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**Convenor's Report on visit to Korea 15th-20th November 2011**



Professors Sally Kendall and Claire Goodman were invited by Dr Chungnam Kim on behalf of Keimyung University, Daegu and the Korean Academy of Community Health Nursing to visit Keimyung University and Seoul National University during November 2011.

During 17th November the 18th International Community Nursing conference on Vulnerable Family Health was held at Keimyung University, Sally Kendall and Claire Goodman were both keynote speakers at this event. Both gave three presentations each which were reportedly evaluated well and raised many questions and topics for discussion and also enabled new links to be formed for sharing research across family health and older person's health internationally. Parish Nursing is a model of service delivery that has received considerable support and interest in Korea. Parish Nursing was introduced to Korea by Dr Kim as a direct result of her attendance at the first ICCHNR conference in Canada and her hearing about its development in the USA.

Professors Kendall and Goodman were formally welcomed by the President of Keimyung University, Dr Ilhi Synn, and were introduced the Dean of the Nursing College, Dr Byoungsook Lee. We were offered an enormously hospitable welcome to Korea by all colleagues at Keimyung University. Future ICCHNR events in Edinburgh 2013 and Seoul 2015 were promoted during the stay in Daegu.

Professor Kanagawa from Kobe University was also a guest speaker at the conference and there was an opportunity to renew links and exchange greetings

On 19th November we transferred to Seoul and met with Dr Soon-Nyoung Yun, Professor of Community Nursing and Dr Insook Lee, Dean of the College of Nursing at SNU and President of the Korean Academy of Community Nursing. We were shown the expected conference facilities for 2015 on the SNU campus. The campus is extremely well appointed and has fabulous views of mountains and woodland, it is in reasonable distance by bus of shopping and eating facilities and Seoul city centre can be reached by subway or bus within approximately 40 minutes. The facilities provide a very large auditorium, a second smaller auditorium, a large poster room and reception area. There will be further exploration by Dr Yun of seminar rooms as these are currently out of service for conferences. There is ample accommodation and catering facilities both on campus and a short bus journey away. Dr Yun is the Chair of the organising committee for ICCHNR 2015 and is planning for up to 1000 delegates, mostly from SE Asia. There have already been signs of commitment from Korea, Japan and Thailand as well as Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam and China. We discussed realistic figures and the fact that European and N. American numbers are likely to be a lot lower. The expected and KACHN preferred date for the event will be August 2015. The theme is yet to be decided. Both the KACHN and ICCHNR will discuss the issues of venue, numbers and theme at their forthcoming meetings. A MOU will be drawn up once the key issues are agreed.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to:

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Dr Soon-Nyoung Yun

Dr Insook Lee

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All of the committee members of the ICCHNR 2015 committee at SNU

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