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Convenors report 2009/10 (DRAFT)

Events

Since the AGM 2009 much of the work of the ICCHNR committee has been concerned with planning and co-ordinating the 4th International Symposium in Edmonton , Alberta planned for 4-6th May 2011:

Embracing Equity and Diversity in Community Health Nursing Research.

<http://www.nurs.ualberta.ca/icchnr/program.html>

The Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta, led by Dr Gina Higginbottom, are leading on this event. ICCHNR committee members Prof Jean MacIntosh, Prof Claire Goodman, Prof Ros Bryar and Prof Sally Kendall have been supporting the Alberta team through regular skype meetings and email based discussion. Through this process we have;

- Finalised a Letter of Understanding between ICCHNR and Alberta
- Agreed the budget and liability for the event (50/50 ICCHNR and Alberta)
- Agreed a conference programme
- Agreed keynote speakers
- Reviewed c180 abstracts
- Agreed a social programme

The final planned event (see website above) will be stimulating and fun and provide the international networking for community health nursing researchers that is the core of our work.

We are currently in discussion about the probability of funding or part funding for a community nurse researcher from a developing country to attend the symposium.

At the time of writing c180 abstracts have been submitted from a wide range of countries including: Canada, UK, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Cuba, Thailand, China, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa

Thanks are extended to the Dean and Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta for their really hard work on the symposium and the exciting prospect of engaging in wide ranging discussion on the important theme of Equity and Diversity.

Since 2009 we have also had on-going discussions with the Korean Community Health Nurses Association in Seoul about the possibility of an International conference in Seoul in 2013. The KCHNA are very keen to host this event and we extend thanks to them for their enthusiasm and interest. However, the executive committee took the decision in Spring of 2010 to postpone the decision to organise the conference in Korea due to the economic climate and the difficulty in being able to forecast the viability of a major event in SE Asia. We remain on good terms with the KCHNA and expect we will meet with some of their members in Alberta in 2011 (11 abstracts have been submitted from Korea).

Fund raising

One approach to fund raising that was discussed at the 2009 meeting was to contribute to ICCHNR from monies raised by members for small pieces of work such as external examining. This is an entirely optional suggestion. Since that discussion, Ros Bryar and Sally Kendall, with Sophie Mogotlane from South Africa, were invited by ICN to undertake the writing of a report on the future of primary health care nursing in relation to meeting the global goals of PHC and workforce issues. The honorarium offered for this work will be donated to ICCHNR. So far one third has been donated (just over £700) and the rest will be donated once the final report has been approved.

Funds otherwise continue to be raised through membership. We welcome any suggestions for increasing new members or fund raising in other ways. The aim with the ICCHNR fund is to offer support to community nurses from developing countries to attend our events.

Meetings

As well as the skype meetings with the Alberta team we have held 2 telephone meetings of the executive committee and undertaken email correspondence on a range of topics.

Future plans

The executive committee is in discussion with Queens Nursing Institute, Scotland with regard to hosting a shared small event in Scotland in 2013. We have also been approached to be a partner for an event in London in 2012.

Finally, this year our current President Professor Jean MacIntosh OBE will stand down as President. We take this opportunity to thank Jean for her tireless work on behalf of ICCHNR, her wisdom and lifelong commitment to community nursing. She will be missed but we look forward to her continuing involvement with ICCHNR and to welcoming her successor.