

# NEWSLETTER

## *Hong Kong Association of Critical Care Nurses (HKACCN)*

Vol. 4, No. 2, August 2002

### *Editorial*

#### *Working together – Achieving more*

Violeta Lopez

The first conference of the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing (EFCCN) Association was held in Disneyland Paris, France on the 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2002. The theme of the conference was “ Working together – Achieving more” a timely and appropriate theme to discuss in this contemporary world we live in today. The theme highlighted the need to develop stronger allegiance and working together among critical care nurses nationally and internationally

The purpose of this conference was to celebrate the birth of the EFCCNA and solidify the collaboration within Europe as well as exchange ideas, experiences and knowledge in order to contribute to the advancement of critical care practice, education, management and research.

The conference was attended by 300 participants from 21 countries such as United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Turkey, Ireland, Germany, Slovenia, Greece, Italy, Australia, Belgium, Spain, and many more. It was such an important event to form networks with nurses around the world with very similar goals at improving critical care nursing practices.

Thirty-seven papers and twenty-six posters were presented at the conference. Papers presented covered a wide range of topics such as approaches to weaning long-term ventilated patients, prone positioning in ARDS, computerized patient data management and documentation, pain control, maintaining patient dignity in ICU and decision-making skills of nurses, patients and families. Research papers were of high quality targeting on improving nursing care through evidence-based research projects.

There were also four workshops including chest x-ray interpretations, simulated training in advanced cardiac life support, ICU-talk project, and effective patient communication in ICU.

Different pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies supported the conference and exhibited their latest products in helping health care professionals in managing critically-ill patients. Equipments demonstrated include ICU beds and mattresses that promote mobility, independence and early rehabilitation of critical-ill patients and wound management systems.

The theme of the conference ‘working together - achieving more’ culminated in a presentation informing participants on

HKACCN  
LOGO

the establishment of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) presented by the Chairperson, Ged Williams of Australia. He reiterated that it is only through working together that critical care nurses around the world would be able to achieve effectively their aims and objectives in promoting the profession and quality patient care of the critically-ill.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, a meeting of the WFCCN was held in the office of the *Societe Francaise des Infirmiers en soins Intensifs*, (French CCNA). Daniel Benlhouse, the French representative, was kind enough to host this meeting. Paul Fulbrook, editor of CONNECT journal was invited to present his views about the journal being the official journal of the WFCCN. It was generally agreed upon on the meeting that this is a good move that would benefit not only the WFCCN but also the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Association. As HKACCN is a member of the WFCCN, all members will be receiving CONNECT free of charge in the future. This will provide a very good incentive to our members and for those who may wish to join our association in the future. In addition, Hong Kong critical care nurses are encouraged to submit news and articles for publication in this journal. During the WFCCN meeting, it was also agreed that the WFCCN will be involved with the NTI conference in Texas in May 2003 and that the EFCCN would hold its conference every two years on collaboration with WFCCN. The venues of the WFCCN conferences will be open for other countries for bidding and hopefully Hong Kong through its HKACCN will have a chance to be one of the hosts for these conferences.

The participants of the conference were also entertained with a diner and show at the Wild West Disneyland Paris Theme Park. Families of participants were also able to purchase a three-day ticket to the theme parks at a discounted rate. The photo below was taken just outside the Wild West venue as participants continue to frolic and enjoy each other companies till dawn. Pictured below are participants from United Kingdom, Ireland, Turkey and Hong Kong.



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Hong Kong Association of Critical Care Nurses AGM 2002**

Esther WONG Yee-hing

HKACCN experienced a very different year in 2001 because it narrowed down its emphasis to a few strategies. It did not only run courses and seminars for its members but also commissioned advanced programmes for them and completed the first volume of the handbook of Nursing Procedure Standards for Critical Care Nurses (Volume I, Intensive Care). These directional changes derived from the need to provide Continuing Nursing Education to uphold critical care nurses to be competent in facing their challenges.

We are honoured to be included in the founding membership of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN). It is a step forward to professional participation at an international arena.

At present, HKACCN has over 600 members. They are nurses from HA and non-HA hospitals. Registered nurses working in critical care areas in Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China are encouraged to join us, they can become full members and those who are not working in critical care area in Hong Kong but interested in critical care nursing can join us as associate members. The association has also been pursuing public and private collaboration to further enhance its professional status. For example, HKACCN has been approached by our counterparts in Macau and Beijing to help them develop their ICU programmes. Our Professional

Development Committee (PDC) will report these collaborations in more detail in our next issue.

I would like to thank all Council members especially our PDC members, both its subcommittees' members and co-opted members who have supported the professional activities of the HKACCN. I must also express my gratitude to our Advisors, Honorary Legal Advisor and Honorary Auditor for their work with us last year. Finally, I would like to show my appreciation of the support from the senior management of hospitals. Their support plays a pivotal role in our association's development. I am sure that HKACCN will continue to develop in the field of critical care nursing and contribute to the quality of care provided for critically ill patients in Hong Kong.

#### **New council members 2002-2004 are as follows:**

<u>President</u>	Esther WONG Yee-hing
<u>Vice-President</u>	Winnie CHAN Kwan-ying
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Secretary</u>	Vilna LEUNG Oi-kwan
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary</u>	SO Kwok-po
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer</u>	Flossie MAN Wai-kin
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer</u>	Cindy CHAN Yuen-lai
<u>PDC Committee</u>	
<u>Chairperson</u>	David CHAN Wing-keung
<u>Vice-Chairpersons</u>	Grace WONG Jun-ho Apple SUN Man-ping
<u>Administrative Committee</u>	
<u>Chairperson</u>	Georgiana LEUNG Fung-ye
<u>Vice-Chairpersons</u>	Jonathan WONG Yuen-ching
<u>Members</u>	Francia WONG Yuk-king

## **Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Annual Dinner 2002**

北區醫院深切治療部處任部門運作經理梁鳳儀

香港危重病學護士協會第5次週年會議及聚餐(日期:2002年5月7日)

本會第五屆之週年大會舉辦得很成功和熱鬧,更高興的是有機會能獲得香港特區首長夫人董趙洪聘女士的光臨。她在百忙中仍能盡興的參與晚會,給我們致辭,亦留下來聽主講者的主題演講,真是極之難能可貴。

當晚由正副會長及顧問林崇綏博士代表本會迎接及款待了董特首夫人。各名譽顧問及醫院的護理總經理及深切治療部主管也到場支持,實是危重病學護士協會的榮幸。是晚董夫人還欣然與廿多圍出席人士握手,有說有笑,言談中十分支持本會之工作,並與大家表現熟絡,締造了溫馨和難忘的一個晚上。

董特首夫人在致詞時勉勵和讚揚本會護士實幹,又充滿智慧,更不斷更新臨床技術和專業知識。她還分享了一則親友入院的軼事,高度讚揚醫護人員的服務質素和專業知識之餘,更提醒醫護人員笑容的重要,內容發人深省。她盛讚黃綺馨會長對本會所作出的領導及貢獻,更指出HKACCN不遺餘力地服務危重病學護士協會的護士,不斷地安排深造課程,亦鼓勵會員參與國際會議,在同事的進修和文化交流上實屬難得。她還打趣地說董會長操流利的中英文,說話時能中英夾雜,是兩文三語的典範!

2002年, HKACCN 委員會委員及顧問與董太合照留念

董特首夫人一直很投入地參與是晚的節目,在靜聽了黃壽鵬醫生『在二零零二年的急性冠心病徵』的講座後才離開,令是晚的週年大會增色不少。