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### Special Points of Interest

- \* New APP for Critical Care Nurses: AppIC
- \* Antimicrobial Resistance

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## First Announcement next EfCCNa Congress 2019



European federation of Critical Care Nursing associations

**WORKING TOGETHER**  
**ACHIEVING MORE**

# 8<sup>th</sup> EfCCNa CONGRESS

Ljubljana, Slovenia 13 - 16 February 2019

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### Key Dates

- \* **February 2018** - Call for Abstracts
- \* **September 2018** - Deadline Abstract Submission
- \* **September 2018** - Preliminary Programme online
- \* **September 2018** - Registration open
- \* **November 2018** - Deadline Early Bird Registration
- \* **February 13 -16 , 2019** - Congress



## The EfCCNa Council Meeting in Mainz, Germany

On behalf of the *European Society of Paediatric & Neonatal Intensive Care* ([ESPNIC](#)) the Council was invited by ESPNIC representative Irene Harth to perform the Autumn Council meeting in Mainz, Germany. As Germany was the meeting country the national Critical Care Nursing organization and EfCCNa member *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Fachkrankpflege* ([DGF](#)) was invited to participate, also. The societies were represented by ESPNIC past-president Barbara Grädel and DGF treasurer Sabine Kretschmar. Slovakia, as a potential new EfCCNa member has send two representatives from their Critical Care Nursing society, Frantisek Nano and Milan Laurinc. Frantisek gave a short overview of their organization.

### Short overview of the meeting

- \* EfCCNa President Bronagh Blackwood highlighted personal achievements of EfCCNa representatives which were e.g. the Global Sepsis Award to Jelena Slijepčević from Croatia and the appointment for nursing research in China by the Chinese government to EfCCNa fellow Jos Latour
- \* The Belfast declaration on promoting and supporting optimal Critical Care Nursing practices worldwide was established in recognition of the first Global Critical Care Nursing Organizations joint meeting during the EfCCNa Congress in Belfast this year.
- \* Board election will be due in 2018 and are going to be performed during the Spring meeting in Cyprus
- \* The EfCCNa annual report 2016 will be presented shortly
- \* In order to foster the Erasmus+ MICE-ICU project in Europe EfCCNa took the opportunity to write an editorial in '*Nursing in Critical Care*' regarding the importance of developing cultural competence in intensive care. First intellectual outputs of the [MICE-ICU project](#) are so far an analysis report on *Nurses Intercultural Training Needs and Competencies* and an online Course frame for *Intercultural Nursing Care in ICU*
- \* The World federation Critical Care Nurses wants to extend the number of directors to one from each continent. EfCCNa declined the offer to represent Europe due to the expected effort of time investment
- \* Invitation to participate in the [Decubitus ICU Study](#), run by Stijn Blodt from ESICM. Main scientific questions are to define major risk factors, occurrence rates, clinical outcomes, EVB measures to prevent pressure sores and economic outcomes associated with pressure sores
- \* EfCCNa endorses the [Brisbane Declaration on Culturally Sensitive Care in ICU](#)

### Current Projects

- \* Clinical practice guideline on Nutrition; first results are expected in Cyprus
- \* EU Engagement
- \* Congress: next Congress 2019 Ljubljana, first announcement out, key dates will be set soon
- \* Exchange programme: should be intensively promoted
- \* Research awards: one application from Sweden
- \* Promotion: 20 years of EfCCNa in 2019 will be celebrated with special promotional activities
- \* Newly established project: patients and relatives perspectives



## My experience with the EfCCNa Council Meeting

The EfCCNa Council Meeting took place in Mainz, Germany on 7- 8th of October 2017.

On the invitation of Irene Harth, as a board member (treasurer) of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Fachkrankenpflege und Funktionsdienste (DGF e.V.) I was able to join this meeting for the first time and to transfer greetings from our society, which I was happy to implement.

Within the session, I had the possibility to get a lot of insights into the current international work and ongoing projects as well as get to know members and therefore international colleagues. The many discussions with the European representatives and the board of the EfCCNa gave me much pleasure.

I would like to give the following feedback: Very pleasant and committed colleagues, a straight and constructive working atmosphere and a good meeting, I felt very well!

