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Convenors report 2010/11

2010 -11 has been a productive and successful year for ICCHNR.

This year we have a change of President, we would like to pass our sincere thanks to Professor Jean McIntosh, OBE who has provided wonderful inspiration to community health nursing researchers for many decades and has been a real figurehead for ICCHNR. Jean now passes the baton to Professor Fiona Ross whom we warmly welcome as ICCHNR President and we look forward to developing a new relationship with. Fiona's citation can be seen on the ICCHNR website. On November 23rd 2011 Professors Bryar and Kendall met with Professor Ross at the Royal Society of Medicine in London to brief her on the current and future strategy for ICCHNR.

We held committee meetings via both skype and face to face and we also held regular skype meetings with the conference organising committee in Edmonton, Alberta in preparation for the symposium: **Embracing Equity and Diversity in Community Health Nursing Research , May 4-6, 2011, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.**

The Edmonton symposium in May 2011 was a great success. Keynote speakers included Prof. Sarah Cowley (UK), Dr Nancy Edwards (Canada), Dr María Claudia Duque-Páramo (Columbia) and Dr Linda Ogilvie (Canada). Discussants included Prof. Laura Serrant Green (UK), Prof Sophie Mogotlane (South Africa),

Dr Jennie Joe (USA) and Dr Kaysi Kushner (Canada).

The delegate profile demonstrated registrants from 15 countries: Australia, New Zealand, Canada, China, Chile, South Africa, US, UK, Thailand, Brazil, South Korea, China, Uruguay, Ghana and Sweden. Japanese delegates formed 25% and we were fortunate to provide English-Japanese interpretation via hire of a graduate student. Canadian delegates formed 40% of the total resulting in a highly international event that provided a platform for international research collaboration and networking.

Formal evaluation: an evaluation using Survey Monkey that 60% of delegates completed, demonstrated a very high level of satisfaction using a number of criterion a) keynote speakers and discussants, b) venue c) food and beverage, d) organization and planning e) communication g) registration h) expectations and attendance at future events (the evaluation is available upon request).

Sponsorship: We secured a number of significant sponsors who collectively donated \$2,000 a) Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) b) Canadian Association for Nursing Research (CANR) c) Community Health Nurses of Alberta (CHNA) d) Canadian Institute for Health Information; all excluding the latter attended the event enabling the cementing of significant professional relationships.

Informal feed: Substantive positive feedback specifically a) Aboriginal dinner b) Aboriginal Artist* - Jerry Whitehead who captured the entire event on a mural that can be viewed on the ICCHNR website c) quality of discussions d) Kokopelli Choir e) focus on community nursing research. This was the first ICCHNR event in the past 10 years to make a substantive profit in this case a net profit of \$16,720.37, to be split 50/50 between Faculty of nursing, Alberta and ICCHNR. The ICCHNR executive praised the accounting processes. ICCHNR extended warm thanks and congratulations to the Alberta committee on the success of the symposium.

At the Edmonton symposium we announced the next ICCHNR conference to be held in Edinburgh, 2013. Dr Elaine Haycock Stuart presented a short DVD of Edinburgh to promote the event. A conference committee has been established and an MOU agreed with Queens Nursing institute, Scotland. The conference website has been established and the organising committee set up chaired by Dr

Haycock Stuart. The scientific committee is chaired by Prof. Ann Caress. Skype and face to face meetings will be on-going until 2013. the theme will be:

Transforming Community Health: the Nursing Impact

Date: 13-14th March, 2013.

In May 2011 Professor Bryar attended the ICN Congress in Malta. This resulted in some useful suggestions for future large events and the possibility of an affiliation with ICN. This under discussion with Dr Tesfa Gebraham of ICN.

Prof Bryar is also in discussion with the Japanese Nursing Association about setting up a special network of ICN for Public Health Nurses. ICCHNR have offered their support for this new network and hope to work closely with them.

Professors Bryar, Kendall and Mogotlane have been working with ICN on a new report to inform the Human Resource for Health committee on primary health care nursing workforce. The proceeds from this report have been donated to ICCHNR. It is currently being prepared for final publication by ICN.

In November 2011 Professors Kendall and Goodman were invited to S. Korea to discuss the 2015 event in collaboration with the Korean Academy of Community Health Nursing (KACHN). A separate report is appended. This was a very successful visit resulting in agreement between KACHN and ICCHNR to hold the 2015 conference at Seoul National University. Dr Neyoung-Sook Yun will chair the conference committee. We are grateful to the KACHN and to Dr Chungnam Kim for organising this important visit. Goodman and Kendall have donated 50% of their honorarium to ICCHNR.

During 2011 a proposal has been put forward to change the name of ICCHNR. The intention is to keep the capitalization and logo but to change Conferences to Collaboration to become the International Collaboration for Community Health Nursing Research. The committee feels this will better reflect the aims and objectives of ICCHNR and this will be voted on at the AGM.

