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Presidents Report

Welcome to this first edition of Brainstem online..... a small change to our normal routine of posting the brainstem out to you, but one which brings us inline with e-technology and also encourages members to utilize the website as a medium for information. We hope you continue to enjoy the Brainstem publication, and please give us any feedback about the small changes we are making.

The executive continue to remain busy with a number of projects on hand. The Association strategic plan was revised and updated at our May meeting, with a long day of discussion about the association future direction and strategies to continue to develop our abilities to service our members. The document reflects the past achievements and future directions. It will soon be distributed to State Delegates for discussion and dissemination. Please contact the executive should you have any questions or suggestions.

One of the big changes that have recently occurred is the transition of and handing over of financial and member records to **PAMS, our association manager**. This has taken considerable time and effort on behalf of both Karen Tuqiri, our executive treasurer and the PAM's team, as we are close to completion. This move will be of great benefit to members and the executive. It will significantly enhance our ability to process, respond to and inform members of the changes and challenges our association faces, as well as meeting our legal and financial responsibilities as an association body. Member benefits were outlined to you recently (in a mail out from PAM's) and your patience during this exciting phase is much appreciated. A BIG THANK YOU to Karen Tuqiri and her family, for the countless hours and effort she has put into supporting and driving this transition.

Our other major focus this year continues to be the **review of the Journal**. With a new Journal cover voted in at the last AGM, a complete revision of Journal processes has commenced. Along with looking at production issues we are also reviewing all processes that involve journal production: Editorial boards, subscriptions and promotion to current and potential subscribers. The one outstanding issue is the need for *more* submissions for publication to the journal.

We cannot print if we have nothing to publish!!!! So get your mind working, get your pens writing and contact the Journal editor. This is your publication, without your input, it will cease to exist.

On a more social side, there is some fantastic news about your executive members. Warm wishes to Rochelle McKnight on the arrival of her gorgeous son Joshua and good luck to Sharon Ericksson for her impending arrival. Congratulations to Sharon for her outstanding achievement as Nurse of the Year at Prince of Wales Hospital this year..... a most deserved award for someone whose dedication, commitment and passion for her patients shines through. Well done Sharon, we are very proud of you.

Thanks to Amanda Garrad, our outgoing QLD State Delegate, for your commitment to ANNA. So the call is out for Queensland members, we need someone to step up and fill Amanda's shoes and represent your state. Please contact the executive.

Conference – coming along well, we hope to see you at Bondi Swiss Grand in October, with planning on track and call for abstracts released, we are hoping you will join us for a BONDY RESCUE theme.....(get out those bikini's). This year will also mark another **Prize paper for the Best Neuroscience Nursing paper by a student**.

Checkout the website for all updates. Hope to see you there.....

Tracy Desborough



australasian neuroscience nurses association

Hi ANNA Members!

The Call for abstracts went out in May and close on the 18th July 2008!
The diversity of the conference program is based on the abstracts we receive from you. So, this is the time to start putting together an abstract based on research that you have completed or are currently involved in, QI activities that you have undertaken that have impacted on patient care or a case history of a patient that challenged you and your team.

For more information about abstract submission and award information go to the website www.anna.asn.au

Keep checking the Website for updates, and if you have any questions about the conference, please don't hesitate to contact me:

conferenceconvenor@anna.asn.au

Conference Venue Voting has begun for 2009!, do not forget to register your vote for the preferred venue. Voting forms were provided with the "Autumn Updates" flyer posted to all members.



Thank you for your support,
we hope to see you soon in Sydney
at the Swiss Grand Bondi
from 22nd to 24th October 2008.
Alison Wilson
Conference Convenor



**ABSTRACTS CAN
BE SUBMITTED
FROM THE
12th MAY to
18th JULY**

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Journal:

Don't forget to submit your presentations from the 2007 Conference/ASM for publication.

ANNA Professional Standards:

These are posted to all new members and additional copies are available for \$30

Brainstem now on website:

All Brainstem issues will now be available from the website, copies will no longer be posted to each member. Next issue published on the website by 30th September

EOI Treasurers' position vacant

The Executive treasurers' position will become vacant this October, please forward any expressions of interest to the Executive by the end of September.

QLD delegates

Calling all Queensland members, we urgently need new state delegates to represent you, all positions are currently vacant, president, secretary and treasurer. Please contact ANNA Executive.

ANND reports

Please submit your photos and reports to the Executive by 1st August. These will be included in the September edition of Brainstem and judged for the prize presentation at the annual conference in October.

Education evenings:

Let everyone know about your education sessions and advertise in your Brainstem!

Send information at least 1 month before the event

Send information to Emma Everingham

Email: annaexecutive@anna.asn.au

Stroke Nurse awarded NURSE OF THE YEAR at POW Hospital

Last month our very own Vice-president Sharon Eriksson was awarded the Nurse of the Year award at Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney, as part of the International Nurses Day activities for 2008.

Sharon was nominated by her peers who recognised her dedication and commitment to the nursing profession. Her peers commented "Sharon is a well respected nursing colleague who demonstrates exceptional leadership skills in her role as Stroke Clinical Nurse Consultant. Sharon is an exemplary role model for the profession and is a strong advocate for all patients".