We very much support this work as DGF e.V. and wish the EfCCNa to continue to make good progress in the European cooperation of specialist nursing associations!

*Sabine Kretschmar, Oldenburg*



## Good bye, Victor

Victor Gomez-Simon who worked with EfCCNa the last two years ended his term as Spanish representative in EfCCNa. Victor, you have contributed greatly to the work of EfCCNa. It's a shame to lose you so early but we wish you all the very best in your future career & hope to see you at our EfCCNa congresses.

*Thank you*

## Welcome, Alicia

EfCCNa is happy to welcome the new Council representative from Spain: Dr. Alicia San Jose. Dr. San José is a lecturer at the TecnoCampus Mataró-Maresme Foundation in Barcelona, Spain. Before her career took the twist into the academic field, Alicia had gained clinical intensive care experience in different European countries.

She began by an Erasmus exchange in Sweden, continued with 4 years of professional nursing work in England, continued with another 3 years in Paris to finish doing clinical intensive care research with a potent group in one of the best research hospitals in Spain, the Hospital Clinic in Barcelona.

The fact of working in different countries allowed Alicia to learn English and French, and back in Spain she went to University as a student to do Translation and Interpretation Studies gaining the sworn translator and interpreter nomination for English and French languages. Her first experience as a lecturer was in the University of Valladolid where not only her teaching skills were tested but also her management by, not only being the responsible person for a Practicum, but also the International Relations Coordinator for the College of Nursing. She adores her profession, the students, and thinks nurses can achieve great things with the adequate support and training.





**MICE**  
Multicultural Care in European  
Intensive Care Units

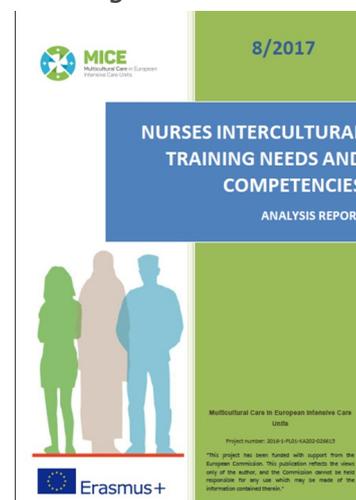
## Erasmus+ Project Multicultural Care in European Intensive Care Units

The first period of the MICE-ICU project was finished this September. The project started with a literature review, exploring cultural competencies in ICUs in Poland, Czech Republic and Slovenia. The result of the review showed there were only a few articles written about culture competencies and knowledge but nothing specific on cultural demanding situations in ICU care. In order to gain knowledge on this issue a questionnaire was distributed to nurses from the countries' mentioned above, together with EfCCNa.

Most of the nurses from EfCCNa participating in the questionnaire came from Nordic countries, UK and Israel. The questionnaire was analysed and the full report can be found on the MICE-ICU website. The result clearly showed that there is a need and demand for more cultural knowledge and competence within critical care nurses in Europe.

The second period started now in October and it will last until September 2018. This part of the project contains two very important modules: developing and publishing an online educational course.

The course is expected to be finished and published in May 2018 and will be free to download from the [MICE-ICU webpage](#) and later from the [EfCCNa website](#)



The last step for all project partners is to organise a local event where critical care nurses will learn about cultural competences. EfCCNa will offer a *Cultural Competence and Education Symposium* which will be held in Amsterdam on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018. All critical care nurses from Europe are invited to participate.

Additionally, the members of the EfCCNa project group have published an editorial with the title 'The migrant crisis and the importance of developing cultural competence in the intensive care unit' in the September issue of BACCN's Journal *Nursing in Critical Care*

The article emphasizes the importance of gaining cultural competence for ICU nurses. Our society is changing due to conflicts and changes of economic outcomes in the world. There is a migration of populations going on constantly. The patients we care for in the ICU's are often unconscious and cannot speak up for themselves and we are expected to treat them and respect their ethnic line and religious identity.

