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Call for Abstracts

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The International Council of Nurses is delighted to invite you to submit an abstract for the ICN Conference in Seoul, Republic of Korea in June 2015. This gathering of thousands of nurses will explore the importance of cross-cultural understanding and global cooperation in nursing. The Conference will provide opportunities for nurses to build relationships and to disseminate nursing knowledge and leadership across specialities, cultures and countries. The three ICN pillars – Professional Practice, Regulation and Socio-Economic Welfare – will frame the scientific programme and the dynamic exchange of experiences and expertise.

Featured plenary speakers will bring inspiration and the latest information on the nursing workforce and workplace, ethics and human rights, clinical care and patient safety. Concurrent sessions, symposia and posters will address these issues plus developments in nursing education, pandemics and disasters, care systems and access, technology, regulation and the history of nursing. The Conference will also be the venue for ICN Network meetings and thought provoking main sessions – including a debate on a priority issue for the profession.

The Council of National Representatives, ICN's global governing body, will convene from 17-19 June 2015. Conference participants who are members of ICN member associations will be able to observe global nursing leaders identify the profession's priorities and future directions.

Further information and regular updates on the Conference programme will be posted on the Conference website at www.icn2015.com

Share your ideas and expertise! You are invited to submit an abstract for a concurrent session, a symposium or a poster. The abstract presentation guidelines are available on the Conference website www.icn2015.com
The on-line submission system will be open from 15 April 2014 until 7 October 2014.



Objectives

The main objectives of the Conference are:

1. To advance and improve the coverage and quality of health services
2. To demonstrate the nursing contribution to the health of individuals, families and communities
3. To provide opportunities for an in-depth exchange of experience and expertise within and beyond the international nursing community.

ICN Networks

All ICN Networks will hold sessions focusing on their specific areas of interest. Updates on the programme for these sessions will be available on the Conference website. Areas of particular interest include:

- Disaster Response Network
- HIV/AIDS Network
- Leadership for Change Network
- Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network
- Nursing Education Network
- Regulation Network
- Rural and Remote Nursing Network
- Research Network
- Socio-economic Welfare Network
- Student Network
- Telenursing Network.

Abstract themes

To share your ideas, research and expertise on how to provide quality care, improve populations' access to health services or contribute to further advance nursing knowledge and practice, you are invited to submit an abstract. Abstracts must address one of the sub-themes listed below and demonstrate a direct link to the Conference theme of Global Citizen, Global Nursing.

Abstract themes:

1. Care systems, economics and coverage

How are care systems evolving to meet changing needs? What happens at the interface between the health and social sectors? How do we achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) at a time of major societal change? What have been some of the challenges and opportunities for the nursing workforce and models of care in the current economic climate including the interface between public sector and private sector systems?

2. Direct care and patient safety

What innovations in clinical practice support better patient outcomes? Given the continuous need for evidence based practice to guide the development of the best practice models to provide safe and quality care, what is the link between the practice environment and patient safety? What are quality health care indicators and how they are measured? What is the link between patient engagement and better patient outcomes? What is the relationship between nursing leadership and quality patient outcomes? What is the evidence, if any, in the literature of the impact of nurses who are certified as specialists on patient safety and care outcomes?

3. Equity, ethics and human rights

What ethical dilemmas exist in ensuring access, quality and health? What is equity and how is it introduced/maintained in health systems? What measures need to be taken to promote and protect the health rights of individuals and populations? What is the impact of our rapidly advancing technology on nursing ethics? What are the ethical implications for nursing in a global world? What needs to be in place to support ethical practice? What are the ethical challenges facing global nursing when providing care through medical/health tourism programmes?

4. Health promotion and disease prevention

Across the continuum of care what are the trends in health and well-being? How can we effectively promote and improve the health and well-being of individuals and populations? What is the impact of interventions addressing those at an early stage of life (from pregnant women, young children to adolescents)? What are the strategies to address the growing trend in non-communicable diseases (NCDs) including mental health globally? How can we support healthy ageing and provide equity and access to health care including end of life care? What is the current status of NCDs from a nursing perspective? How is nursing education, regulation and practice responding? How can we learn from our past experiences and avoid shortcomings?



5. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) supporting global nursing and quality care

How do technology and informatics support access to health services and quality care? What innovations have advanced health care delivery and improved patient outcomes? How is technology supporting connectivity in the nursing community? How do nurses/Advanced Practitioners use ICT for patient empowerment? How do informatics, technology and social media impact on nursing practice? What are the implications and how does knowledge management impact nursing?

6. Leadership and management

What competencies are needed by nurse managers and nursing leaders? Are there innovative models of education and development available to meet future needs? How can we prepare future generations for leadership in a global world? How can nurses engage and lead in the formation of health and social policy? What actions can be taken to address the global reduction in nursing leadership positions? How can nurses better understand the concept of governance and management in a global context? What impact will Advanced Practice Nursing have on leadership and performance globally?

7. Nursing education and learning

In light of the global shortage of employed nurses and workforce maldistribution, how will a sufficient student pool be attracted to the profession? What are the reasons behind the high student attrition rates and how must they be addressed? How will we prepare the academic staff necessary to educate future generations of nurses? How do we better address the gap from education to practice? What innovations do we see in the learning environment? What are the trends in international delivery of entry level and continuing education? How do we address the gaps in standards of education globally? How do we understand the new generation's personal attributes and needs and what are the predictions of how the nurse of the future will look?

