



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES FEDERATION

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## SUCCESSFUL 3<sup>rd</sup> COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES CONFERENCE

London UK 12-13 March 2016



Two hundred and twenty nurses and midwives from 24 Commonwealth countries and three non-Commonwealth countries met together in London 12-13 March for a highly successful and enjoyable 3<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference.



Plenary speakers included: Professor Mary Chiarella (Sydney University); Dr Linda Lewis (ANCC); Ms Janet Davies (RCN); Dr Judith Shamian (ICN); Ms Frances Day-Stirk (ICM); Dr Lynn McDonald (Canada); and Ms Joy Kemp (RCM).

Ms Linda Lewis, CEO of the American Nurse Credentialing Centre gave a masterly presentation about the principles and process underpinning becoming a Magnet Hospital. Professors Dickon Weir-Hughes and Catherine Stoddart shared their experience with the operationalisation of Magnet at the Oxford University Hospitals. Ms Marie-Claire Pellegrini and Mr Eric Grech from Malta shared with delegates the way they incorporate humour into their nursing practice for both patients and peers.

The concurrent presentations were focused on the theme of leadership - in clinical practice; policy and projects; research and innovation; management and administration; and education and training and were of an exceptionally high standard.

The conference celebrated the leadership legacy of Florence Nightingale - the founder of modern nursing; the first nursing theorist; a great nursing leader; and a role model for nursing everywhere - and looked forward to the 2020 bicentenary of the birth of Ms Nightingale and the end of the WHO decade for a healthy world.

## 22<sup>ND</sup> CNMF BIENNIAL MEETING

London UK 11 March 2016

The 22<sup>nd</sup> CNMF Biennial Meeting was held in London Friday 11 March 2016 at the Royal College of Nursing. Sixteen national nursing association members attended the meeting. NNA representatives from Sri Lanka, Cameroon, Zimbabwe and Uganda, who were scheduled to attend the meeting, were not granted visas to the UK so were unable to attend.

The meeting received reports from the Executive Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Board Members of the CNMF and spent the afternoon in policy debates.

Dr Linda Lewis, CEO of the American Nurse Credentialing Centre gave the Biennial Address. CNMF members were pleased to welcome to the Biennial a former President of CNMF, Ms Peggy Vidot, now the Principal Secretary for the Seychelles Ministry of Health.

New members were also officially welcomed: the Rwanda Nurses and Midwives Union and the Brunei Darussalam Nurses Association as full members; the Nurses for Nurses Network based in Australia as an affiliate member; and the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) based in the USA as an associate member.

The Royal College of Nursing generously hosted the CNMF Board Meeting on Thursday 10 March and the Biennial Meeting.

Following the close of the meeting, CNMF members were joined by special guests to celebrate the centenary of the Royal College of Nursing at a reception hosted by the RCN.





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## POLICY DEBATES AT 22<sup>ND</sup> CNMF BIENNIAL MEETING

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The afternoon sessions at the 22<sup>nd</sup> CNMF Biennial meeting were devoted to policy debate. The three policy areas discussed were:

- Whether there are advantages for a professional association in registering as a trade union.
- Lower level cadres doing nursing work - are they nurses; should they be regulated by the nurse regulatory authority.
- Clinical career structure development and what options there are for developing a career structure for nurses who want to specialise as clinicians.

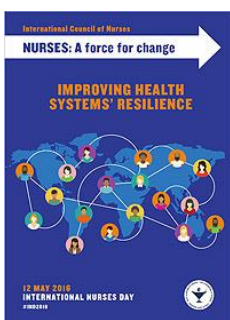
CNMF members decided to continue the policy debates by email during the next twelve months in order to bring a policy position to the 23<sup>rd</sup> CNMF Biennial in 2018.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE 5 May 2016



<http://www.internationalmidwives.org/events/idotm/idm2016/>

## INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY 12 May 2016



**NURSES: A force for change**  
Improving health systems' resilience

<http://www.icn.ch/publications/2016-nurses-a-force-for-change-improving-health-systems-resilience/>

## 2016 COMMONWEALTH CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

### Commonwealth Civil Society Forum

Saturday, 21 May 2016  
1500-1830 | Crans Room | Starling Hotel Geneva  
Welcome reception | 1830-1930

In conjunction with the 28<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Health Ministers' meeting  
Sunday 22 May 2016 | Starling Hotel Geneva

### Health Security and Universal Health Coverage



Speakers:



Dr Revi Rannan-Eliya; Ms Tania Holt; Ms Leena Menghney; Dr Penny Dash; Ms Christine Hancock; Dr Abu Bakarr Fofanah; Ms Solveigh Hieronimus

Moderated by: **Dr Penny Dash**, McKinsey and Company

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Dr Tony Nelson, Secretary, Commonwealth Health Professions Alliance:  
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## 4<sup>TH</sup> COMMONWEALTH NURSES AND MIDWIVES CONFERENCE

The 23<sup>rd</sup> CNMF Biennial Meeting and the 4<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference will be held in London 9 to 11 March 2018. CNMF members should start planning NOW to attend including alerting their membership, fund raising, and considering abstracts for the conference.

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