*Eva Barkestad Coordinator of EfCCNa in the MICE-ICU project.  
Erasmus+ project funded by the European Union*



### Editorial

## The migrant crisis and the importance of developing cultural competence in the intensive care unit

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## 2017 Annual Reports EfCCNa National Member Organisations

### *What are the most important topics in your National Association?*

**Organization**

- Aiming for full partnership in organization of critical care nationwide
- Registration of nurses education and training in a national register
- Co-operation with all professionals in Acute Care (ICU, Medium Care, Emergency Room, Ambulance)
- Improving/stabilising our economy had focus, within a greater project developing our organisation
- Standard for intensive care, ABIO resource and NSFLIS History (40<sup>th</sup> anniversary 2018)
- Information and discussions, building a culture
- "Function and Responsibility Description for intensive care nurses"
- increase membership
- More joint sessions with ESICM (nursing section) and ESPNIC
- To recruit more neonatal intensive care nurses into ESPNIC
- Mixed program for nurses and physicians
- Nursing Chamber
- Nursing specialisation in the Emergency Room
- To reach more with less

**Publicity**

- Digital Journal
- Position papers - PADS/SEPSIS
- Reviewed articles, increase the quality and reputation of the Journal.
- A gradual transition to a digital solution
- District Leader Conferences
- Reorganizing the national organisation of nurses
- SAIO plays an active role in ICPAN.org
- Corporate dentitie/Visibility.....
- New website
- New young members campaign

**Education**

- Advance ICU course
- Palliative ICU course
- special training for nurse anaesthetists and intensive care nurses
- produce more consensus guidelines and to promote them on the website and get translations
- Nursing qualification in general
- transfer of the nursing education into a university level, also in the field of special education like critical care nursing
- E-Learning program

**Research**

- Nationwide studies in Weaning
- We have both a nursing and a nurse science section within ESPNIC

### *What are they main themes in your Critical Care Nursing Congress?*

**Clinical topics**

- Care for the older patient
- Family participation
- Topics in hemodynamics
- Hyperthermia - what to do? If to do



## 2017 Annual Reports EfCCNa National Member Organisations



### What are they main themes in your Critical Care Nursing Congress?

- Topics in hemodynamics
- Hyperthermia - what to do? If to do
- Nursing practice prevention air embolus
- Close circuit hand hygiene surveillance
- Delay in ACS treatment
- Treatment in Scorpion bites- case study
- Palliative ICU practice – updates
- Challenges in transporting patients by plane
- ECMO from a nursing perspective + history
- Ethics
- Breathlessness – who owns the experience
- Delirium
- Cannabis as medical treatment
- Reducing postoperative hypothermia
- Respiratory care
- Heart failure
- Ventilation and Lung failure
- Nutrition

#### Education

- The Patient want to die, and end treatment in the ICU – How do nurses and doctors approach the situation? Case
- ICU games

#### Research

- topical issues and also topics identified as important by PICU nurses and NICU nurses in our Delphi study
- nursing science between PICU and NICU

#### Organization

- Program for nursing managers in our national congress
- Foresight and awareness of incipient changes in a patient' clinical conditions - Perspectives of intensive care nurses
- Children as relatives in ICU settings
- Magnet Hospital
- Lean in ICU
- Tools for leadership and management
- Nursing qualification and politics
- Quality improvement
- Advanced Nurse practioner

### Anything else to share?

- National conference on gender differences in ICU and cardiac care
- Worldwide prevalence study DECUBICUs 15/5/2018
- Nationwide study on Fluid resuscitation and decision making - who and how are decisions made - presented ESICM
- starting with a university based trainings program for special education for critical care nurses in spring 2018 at the University of applied sciences in Krems which will be the first university based education in eastern Austria
- we will vote for a new board at ÖBAI next year





## The Belfast Declaration: Promoting and Supporting Optimal Critical Care Nursing Practices Worldwide

### PREAMBLE

Supporting and advancing critical care nursing is a priority and focus area of the global critical care nursing organizations. At the European federation of Critical Care Nursing associations (EfCCNa) meeting in Belfast, Northern Ireland, held February 15-18, 2017, the inaugural Joint Session of the critical care nursing organizations – EfCCNa, the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM), Nursing and Allied Health Section (N&AHP), the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), and the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) - was held.