8. The nursing workforce, workplace and image

What are the priority workforce and workplace issues that affect access to care? What skill mix is required to achieve UHC and ensure quality care? What is the impact of positive practice environments? How does global nurse mobility affect access to quality health care? What is the current image of nursing and will that image empower the profession? Is the profession adequately influencing how nursing is viewed and maximising its visibility? What are the current work force planning models that are utilised by other industries? Are they relevant to nursing?

9. Disasters, conflicts and pandemics

What is the impact of global climate change on public health? What is the role of nurses in conflict situations, in disaster preparedness and relief efforts? How do we screen and deploy disaster nurses safely and effectively? What protective measures are required by relief workers? What are the risks and protective measures for nurses in times of conflict, disasters and pandemics? What is the role of nurses in sustainable development?

10. Regulation

What is the role of professional regulation in ensuring patient safety and quality? How can accreditation systems benefit the patient? What will be the impact of national/regional/international dialogue on regulation? What has been the impact of globalisation and trade agreements on regulation? Who are the stakeholders in regulation and how best can we collaborate within the profession and among professions? What are the implications of evolving regulatory models around the world for the global nurse and for nursing regulators?

11. History

How does knowledge of the past help us prepare for the future? What lessons have we learned? What national and global trends do we see in nursing? What do we know about the history of global nursing in research?

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Instructions for the submission of abstracts

The deadline for the receipt of abstracts is midnight GMT 7 October 2014.

1. The abstract text must be no more than 2,500 characters (about 250 words including title and authors' information) and should highlight the main points the presenter/s wish to communicate. Until the abstract fits these requirements, it will not be considered as final and will be saved as a draft.
2. Abstracts are to be submitted via the Internet at www.icn2015.com.
3. **Those whose abstracts are accepted must register for the Conference by midnight GMT, 11 February 2015. Accepted abstracts will be eliminated from the programme on this date if registration and fee payment have not been received.**
4. **The abstract can be submitted in ONLY ONE of the following categories:**
   - Concurrent session: A 15 minute presentation grouped by theme.
   - Symposium: An 80 minute session with a minimum of **three speakers** presenting on a single theme from different perspectives. Speakers presenting a symposium must submit a **single joint abstract**.
   - Poster: A visual presentation of research with an academic or professional focus by an individual or representatives of research teams for display on a poster board.
5. Abstracts can be submitted in English, French or Spanish.
6. Only fully completed presenter profiles and abstract submissions (marked as final) will be reviewed.
7. A person who is not a member of an ICN member organisation may only submit an abstract as a joint author/presenter with a person who is member of an ICN member organisation.
8. A maximum of six co-authors may submit a joint abstract.
9. Applicants will be notified by 9 December 2014 if their abstract has been accepted.
10. **All decisions on abstract acceptance are final. Once the decision has been rendered on an abstract, no further correspondence will be undertaken on the selection process.**

Factors that will be considered during selection are:

- Interest to an international audience.
- Relevance to both the Conference theme and one abstract sub-theme.
- Scientific and/or professional merit.
- Contribution to knowledge, practice, policies or programmes of nursing and/or health.
- Clarity of abstract.

Key dates

15 April 2014	Online submission of abstracts opens
7 October 2014	Online submission of abstracts closes (midnight GMT)
7 October 2014	Registration opens
9 December 2014	Applicants notified of abstract acceptance
11 February 2015	Deadline for registration of abstract presenters

Conference website www.icn2015.com

The **International Council of Nurses (ICN)** is a federation of 135 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all and sound health policies globally.

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General information

Enjoying yourself in Seoul Seoul is the capital and largest metropolis of Korea. This fast-paced and high tech city embraces both tradition and modernity, making it a very unique city. Home to over 12 million citizens, Seoul is one of the largest cities in the world. With five ancient palaces and five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, over 700 museums, and hundreds of performance centres and galleries, Seoul is the cultural centre of Korea. But history and tradition are not the only things that Seoul has to offer. The city that brought "Gangnam Style" to the world also embraces the modern era with a strong foundation of high-tech technology and infrastructure.

Continuing education credits Conference participants will be able to earn international continuing nursing education credits (ICNECs).

Conference fees The early registration fee structure will be announced in June 2014 on the Conference website www.icn2015.com. The registration deadline for abstract presenters is 11 February 2015.

Exhibition A commercial and professional exhibition will run concurrently with the Conference. Industry, publishers and organisations will showcase their products and services and present the most recent health care information.

Refund/Cancellation Registered participants who are unable to attend the Conference will have their paid fees refunded, less a processing fee, provided written notice of cancellation is received by ICN before 12 May 2015. After this date, no fee refund can be expected. All refunds will be processed after the Conference. Full details concerning changes and cancellations will be published on the ICN 2015 website when registration opens on 7 October 2014.

Visas It is advisable that you check about visa and entry requirements before making any travel arrangements. Detailed information can be obtained at www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/visa/application/index.jsp?menu=m_40_10. We advise you to proceed early with any visa request and preferably to have your visa processes finalised by the early registration deadline.