and time in working alongside me in the CSG. It is with great pleasure I welcome Daniela Lehwaldt from Germany as the Secretary, Andrea Boyle from USA as the Treasurer, Sibongi Sibanda from UK and Mary Steinke from USA as members to the CSG.

I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the major achievements during my period as Chair:

1. Greater financial sustainability through expanded membership;
2. A redeveloped stakeholder centric website focused on stakeholder information, education and engagement;
3. Significantly closer engagement with conference organisers to grow the network, including conferences in London, Helsinki and Hong Kong;
4. Development and enhanced focus on policy and procedure to ensure good governance.

With the CSG having achieved the above we must maintain our focus on financial sustainability, growing our network, engaging key stakeholders and improving the governance of the network. I am sure Melanie and her new team will continue to lead the network and these endeavours into the future.

It has been a pleasure in working with you all and being the ICN-INP/APNN Chair for the last six years. I look forward to officially handing over to Melanie during the network conference in Hong Kong and catching up with you all.

Warmest regards

Anna Green, Chair
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Members of the INPAPNN Core Steering Group, Sub-Group Chairs, and Colleagues from the Finnish Nurses Association at the ICN Conference 2015, Seoul, South Korea

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Featured Country

Germany

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Looking back at the 3rd International APN & ANP Congress 'To Be or Not to Be' of the German network DNAPN in Munich, Germany

Almost 200 participants gathered in Munich, Germany on 4-5 September 2015 for the 3rd International APN & ANP Congress 'To Be or Not to Be' for German speaking countries. Speakers represented Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Ireland, the Netherlands, Canada, the United States, New Zealand and Macao. Plenary lectures and concurrent sessions emphasised the complexities of launching and promoting an ANP initiative, developing ANP scopes of practice and APN roles.

Challenges presented included: lack of role clarity, lack of understanding of APN activities and lack of agreement among key stakeholders regarding expectations and role outcomes in the healthcare workforce. Frameworks and models for practice were presented along with the necessity to communicate clearly with policymakers and funders of the role.

Apart from concurrent presentations, there were posters, moderated posters, workshops and 'meet the expert' sessions. The German networking group Deutsches Netzwerk APN & ANP g.e.V. (DN APN & ANP), in cooperation with their scientific council, awarded two prizes for the most innovative projects. The titles "Patient education options for patients with cancer of the prostate and their relatives: first experiences and findings in the use of the PEPPA-Framework for the implementation of the APN Pflegeexpertin" (Authors: Geese, F. and Willener, R., CH) and "The development of an APN role for people with first time psychosis" (Zehnder, U. and Frauenfelder, F., CH) were awarded this year's prizes. We wish to thank the Klinikum München Schwabing, Akademie München Schwabing, the Department of Health and Environment in Munich and all other co-operating partners for their support.



Featured Organisation

International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists



Anesthetists have been providing safe and high quality anesthesia care for over 150 years. Studies confirm Nurse Anesthetists provide anesthesia services in 107 countries. The International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists (IFNA) is the global organisation representing Nurse Anesthetists. IFNA was founded in 1989 with 12 charter members: Austria, Germany, Finland, France, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, South Korea, Switzerland, United States and the former Yugoslavia. IFNA is dedicated to advancing global educational and practice standards to progress the art, science, and safety of anesthesia care. A nurse anesthetist must complete basic nursing education, basic nurse anesthesia education, and be qualified/ authorised within their country to practice nurse anesthesia. IFNA has developed an international accreditation programme for nurse anesthesia, entitled "Anesthesia Program Approval Process" as well as model curriculum for educational programmes.

The IFNA has 40 country members and is managed by the board of Country National Representatives. Elected Officers /Executive Committee members manage the organisation between full board meetings.

Current IFNA officers are: President Jackie Rowles (USA), 1st Vice President Ingrid Andersson (Sweden), 2nd Vice President Marja-Lisa Ylitalo Airo (Finland) and Treasurer Zorica Kardos (Slovenia).

Executive Committee members are: Stefan Alfredsson (Iceland), Manda Dunne (United Kingdom), Jennifer Hui-Ju Yang (Taiwan), Gye Seon Jeong (Korea), Marit Vassbotten Olsen (Norway), and Marie-Ange Saget (France). The Executive Director is Pascal Rod (France).

The IFNA holds a continuing education meeting biannually. The 12th World Congress of Nurse Anesthetists will be held 13-16 May 2016, in Glasgow, Scotland. IFNA is an affiliate member of ICN. The IFNA website, currently under renovation, may be viewed at:

www.ifna-int.org/ifna/news.php

Announcement:

2016 ICN INP/APNN Conference in Hong Kong

The 9th ICN INP/APNN Conference will be held from 9-11 September 2016 in Hong Kong. There will be four prominent keynote speakers: Professor Sophia Chan from Hong Kong, Professor Glenn Gardner from Australia, Ms Frances Day-Stirk from the UK and Dr Ann Hamric from the USA. They will provide broad perspectives on advanced nursing practice development, capitalizing their expertise in policy-making, research, education and global health. This conference will also invite panels of delegates from different continents to engage in discourse on the service impact, education and regulation of advanced nursing practice. We hope to make this conference truly international, deliberating issues on the theme: 'Advancing Nursing,

Advancing Health: Emerging Possibilities'. A number of workshops and hospital visits will be held the day before the conference.

The conference planning committee has arranged a rich programme of intellectual exchange as well as leisure activities to enable our delegates to experience the Chinese culture and beautiful scenery of Hong Kong.

Please note the following important dates:

- *Closing date for abstract / symposium proposal submission –15 January 2016*
- *Early bird registration closes - 1 May 2016*

Please visit www.icn-inpapn2016.org/ for more details. Hope to see you in Hong Kong in September 2016!

Frances Kam Yuet Wong, Chairperson,
Planning Committee



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