Collectively, these leading critical care nursing organizations represent over 600,000 critical care nurses worldwide. The Joint Session highlighted the work of each individual international critical care nursing organization and it became evident that each organization, individually, as well as collectively, was advancing critical care nursing practice.

Through *educational initiatives* including congress programming, web-based resources and other education-based projects; *clinical support* initiatives including clinical competency and skill building resources and tools; *research* projects targeting key critical care practices such as prevention of pressure ulcers, fall reduction, promoting early mobility in the ICU, and patient and family centred care research among others; and through *administrative support* resources such as metrics for determining appropriate staffing in the ICU, supporting ongoing professional education, and promoting specialty certification in critical care, the international critical care nursing organizations – EfCCNa, ESICM-N&AHP, SCCM, and WFCCN – are supporting, promoting, and elevating standards of practice for critical care nursing worldwide.

### THE BELFAST DECLARATION

**The Belfast Declaration is hereby being established in recognition of the First Global Critical Care Nursing Organizations Joint Meeting.**

**The organizations pledge to the following:**

- 1. IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLABORATE IN FURTHER ADVANCING CRITICAL CARE NURSING EDUCATION, PRACTICE, RESEARCH, AND POLICY.**
- 2. ADVOCATE FOR THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF CRITICAL CARE NURSING PRACTICE WORLDWIDE.**
- 3. ADVANCE THE STATE OF CRITICAL CARE NURSING GLOBALLY, INCLUDING SUPPORTING FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION AND PRACTICE IN RESOURCE LIMITED COUNTRIES.**
- 4. ADVOCATE FOR MULTI-PROFESSIONAL TEAM BASED PRACTICES WHERE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE ACKNOWLEDGED, SUPPORTED, AND PROMOTED.**
- 5. ADVANCE PATIENT AND FAMILY-CENTERED CARE AND ENGAGEMENT TO SUPPORT CARE AND RECOVERY OF THE CRITICALLY ILL BOTH WITHIN AND AFTER ICU.**

**EfCCNa and its member Societies**

**Germany**

<p><i>Name of the organization</i></p>	<p>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Fachkrankenpflege und Funktionsdienste e.V. (DGF) Representative: Andreas Schäfer</p>	
<p><i>Total number of members</i></p>	<p>1502 (Intensive, anaesthesia, emergency, surgical &amp; oncology care)</p>	
<p><i>Other professionals besides nurses accepted as members?</i></p>	<p>Yes, surgical and anaesthesia assistants</p>	
<p><i>Congress (frequency; is there a usual month &amp; if so, which month?)</i></p>	<p>German Congress for professional nursing specialists, once every year, usually September Joint congresses: * <b>SIK</b> (Stuttgarter Intensive Care Congress), every year February together with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Anästhesiologie und Intensivmedizin (DGAI) &amp; Bund Deutscher Anästhesisten (BDA) * <b>HAI</b> (Capitol Congress Anaesthesia/ Intensive Care), every year September together with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Anästhesiologie und Intensivmedizin (DGAI) * Sepsis Congress, every second September together with Deutsche Sepsisgesellschaft (DSG)</p>	
<p><i>Journal (if yes, name)</i></p>	<p>Intensiv/Im OP (Cooperation for member communications of the DGF)</p>	
<p><i>Membership fee</i></p>	<p>125 € per year (including the journal)</p>	
<p><i>Approximate salary (€) for junior CCN in your country</i></p>	<p>Starting monthly fee 2.730 € (without ICU diploma)/ 2.970 € (with ICU diploma)</p>	
<p><i>Average working hours per week</i></p>	<p>In average 39 hours is a full job.</p>	
<p><i>Approximate Number of hospitals with adult Intensive Care Units (accepting mechanically ventilated patients)</i></p>	<p>1172 (gbe-bund.de 2016)</p>	
<p><i>Most important activity/achievement of the association in the last year</i></p>	<p>Legal regulation of minimum staffing in professional nursing Adequate staffing of all areas of specialist nursing (Nurse to patient-ratio) Improved conditions of work and training</p>	

## NEWS from the Israeli Society for Cardiac and Intensive Care Nursing

This year will be full of activity for the Israeli Society for Cardiac and Intensive Care Nursing. This month we are opening the 5<sup>th</sup> Advanced course for Palliative care in the ICU setting.

