WFCCN President Ruth Kleinpell traveled to Taipei City, Taiwan in October to present at the Tri-Service General Hospital and was a keynote speaker at a session sponsored by the Taiwan Association of Critical Care Nursing, speaking on the work of WFCCN. Likewise, she was also invited to be a keynote speaker for the Advanced Practice Nursing in the Philippines, hosted by the Critical Care Nurses Association of the Philippines, Inc.

Note: Support for international travel was provided by the host countries and/or the WFCCN officers. WFCCN was not able to provide travel assistance but is appreciative of the host countries for recognizing the work of WFCCN.

WFCCN Founding President Ged Williams traveled to Qassim, Saudi Arabia in December to speak at a conference; taught a group of nurses from Jordon, Egypt, Sudan, India, Palestine, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Oman at Al Rahba to assist with their passing the licensing exam to work in the Abu Dhabi region; and spoke at a research conference in Abu Dhabi.

A particularly noteworthy achievement for WFCCN was the approval by the WFSCICCM Council for a designated nursing seat, enabling WFCCN to actively contribute to the work of WFSICCM. As members of the WFCCN and WFSCICCM hold the same goals of promoting delivery of safe, high quality patient care to acute and critically ill patients, and the highest standards for critical care, the opportunity to collaborate on WFSICCM Council activities is most beneficial.

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Durban World Congress Highlights

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SAVE THE DATE

10th Annual WFCCN Meeting: Antalya Turkey
The Turkish Association of Intensive Care Nurses will host the WFCCN 10th Congress November 13-16 2014. Watch for the call for abstracts and plan to submit to present a poster or paper presentation.

Planning for the 2015 Critical Care World Congress is underway. The Congress, entitled “One Step Further: The Pursuit of Excellence in Critical Care” will be held August 28-September 2, 2015 in Seoul, Korea. WFCCN will be assisting with development of the nursing program as well as interdisciplinary sessions. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Notable Quote: “Without Critical Care Nurses, There Would Be No Critical Care”
Durban South Africa World Congress, 1 Sept 2013, Joseph Nates MD FCCM USA

WFCCN Country Member Profile: Serbian Society of Intensive Care, Anesthesia, and Reanimation (UINARS)

- UINARS is an active critical care nursing society as evidenced by its ongoing activities:
  - UINARS helped to host the 5th EICCNA Congress, held in the Belgrade, Serbia, 23rd -25th May 2013.
  - President Gordana Dragosev reports that the Society created the Handbook INTENSIVE CARE – CONTEMPORARY PRINCIPLES for nurses in the Serbian language.
  - They actively joined in the celebration of World Sepsis Day and the fight against Sepsis. They translated the World Sepsis Day materials into Serbian and presented the framework of 10 professional conferences in 10 cities in Serbia on 13.09.2013th at 13h.

- Several members have actively pursued research projects including conducting a comparative analysis of knowledge and practice of critical care nurses in Serbia and Slovenia on guidelines for infection prevention; nurse staffing in the ICU including nurse to patient ratios; nurses use of personal protective equipment in the ICU; pain assessment, nurses perception of ethical dilemmas when working with patients in the terminal stages of illness; principals of care of the mechanically ventilated patient; and extending visiting hours in the ICU. Posters were developed to showcase the project work.

- UINARS will host the WFCCN Congress in 2018 in Serbia

WFCCN Website Updates

The WFCCN website has undergone significant updating thanks to Gordon Speed RN, Country Member from New Zealand and webmaster Jamie Fulbrook. Visit the website at www.wfccn.org

Recent Country Member Donations Thank You!
A $2000 donation was given by the Taiwan Association of Critical Care Nurses in November.

Country Members who provided or pledged a donation to WFCCN in 2013 included:
Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses
Chinese Nursing Association
Danish Association of Critical Care Nurses
Norwegian Association of Critical Care Nurses
Society of Critical Care Medicine’s Nursing Section
Turkish Society of Critical Care Nurses

As the work of WFCCN is dependent on country member donations, we sincerely thank you for your ongoing support of WFCCN!