In an interview with a local paper, The Southern Courier, Sharon states "To me it's all about the patient and that's what we are here for: patient care. That's where our focus needs to be". Well said!

Well done Sharon, we would like to congratulate you on your fantastic achievement.

ANNA Executive



▲ Sharon Eriksson with Jenny Wilson, Acting Director of Nursing POW Hospital

Nursing conferences

◆ Smart Strokes, 4th Australasian Nursing & Allied Health Stroke Conference

13th-15th August 2008 at Star City, Sydney
smartstrokes@conferenceaction.com.au

◆ 6th World Stroke Congress

September 24-27, 2008 Vienna, Austria

website: <http://www.kenes.com/stroke2008>

Contact: stroke2008@kenes.com

◆ Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA) is hosting the 2013 International Council of Nurses (ICN) Congress.

NEW MEMBERS

The ANNA executive welcomes the following new members, with a special welcome to Sarah Griffin from the Northern Territory, as you are our only member in the NT.

State	First Name	Last Name	Employer
NSW	Anne-Marie	Daly	Prince of Wales Hospital
NSW	Margrit	Fisher	Prince of Wales Hospital
NSW	Rosemary	Merheb	St Vincent's Hospital
NT	Sarah	Griffin	Royal Darwin Hospital
SA	Jennifer	Hill	Flinders Medical Centre
VIC	May Mee Sim	Chong	Monash Medical Centre
VIC	Sashi	Chand	Jessie McPherson Private Hospital
VIC	Manju	Kumar	Jessie McPherson Private Hospital
VIC	Wendy	Watkinson	Jessie McPherson Private Hospital
VIC	Jennifer	Sciberras	Royal Melbourne Hospital
VIC	Ann	Briggs	Latrobe Regional Hospital
VIC	Sandra	McRitchie	Royal Melbourne Hospital
WA	Karlene	Jordan	Health Home Care
WA	Jenny	Taylor	Parkinson's WA Inc
WA	Mark	Flynn	St John of God Hospital
WA	Margaret	Rogers	Royal Perth Hospital

MAINTAINING ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

- Please notify ANNA promptly of change of address via the website
- OVERDUE: as per your ANNA handbook, if renewal payments are not received within 3 months you are required to rejoin as a new member
- From 2008 all renewals now \$90 and new members \$100 per annum
- All membership specific enquiries can now be directed to ph:03 9895 4461

MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING DELAYS EXPECTED

Due to the transfer of membership management to the Professional Association Management Service (PAMS), processing of all new memberships and renewals will be delayed. Please be patient while we move through this exciting transition phase. See contacts page for details.





www.wfnn.nu

Background:

Founded in 1969, The WFNN initially consisted of nursing organizations representing five member countries. WFNN is an international neuroscience nursing organization dedicated to the promotion and development of neuroscience nursing throughout the world. During the past three decades, a number of neuroscience nursing organizations have been established and have joined the WFNN.

Today, there are 16 member organizations representing approximately 7,000 nurses from five continents. Members include: - Australasia; Belgium; Britain; Canada; Denmark; Holland; India; Japan; Spain; Sweden; USA; Movement Disorder Caring Society.

Individual members include: Cuba; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Singapore; Thailand

ANNA has been a member of WFNN since the 1970's. All member organisations submit annual member dues to the amount of USD\$1per member. Nurses from countries without a member organisation may choose to apply for individual membership. Accordingly, all ANNA members are entitled to member benefits.

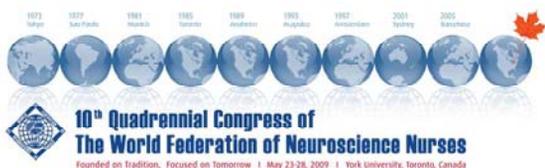
Past Congresses:

- Scientific meetings are held every four years.

The first WFNN Congress was held in 1973 in Tokyo, Japan. Subsequent meetings have been held in Sao Paulo, Brazil (1977); Munich, Germany (1981); Toronto, Canada (1985); Anaheim, USA (1989); Acapulco, Mexico (1993); Amsterdam, The Netherlands (1997); Sydney, Australia (2001); Barcelona, Spain (2005) and soon, Toronto, Canada (2009).

Destinations under consideration for 2013 Congress include:-

- * Japan
- * Scotland
- * South Africa
- * USA – Hawaii (front-runner)



The Quadrennial Congress is one of the best opportunities to see WFNN in action. More than 10 different languages were overheard at the most recent meeting

(Barcelona 2005). But there was one common thread: how to better care for neuroscience patients. At all scientific meetings the official language is English, which may be the second, third or even fourth language for some nurses. Regardless of the language, the intent does remain the same. Make Toronto 2009 the year you make an international connection!

Congress Theme: ~ “Founded on Tradition: Focused on Tomorrow”.

