



Report of completed international conference “**Community Nursing Towards Sustainable Health**” on June 21 and 22, 2022

ICCHNR (International Collaboration For Community Health Nursing) contacted the Department of Health and Caring Sciences at Linnaeus University in the year 2019 with a suggestion to arrange an international conference in 2021 at the Linnaeus University, in collaboration with them. The ICCHNR organization has the following objectives: 1) to demonstrate the value of health care research to improve the quality of care; 2) to deepen and share knowledge about municipal health care through research; 3) to increase personal commitment from nurses to evidence-based practice; 4) to encourage the appropriate use of research for care and 5) to promote awareness of the contribution of health care to sound public policies and alliances. Furthermore, the ICCHNR is also committed to supporting health care in developing countries through its international network of nurses, international conferences and fundraising activities. The ICCNR has hosted several international conferences and the last four were in Canada, Scotland (UK), South Korea and South Africa. Conferences have been well attended with approximately 200-250 participants from around the world.

Therefore, it was decided that **the 8TH International Collaboration for Community Health Nursing Research (ICCHNR) conference** should take place at Linnaeus University. Due to the pandemic situation during the years 2020-2022, the organization committee decided the conference to be a virtual event in November 2022. The theme of the conference was “**Community Nursing Towards Sustainable Health**” and conference subthemes was: 1) Innovation and new trends; 2) Diversity and equality in community health care; 3) Life span health in community nursing; 4) Health policy; 5) Nursing workforce; 6) Beyond the digital age; 7) Chronic illness; 8) Beyond Covid-19 (catastrophic situations) and 9) Immigrants and Migrants Health.

Two conference committees were formed, the organizing conference committee and conference scientific committee. The conference committees met regularly and worked with the following aspects: conference website, participant registration, design of conference materials, contacts with the speakers at the conference and program management at the conference. The conference used Axaco notification system, which is available at Linnaeus University, which allowed registrations to be made electronically. The abstract submission process was made by the Open Access provided by Linnaeus University Press. All presented abstracts were published online June 20th, 2022 in a Book of Abstract on the following link:

<https://open.lnu.se/index.php/icchnr>

Totally 144 delegates from 14 countries attended to the conference. Delegates came from Japan, China, Malawi, Australia, Sweden, Greece, Canada, Singapore, Germany, Ireland, South Africa, USA, UK and South Korea (see Appendix A). The majority of the participants were from Japan and there were 87 oral presentations and about 33 posters presentations. The keynote speakers at the conference were:

- 1) David Edvardsson, Professor Umeå University, Sweden and La Trobe University, Australia presenting “**Sustainable Health in a TikTok world: Nursing and its Challenges**”;
- 2) Azita Emami, Professor RN, FAAN Robert G. and Jean A. Reid Executive Dean UW School of Nursing, USA presenting “**Antiracism in Nursing**”;
- 3) Katarina Hjelm, Professor in Community Nursing, Uppsala University, Sweden presenting “**Development of sustainable health in migrants: challenges and possibilities**”;
- 4) José Miguel Morales, Professor of Research and Evidence Based Health Care Faculty of Health Sciences University of Málaga (Spain) presenting “**Sustainability of long-term care**”.

The target group for conferences was both researchers and clinicians active in primary care as well as in municipal health and care from all healthcare professions. The conference offered a forum for the presentation of international, interdisciplinary research and development. Further, the conference contributed to an environment for sharing good practice, disseminating research and meeting others who work in similar areas, as well as offering opportunities for establishing new collaborations and networks.

Participants’ evaluation of conference

Conference evaluation form was send to the participants one day after the conference closed. In total, 15 survey was returned and 129 did not answer. In general, the participants evaluated the conference as good organized including registration, agenda, conference length and technical features. The keynote sessions were evaluated as relevant and useful and conference presenters was regarded to be prepared and communicated in a clear, understandable style. Mostly, the conference moderators did a good job in introducing and encouraging presenters, allowing time for discussion. Finally, the participants rated the overall program as well organized and that it was worthwhile virtually online conference (except of an participant).

Financial evolution of conference

The conference fess was following:

	Registration before 1st March, 2022	Registration from 2nd of March 2022 to 20nd of June, 2022
Conference fee member and students	500 SEK	575 SEK
Conference fee - non member	750 SEK	863 SEK

The conference was expected to go equal with 100 delegates. However, 144 delegates paid the conference fee that made the benefit of 65 102,76 SEK (see Appendix B). According to the agreement between conference partner, Linnaeus University shall provide ICCHNR a cheque for 50% of the total Benefit.