This is a 6-month course featuring talks from palliative care specialists (physicians and nurses) and ICU clinicians. We have been able to train many nurses who feel that they are better able to care for our dying ICU patients and their families.

On October 17 we held our bi-annual conference in the southern part of our country. The hosting hospital is situated in the Negev desert and a good many of the patients are nomadic Bedouins. The nurse lectures featured identification and critical care of the scorpion bit child in PICU, working under fire experience from the last Gaza-Israel conflict, and the use of ECMO in unique situations.

On this date we also launched the grand induction of our digital journal - *Intensive Update* - which is accessible to all nurses in Israel through our website.

Every year we work on position papers providing the best evidence on a selected topic. So far we have published Best Evidence in Weaning, Care of the Septic Patient, Oral care in the ventilated patient and this year we are working on Evidence on the nursing role End of life Care.

In December, we will initiate our first course in advanced Intensive care course. This is a national 6-month course for nurses who have at least 5 years after completion of their post-graduate ICU degree and may need updating.

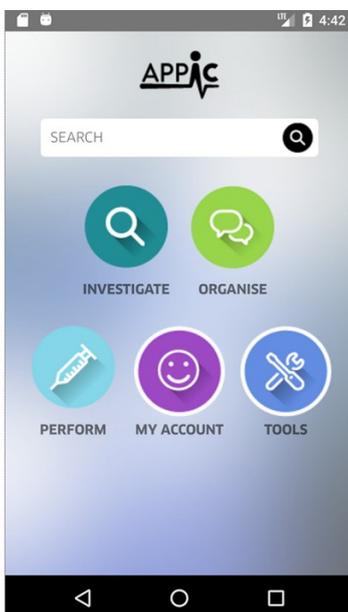
The curriculum covers advanced ventilation techniques, use of LVAD, ECMO, Weaning protocols and leadership mentoring.

In January, we are going to hold 1-day hands on workshop at MEDTRONICS headquarters. During this day, the MEDTRONICS team will introduce us to its advances in technology and ask us what else we need to be developed. In May, we are going to be active participants in the one-day prevalence study DECUBI-TUS investigating pressure sore incidence in ICU setting.

*Julie Benbenishty, Jerusalem*



## New Tech Tool: The AppIC Application for Critical Care Nurses



The application is intended for nurses to have quick answers on pathologies and the management of their patients.

Features of AppIC

- \* Protocols of care
- \* Multimedia Elements
- \* Datasheets/disease articles
- \* Tools for score calculations or rating scales

Topics

Biological exams/Imagery/Evidence based Nursing, Patient's experience/Families' experience/Intra-hospital organisation, Neuro/Psychosocial/Lungs & Ventilation/Cardiovascular/Infections/Digestive tract/Renal tract/OBGY/ Haemato & immuno/Metabolic & Endocrine/Skin muscles bones.

For more information see:

<https://www.esicm.org/ictv-introducing-the-appic-app-enews-sept-25-dubue/>



## 10<sup>th</sup> Int. Congress Polish Association Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Nurses

The 10<sup>th</sup> International Congress of PTPAiO was held on September 21-23, in Karpacz a town located in beautiful area of Lower Silesia mountains. The PTPAiO, one of the oldest specialists nursing societies in Poland, was established in 1997 so this year we celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our association. Anaesthesia, intensive care nurses and allied specialist nurses gathered together under the theme "*Past, present and future of anaesthesia and intensive care nursing in Poland*" to learn from the past and be ready for the future.

The congress gathered a record number of participants, over 950 nurses from all over the Poland participated in the Congress. For the first time during the PTPAiO Congress the English speaking session titled "*Do we differ so much?*" was organised. We could listen to Eva Barkested from Sweden who spoke about *Obstacles of hierarchies and the importance of breaking walls in ICU*, Gemma Via from Spain who shared her experiences about *Different approaches nursing care in ICU in Spain and Sweden*, Renata Zelenkowa from Czech Republic who spoke about *Cultural competences among the Czech nurses* and Roman Pareznik from Slovenia who talked about *Organisation of intensive care in Slovenia*.