1. Plenary Sessions:

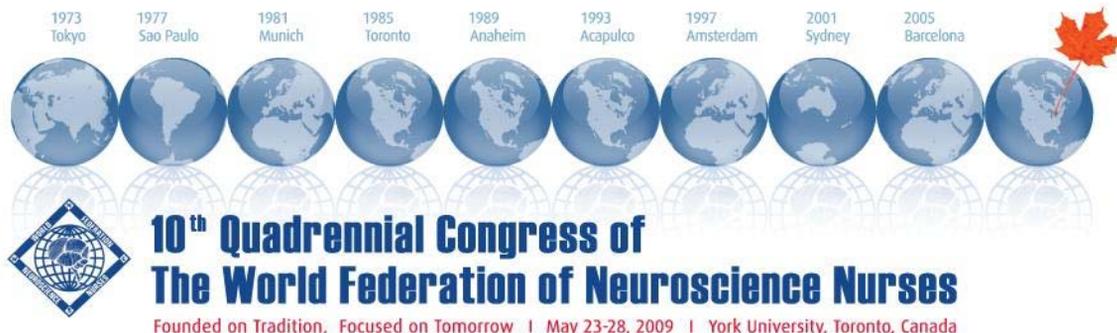
The Plenary sessions were planned in order to correlate with the 10th Anniversary celebrations and Congress theme – “*Founded on Tradition; Focused on Tomorrow*”.

- Day 1 Plenary: Historical Perspective – Chris Eberhardie (Agnes Marshall-Walker)
- Day 2 Plenary: NeuroBlend – Paul van Keeken
- Day 3 Plenary: Historical Walk Through Time – Virginia Prendergast, Vicki Evans
- Day 4 Plenary: Neuroscience & Space – Dr Roberta Bondar NASA – TBA

2. Workshops:

There will be 4 Pre-Congress Workshops –

- Workshop 1: Correlative Neurological Assessment (Brain) – Linda Littlejohns
- Workshop 2: Applied Pharmacology - Aleksandra Bjelajac Mejia
- Workshop 3: Movement Disorders – Dr Peter Hagell
- Workshop 4: Correlative Neurological Assessment (Spine) - Linda Littlejohns



1. Assistance for Novice Authors:

In the Call for abstracts, novice authors or authors requiring assistance due to language difficulties or other obstacles, will be invited to contact a nominated native English speaking representative of the Scientific Committee – Australian volunteers: Jeanne Barr & Nicki Pereira; USA volunteers: Cindy Sullivan & Tess Sierzant. These volunteers can be contacted via their email on the congress website: www.wfnn2009congress.ca

2. Abstract Review Process:

Closing date for Abstract submission is August 31st.



Help us showcase ANNA in Toronto ~

- During the WFNN 10th Anniversary Congress there will be a display of pictures & information of your Association.
- We need information & pictures from you covering:
 - ~ 'founding members' of your Association (name & picture);
 - ~ current President;
 - ~ year joined WFNN;
 - ~ current membership.
- Please send PowerPoint pictures & information of past & present nursing activities that reflect your Neuro Association to:

Vicki Evans - vevans@nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au

or

Wilma Koopman - Wilma.koopman@lhsc.on.ca

I encourage you to submit a poster or oral presentation and join us in Toronto!

Please review the website www.wfnn2009congress.ca
Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Evans
Scientific Chair: Toronto Congress
Vice President: WFNN

STATE News

NSW

ANNA NSW President's Report June 2008:

Hello from the NSW branch of ANNA. Applications for The John Sheard Award 2008-2009 are currently being accepted. The closing date for applications is Friday 30th August. This award enables a neuroscience nurse from NSW to attend a professional development activity that will occur in the future. The award can be towards any conference with a neuroscience theme or workshop. The annual ANNA scientific meeting in October would be very appropriate. More information, guidelines and application form are available on the ANNA website. Please encourage your staff to apply.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the ANNA 36th Annual Scientific Meeting & Annual General Meeting 22nd – 24th October 2008 at the Swiss Grande at Bondi Sydney.

Recently ANNA NSW sponsored the Royal North Shore Hospital Neuroscience Symposium in May by providing a free membership or renewal. This was won by Camellia Burdesall, CNC Stroke from Blacktown Hospital who has already redeemed the prize to renew her membership, congratulations Camellia!

Liz O'Brien, ANNA NSW President

VIC

Hello from your new committee..

We look forward to getting to know you, and welcome any suggestions/feedback. Please contact your state delegate Liz Mackey for further information.

Elizabeth.Mackey@easternhealth.org.au

Neuroscience Clinical Nurse Educator at
Box Hill Hospital

ACT

State branch meeting dates for 2008 are:

February 26

April 29

July 29 - AGM

Sept 30

November 25

The meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 1730 in the 9B tutorial room at TCH.

Sonja Eldridge Sonja.Eldridge@act.gov.au



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Calling all interested members,
new branch developing

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WA Branch (no report received)

Contact: Beverly Fyfe
gouldfyfe@bigpond.com

QLD Branch

Calling all interested members to
become a state delegate.
Go on you can do it! Give me a call.
Contact: Emma Everingham
executive secretary

NSW Branch (see report)

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