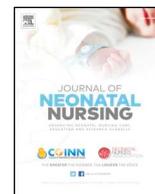


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Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) News page

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From the Desk of the COINN President, Carole Kenner

COINN is on the Move! As reported in the previous edition, in October we held our first regional meeting in Rwanda: *New Frontiers for African Neonatal Care*. This conference hosted by the University of Rwanda and co-sponsored by Global Engagement Institute (GEI), COINN, and Rwanda Association of Neonatal Nurses (RANN). Over 300 participants came from all over the world. Many organizations participated in focus groups and a thought leaders meeting as part of this conference. The aim was to hear from nurses from Africa about what it was like to provide care-challenges and opportunities. USAID hosted a dinner meeting with invited thought leaders to plan next steps to address the challenges in neonatal care. Some of the organizations represented were: USAID, WHO, Save The Children, Project Hope, Birthlink, Premature Birth Initiative from University of California at San Francisco (UCSF), Partners in Health, GEI, Chiesi Foundation, RANN, and COINN. This vital work will address raising the standards for neonatal nursing practice and education. In part this is due the invisibility of the role neonatal nurses play in outcomes.

As we address the issues of visibility of nursing in outcomes and the lack of clarity of who is and what does a neonatal nurse do, we are calling for stories to highlight the work of neonatal nurses and midwives. If you would like to put these forward and tell your story for our newsletter and our website, please send them to president@coinnurses.org

The COINN 2019 Conference, *Enriched Families-Enhance Care*, will be held on 5th-8th May in Auckland, New Zealand and is really shaping up. Please join us as this is promising to be a most exciting gathering. For more information please go to the website: <http://www.coinn2019.com/>

COINN Africa will present a second conference August 24-31, 2019 in Kenya. Stay tuned for the location.

Communication Committee: COINN is starting a new communications committee. This committee will contribute to our newsletter and help us get information out globally. If you are interested in joining any of our Committees, please contact us at president@coinnurses.org

Election results are in! Karen Walker, was re-elected as Vice President, and Agnes van den Hoogen and Marina Boykova, were re-elected as Non-Executive Directors. We will hold our next elections prior to the 2019 Annual General Membership meeting in New Zealand.

With gratitude for all that you do to support neonates and families.

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CEO/President

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Other News

Partnership with the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA)

COINN has entered into a partnership agreement with the WCEA to create a global network of continuing neonatal education courses. The network of courses is accessed by organizations around the world who can select the courses that they would like for their nursing team / members.

Future developments: One of the most important points that was raised and mentioned by many participants is the need to have more capacity development programs for the neonatal nurses and midwives. This point validated what COINN and GEI have been doing through our various delegations which focus on key skills such as saving newborns from birth asphyxia and providing them with appropriate essential care. The conference was an excellent opportunity to review and discuss the impact of our programs through the years, and it motivated us to further support this process by including more countries in the work that we are doing. We are happy to announce that we are going to extend our programs now to Kenya.

For more details on joining one of our delegations to learn, teach and contribute into the capacity development quest in Kenya, Rwanda and Vietnam, please see our program dates below or visit our website: <https://www.global-engagement.org/professionals/health/newborn-care/>

Email: programs@global-engagement.org

Upcoming programs: Newborn Care

- August 17-24, 2019 - Rwanda
- August 24-31, 2019 - Kenya
- September 21-28, 2019 - Vietnam
- November 30-December 6, 2019 - Vietnam

European Standards of Care for Newborn Health launched in European Parliament in November 2018: Judith Eckstein, EFCNI

Initiated by the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI), the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health project is an interdisciplinary collaboration to develop standards of care for key topics in newborn health. Since the initiation of the project in 2013, the foundation has been working together with about 220 experts from over 30 countries and over 80 supporting organisations. After five years of intense project work, the standards officially launched in the European Parliament in Brussels on 28 November. They are available for download free of charge on the project website <https://newborn-health-standards.org>

ALIGNN Update

The second meeting of ALIGNN, in Honolulu, Hawaii brought together COINN, ANN, AWHONN, NANN, and C4HN

COINN's Hawaiian Partner - Caring for Hawaiian Neonates (C4HN) hosted the meeting of these neonatal nursing organizations. This alliance formed last year is a most important step in strengthening the voice of neonatal nursing in the United States and globally. We thank Caring for Hawaii Neonates for providing a beautiful setting for another spectacular sharing event.