This congress also highlighted other topics related to nursing practice in ICUs such as perioperative fluids strategy, pain management, dealing with epidemiological problems in intensive care units due to the occurrence of new multi-resistant strains of bacteria.

Extremely powerful was the video presentation of patients own experiences related to hospitalisation in the ICU. The ICU environment from the patients' perspective looked so much different to what nurses usually see.

The poster presentations together with the oral presentations and workshops covered most topics of anaesthesia and intensive care nursing.

During the Congress members of PTPAiO had a chance to summarize 20 years of activities aiming at the development of our society; the individuals who have made a special contribution to the development of the Society were given a jubilee statuette during the opening ceremony. Among the others, the statuette received President of PTPAiO Paweł Witt, the former representative of PTPAiO to EfCCNa Danuta Dyk and the current one Aleksandra Gutysz-Wojnicka.



Among "birthday" wishes that we received from authorities, nurses and friends from other nursing societies the one was spoken the most often:

*Let PTPAiO grow stronger and develop further to be a well-known scientific association gathering all anaesthesia and intensive care nurses in Poland.*

Hope this wish becomes true in the next years...

*Aleksandra Gutysz-Wojnicka, Olsztyn*

## Emergency & Intensive Care Nursing Sector Hellenic Nat. Nurses Association: News

The activities organized by the Emergency and Intensive Care Nursing Sector of the Hellenic National Nurses Association in 2017 were:

### 44<sup>th</sup> National Nursing Conference (May 10-13<sup>th</sup>, Naxos)

The Intensive Nursing Care Sector took part in the Congress with the following topics which have increased interest in nursing practices in Greece:

- \* Update on the prevention and control of infection of ICU patients
- \* How necessary is it to restrain patients for their own safety? Nursing perspective
- \* Psychosomatic issues of the nursing professionals
- \* Nurses as leaders in the preparation and response of ER to crisis and disaster relief
- \* Contradiction: Nursing professionals' safety undermining in the very environment which promotes public health, the hospital

Workshop: Multiple trauma patients' management in the ER based on ATLS guidelines

**BLS/AED Course:** it has been organised in small groups and up to date 76 participants have been registered and completed the course.

### Upcoming events:

- \* The Emergency and Intensive Care Nursing Sector of the Hellenic National Nurses Association in collaboration with the Regional district of Central Macedonia and the "Iatriko Diavalkaniko" Hospital are holding a meeting during November 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Thessaloniki. The topics that will be discussed vary and include updates on patient management, ethical dilemmas during nursing practices and updates on neonatal management in NICU
- \* The Emergency and Intensive Care Nursing Sector of the Hellenic National Nurses Association will participate with oral and poster presentations in the 45<sup>th</sup> National Nursing Conference which will be held in May 2018. Future announcements are expected
- \* The Emergency and Intensive Care Nursing Sector of the Hellenic National Nurses Association will be organising the 9<sup>th</sup> Nursing Symposium in Fall 2018. It is organized once every two years.

Dionysia Tsoukala, Athens



## Global Sepsis Award for EfCCNa Council member Jelena Slijepčević, Croatia



EfCCNa is happy to announce that its Council member from Croatia, Jelena Slijepcevic and her colleagues were awarded with the 2017 Global Sepsis Award for their outstanding campaign '**Stop Sepsis in Croatia!**'

Well done, Jelena. Many Congratulations from EfCCNa!



**Antimicrobial Resistance: Time to Act**

**Effective education,  
better outcome**

Without coordinated planning at national, regional and European level, action to address antibiotic resistance will remain fragmented and ineffective, warns ESNO Executive Secretary, **Ber Oomen**

**T**here's nothing quite so devastating for a nurse than being paralysed by a situation beyond their control. Over recent years, nurses have been increasingly confronted by antimicrobial resistance (AMR) a phenomena which conflicts with the very core of their work. The key question, of course is, if healthcare professionals and hospitals are 'running out of options' when should antibiotics be used? AMR is, for many professionals, relatively new to them and has been described by European health Commissioner, Vytenis Andriukaitis as a "silent tsunami" but also one "without a warning system". This why the

European Specialist Nurses Organisations (ESNO) fully endorses the European One Health Action Plan against AMR. The guidelines on the prudent use of antimicrobials by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) are also welcome because they have a practical element and that is where nurses have a role to play.

