Nursing Scientific Meeting 23rd World Congress of Dermatology (WCD): June 2015
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Sharing good practice and promoting access to care worldwide: opportunities at the World Congress of Dermatology, Vancouver 2015

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Internationalization is a key issue in health care that will have an increasing impact on our daily work. The future development of dermatology nursing will be shaped by global influences, cross-cultural exchange and the effective sharing of advances in practice and research. Meeting dermatology nurses from other countries highlights both the common and distinctive challenges we face. It can act as a catalyst to collaboration and better prepare us for these challenges.

There are significant difficulties in meeting the wide-ranging need for dermatology care and skin health worldwide. Nurses now play a crucial role in promoting access to high-quality dermatology care worldwide. Indeed, there are insufficient numbers of dermatologists globally to meet this need alone (Eraser et al. 2011). To respond to this challenge effectively requires an open-minded perspective and learning from each other on how we may best respond innovatively, whether in resource-rich or poor countries.

The World Congress of Dermatology (WCD) is held every 4–5 years. The next event takes place in June 2015 in Vancouver, Canada. This will be hosted by the International Skin Care Nursing Group (ISCN) (www.iscn.org), working with the Dermatology Nurses Association (DNA) based in the USA. DNA is the largest international dermatological nursing organization in the world, having a chapter in Canada as well as the USA. Paul DNA President, Nira MacRae, is a senior nurse based in the Vancouver Department and is also involved in the planning group. So for the first time the World Congress nursing meeting will be delivered by a collaboration between the DNA, DNA and the local dermatology department.

The joint nursing scientific meeting is scheduled all day for Monday June 8, 2015. The aim will be to showcase and discuss nursing developments in dermatology nursing from the different countries of the world, drawing on an evidence-based or research perspective where possible. The planning group is hoping to issue an invitation to submit abstracts, although the number of slots we have is limited for a day meeting. Further details will be announced through Dermatological Nursing.

We hope nurses will attend to support this event. Registration costs have been kept low for nursing staff and nurses will have access to many of the Congress events. For further details please see: http://iscn2015.org

DNA and now the DNA are affiliated nursing groups to the global dermatology organisation that hosts and coordinates the WCD — namely the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS). DNA has organized the last three nursing scientific meetings at Congress, the first of which took place in Paris followed by Buenos Aires, Argentina and then in 2011 in Seoul, South Korea.

DNA is a non-profit-making global organization, founded by DNA members, which for the last 15 years has worked to promote awareness of dermatology nursing and skin health worldwide and the key role that nurses play both in developed and resource-poor economies. It does this partly through creating educational opportunities for nurses at low cost. DNA also supports national groups across, so in the case, dermatology nurses are isolated in many countries without any national membership organisation & promotes educational opportunities at often established international events that raise the profile of dermatology nursing and its development worldwide. This includes a regular slot at the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV).

The World Congress of Dermatology in 2015 will provide a new opportunity for us to reflect on how dermatology nursing organisations from around the globe might cooperate more closely with each other and work towards a greater union in addressing our common goals. It is important that the nursing contribution to dermatology is highlighted at the Congress and as we need to secure support from nurses around the world to promote ideas. Of course we anticipate some good representation from our North America colleagues — but our hope is that other countries are also represented.

We can all learn from international engagement and exploring different cultural perspectives in delivering health care. My hope is that the event as a whole will inspire you to reach out to dermatology nurses worldwide to promote and realize the benefits of globalization — with new insights and friendships from across the world. "

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The World Congress is the largest international scientific meeting in dermatology worldwide.

Takes place every 4-5 years.

It is organised by the International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS).

The nursing scientific meeting has been organised by the International Skin Care Nursing Group (ISNG) since 2002 (ISNG is affiliated to the ILDS).

Next year the meeting is in North America, Vancouver, Canada.

For the first time we are partnering in the organisation with the Dermatology Nurses Association (DNA) - (now also an affiliate of ILDS) to put on a joint meeting.
1) Nursing Scientific Meeting all day June 8th 2015
   - Sharing innovation in nursing worldwide
   - Evidence-based initiatives
   - 8-10 Speakers from different continents
   - First abstract submission event for nursing (details later)

2) Invited Leadership summit (half day June 9th) – to promote future global cooperation amongst dermatology nursing leaders

3) Clinical visit: to the Vancouver Department of Dermatology

4) Access to most of the Congress Programme: through a reduced nursing registration

NURSING Events: June 2015
Further Information

- Whole Congress dates: June 8th-13th 2015
- Website: www.derm2015.org/
- Nursing Scientific meeting: abstract submission process
  - Information will be available through the DNA website (see DNA-ISNG micro-site) – submit via site www.dnanurse.org/
  - Deadline 20th November 2014
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