World Health Organisation Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) Meeting, New Delhi

Vice-president of COINN, A/Prof Karen Walker and Dr Karen New (Past –President COINN) represented COINN at the World Health Organisation Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) forum in December. This invitation only meeting, co-hosted by PMNCH and the Government of India brought together 1,631 participants from 429 organizations and was attended by 27 ministerial delegations and 23 parliamentarians from across the globe.

Global leaders and partners reaffirmed their commitment and leadership to improve the survival, health and well-being of women, babies, children and adolescents in line with the Survive, Thrive, Transform agenda announced at the meeting as part of the UN Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's Children's and Adolescent's Health.

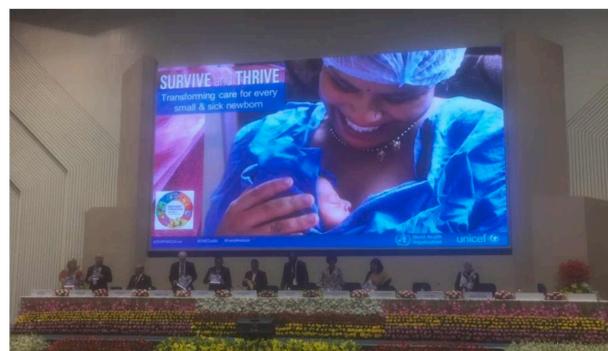
Pledges of support included Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who announced US\$100 billion investment in health services by 2025; a pledge by World Vision International to mobilize US\$7 billion for women's, children's and adolescents' health; and a US\$65 million extension to previous pledges made by Laerdal Medical.



Helga Fogstad, Executive Director, PMNCH said: *“We have come together because of a common vision: to ensure that every child survives, to thrive in their childhood and beyond, and to ensure that we all work together to transform the health and well-being of everyone everywhere, so that no woman, no child, and no adolescent is left behind. This cannot be done in isolation. PMNCH will implement an ambitious Business Plan 2019-2020 to transform the outcomes of the Forum into action on the ground.”*

Preeti Sudan, Acting Board Chair, PMNCH said: *“Transform is the common thread of discussion, and the common goal for us all. While initiatives to improve maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health are showing promise, we still have a way to go to achieve the related sustainable development goals. Much remains to be done to provide quality services across the life course, and to ensure that no one is left behind. We must work to transform, to make sure that we bring local lessons to a global audience and create impact in an innovative and sustainable manner.”*

Neonatal nurses and COINN are integral in working with the partners to decrease mortality and morbidity. This meeting provided the opportunity to further expand our network, re-connecting with colleagues from all over the world and making new friends and collaborations. While in New Delhi, a side meeting with the Indian neonatal nurses has also fostered more collaborations with plans for a joint ‘COINN India’ conference in the near future



A/Prof Walker, Dr New and Minister of Health from Uganda – Jane Aceng

NEOCON 2019

In the beautiful city of Varanasi on the river Ganges, Vice-president of COINN, A/Prof Karen Walker and Dr Karen New (Past –President COINN) attend ‘Neocon2018’ neonatal conference where A/Prof Walker represented COINN and spoke on *“Saving lives and preventing disability-the importance of education, nurses, collaborations and capacity building”*. This was a great opportunity to meet with the executive from the National Neonatology Forum and the chairs of the conference to discuss further collaborations and also the proposed joint neonatal nursing conference.

A/Prof Karen Walker & Dr Karen New (pictured below)



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