However, we fear that there will have to be a significant rise in the number of victims in order for Europe's three million nurses to have a greater awareness of AMR. Nurses see patients at home, in the community and in a clinical setting. They see patients using medication according to prescribed guidelines but also see misuse, overuse and no use. Due to heavy caseloads though, there might be a tendency to overlook this. We therefore believe there should be a

greater emphasis around awareness-raising as well as improved education and training on AMR.

Without a clear structure or planning at national, regional and European level, action on dealing with AMR could end up fragmented and ineffective. The challenge facing the health workforce and the threat posed to human health by AMR should not be underestimated. If AMR is not effectively addressed, the problem is likely to increase rather than decrease. We believe that better cooperation in tackling AMR

could be an opportunity to show the world how Europe can be the benchmark for best practice. Across the European network of nurses and in specialised areas, there seems to be an understanding on the AMR phenomenon but whether it is understood enough to include this in the wider context such as guidelines and programmes is still unfortunately unclear.

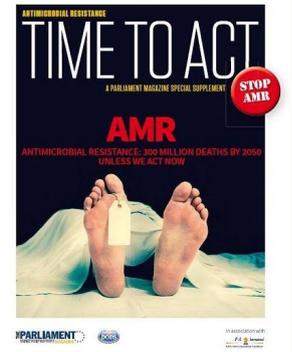
No other profession is as aware of the misuse and overuse of medication but, equally, it isn't clear

if there is enough understanding of AMR's impact, especially for the most vulnerable, such as children, people with rare diseases and the elderly. Nurses could, and should, be better involved in monitoring AMR cases and in contributing

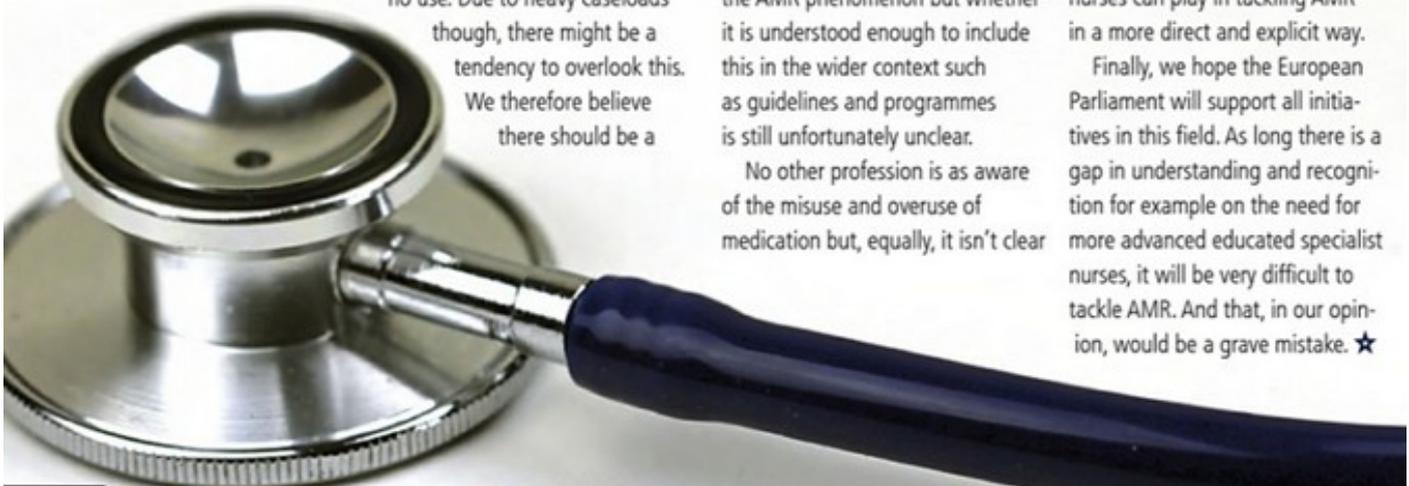
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to research and clinical data programmes. We call on national health regulatory bodies to address AMR, to invest in specialist nurses and also to invite the Commission to address the key role that nurses can play in tackling AMR in a more direct and explicit way.

