

International Council of Nurses Education Network Fact Sheet

International Council of Nurses (ICN) <http://www.icn.ch/>

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations (NNAs), representing the more than 13 million nurses worldwide. Founded in 1899, ICN is the world's first and widest reaching international organization for health professionals. Operated by nurses and leading nurses internationally, ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all, sound health policies globally, the advancement of nursing knowledge, and the presence worldwide of a respected nursing profession and a competent and satisfied nursing workforce.

ICN Education Network (ICNEN) (<http://www.icn.ch/networks/icn-networks/>)

With the new international realities of migration, advances in communication technology, and a worldwide nursing shortage, educating and preparing a diverse nursing workforce has become a critical priority. The International Council of Nurses collaborated with the National League for Nursing to establish the ICN Nursing Education Network (ICNEN), a forum to address nursing education issues worldwide. ICNEN was launched in Durban, South Africa, July 2, 2009.

The mission of the ICN Education Network is to provide a global forum for nurse educators and others interested in nursing education. The ICNEN aims to address the:

- role of nurse educators worldwide
- quality of nursing education
- opportunities and challenges of nursing education and clinical practice
- international nursing and nursing faculty shortages

Membership

Membership is open to all individuals who are nurse educators or interested in nursing education. If you would like to join ICNEN, please complete the ICNEN Membership Form found on the network site (<http://www.icn.ch/nursingedu.network.htm>) or contact Virginia W. Adams (adamsv@uncw.edu). Current membership is 745 from 100 different countries.

Steering Committee Members

- Virginia W. Adams, Chair, United States of America
- Jane Mills, Australia
- Marta Elena Serrano Mendez, El Salvador
- Anne-Maria Kanerva, Finland
- Toshiko Ibe, Japan
- Sharon Vasuthevan, South Africa
- Kathleen McCourt, United Kingdom

ICN Liaison: Jean Barry, Canada

Next Meeting: ICN's 25th Quadrennial Congress : Equity and Access to Health Care, Melbourne, Australia, 18-23 May 2013.