Finally, we hope the European Parliament will support all initiatives in this field. As long there is a gap in understanding and recognition for example on the need for more advanced educated specialist nurses, it will be very difficult to tackle AMR. And that, in our opinion, would be a grave mistake. ★



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## Congratulation to EfCCNa Fellow Prof. Jos Latour

[Jos Latour](#), Professor in Clinical Nursing, was appointed as an advisor to Hunan Children's Hospital in China this year thanks to the country's the 100 Talent Programme. Prof. Latour will visit China for six weeks a year, working a further six weeks remotely, to establish a nursing research team, apply for research funding and develop major scientific research orientation. Currently heading up the University's Clinical School at Derriford Hospital in Plymouth and Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton, Prof. Latour is delighted to be first nurse to be taken on through the initiative.



## Plymouth academic first nurse appointed by Chinese Government programme

Jos Latour, Professor in Clinical Nursing has been invited to develop research in China's largest children's hospital

## In Memoriam Aysel Badir

It is with great sadness to inform you that Prof. Aysel Badir from Turkey passed away in May 2017 after a two year struggle with cancer. Aysel Badir, a Professor at Koç University, School of Nursing in Istanbul, was a leading and inspirational Turkish nurse who was passionate about advancing critical care nursing practice through research and education in her country. Aysel was one of the founding members of the European federation of Critical Care Nursing associations (EfCCNa). Through her enthusiasm, energy, vision and leadership she helped the Turkish Critical Care Nursing association to establish a strong network of collaborations within Europe, and worldwide. During her tenure in EfCCNa she contributed to supporting and promoting the aims of the Federation leaving a positive and lasting impression. Since 2005, she had dedicated her time to be with her son and continue her scholarly pursuits including research, publication and overseeing a major review and validation of nursing curricula at her University. In recognition for unique talents and outstanding research contributions to Turkish critical care nursing, she was awarded a professorship in 2015. We will remember Aysel as a warm, friendly, cheerful, resilient and charismatic critical care nurse; an individual with an exceptional vision whose legacy will not be forgotten by EfCCNa and Turkish Critical Care Nurses. Our thoughts, sympathies and sincerest wishes of comfort are with her son Yitigan.



*Friends and colleagues from EfCCNa*

**Congress Calendar 2018** - *click on the logos to get linked*



**9th Congress of the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive & Critical Care Societies**

9-13 June, 2018 | Singapore  
wfpiccs.kenes.com



Abstract Submission Deadline: 9 January, 2018  
Early Registration Deadline: 14 March, 2018



World Federation of Pediatric Intensive & Critical Care Societies

**38th ISICEM**  
International Symposium on Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine

SQUARE - BRUSSELS MEETING CENTER  
MARCH 20-23, 2018

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> REGISTER





**15th ANNUAL CRITICAL CARE SYMPOSIUM**  
26th AND 27th APRIL 2018  
MANCHESTER



**47th SCCM Annual Congress**  
February 25-28, 2018  
San Antonio, Texas, USA

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**Efccna**  
European federation of Critical Care Nursing associations

**The Efccna Exchange Programme**

Critical care nursing in Europe varies from one country to another. In order to increase awareness and to develop a deeper understanding of how critical care nursing is delivered throughout Europe, Efccna is proposing an exchange programme which enables critical care nurses to spend some time on an ICU in another European country.



**Aims and Objectives of the programme**

- to widen the professional horizon of critical care nurses in Europe
- to promote international collaboration and to share expertise
- to stimulate the personal professional development of critical care nurses in Europe

**Who can participate?**  
All critical care nurses or nurses working in intensive care who's national professional organisation is a member society of Efccna.

Here is a quote from Gemma Via, CCN from Spain:

*To sum up, this was a really enriching experience, and that's why I encourage other colleagues to join the programme. It is the way to experience first hand that nursing care is not the only thing that makes a difference; it is also factors such as the organizational structure and inter-professional communication. Each team, in their context, has their strengths, threats, opportunities and weaknesses.*

Interested?  
For all information on the exchange programme see: [www.efccna.org](http://www.efccna.org)

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