



# COMMONWEALTH NURSES FEDERATION

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## NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

I am pleased to announce that the CNF website has a new look. The new site was launched last week. The site is a work in progress so if there are any changes you think need to be made, any suggestions for improvement, or anything you would like added to the site please let us know.



The website will have secure access areas for members and for Board members and we are in the process of constructing a links page to the websites of national nursing association members.

Susie Kong CNF President

## SYMPOSIUM ON THE INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF HEALTH WORKERS

The CNF has been invited to send four representatives to a symposium on the international migration of health workers being jointly hosted by the Commonwealth Foundation and the Commonwealth Medical Association. The symposium is looking at the effect of the international migration of health workers on the following eight Commonwealth countries: Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Singapore and the Maldives. The symposium is being held in New Delhi India 17-18 November 2008.

## MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Following the symposium on the international recruitment of health workers, the CNF is facilitating a meeting of the Commonwealth Health Professional Associations to start planning for the Commonwealth Health Ministers meeting to be held in 2009. The theme for the 2009 CHMM is *Climate change and health*. Climate change has a particular impact on small island countries however all countries are affected to some degree and poorer countries more than others. The Commonwealth Health Professional Associations will also be discussing other activities they can do together to promote the health of the people of the Commonwealth and the contribution health professionals make.

## NURSES ASSOCIATION OF INDIA TURNS 100

The TNAI is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in November. The celebrations will be held in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India from 4-5 November 2008 hosted by the Maharashtra State Branch of the TNAI. Susie Kong the CNF President will represent the CNF at the celebrations. **Is the TNAI the oldest national nursing association in the Commonwealth?** Let us know if your association is over 100 years old. A message of congratulation can be sent to the TNAI at [tnai\\_2003@yahoo.com](mailto:tnai_2003@yahoo.com). TNAI President is Mr Arvind Kulkarni (CNF Board Member for South Asia) and Secretary General is Mrs Sheila Seda.

## BOTSWANA MIGRATION RESEARCH

The Nurses Association of Botswana recently conducted research into the international migration of nurses from Botswana. The study found concerns for nurse migration were aggravated by the shortage of nurses and that migration has had an impact on the supply and demand for nurses in Botswana. The majority of respondents to the study reported an intention to migrate at one time or another. HIV/AIDS was identified as a factor by nurses who considered migration (36%) and one of the main reasons for nurses who actually migrated (87.5%). Although salaries appeared an important pull factor to migrate, a need for self development superseded all other push factors to migrate. Copies of the study are available from Geetha Feringa: [info@nab.org.bw](mailto:info@nab.org.bw).

## VISIT TO MALAYSIA



Susie Kong and Jill Iliffe recently met with members of the Malaysian Nurses Association executive to prepare an application to the Commonwealth for funding for leadership training in Malaysia next year.



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## **REMINDER:** *coming events*

### **CNF ELECTIONS 2009-2013**

The CNF is conducting elections for the following positions for the 2009-2013 term:

- ❖ President
- ❖ Vice President
- ❖ Board Member (East, Central and Southern Africa)
- ❖ Board Member (West Africa)
- ❖ Board Member (Atlantic)
- ❖ Board Member (Pacific).

Completed nomination and consent forms must be received by the CNF by **17 October 2008**

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Further details and nomination and consent forms can be downloaded from the CNF website: [www.commonwealthnurses.org](http://www.commonwealthnurses.org).

### **SOUTH PACIFIC NURSES FORUM**

The 14<sup>th</sup> South Pacific Nurses Forum will be held 6-10 October 2008 in Suva Fiji at the Raffles Trade Winds Convention Centre. The CNF will be conducting a workshop at the SPNF in Fiji 6-10 October on safe care and safe practice. The Forum is being hosted by the Fiji Nursing Association. Contact the FNA for further information: Ph: + 679 3305855  
Email: [fna@connect.com.fj](mailto:fna@connect.com.fj).



### **CHANGE OF DATE FOR CNF BIENNIAL**

The new dates for the CNF Biennial are: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The Biennial is being held in Botswana the week prior to the ICN Congress in South Africa. There will be a CNF Board meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009. **Please make this change in your diary.**

### **CARIBBEAN WORKSHOPS**

Four two day workshops on safe care and safe practice are being held in the Caribbean in:

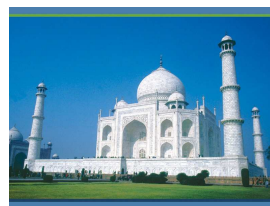
Grenada: 21-22 October; Barbados: 23-24 October; St Lucia: 30-31 October; and Trinidad and Tobago: 4-5 November. Nurses and midwives from the other Caribbean countries are also invited to attend.

Registration is through the nurses association in each country. Further information is available on the CNF website: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org>.



### **COMMONWEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP INDIA**

The Commonwealth Steering Committee for Nursing and Midwifery is conducting a workshop in India 16-17 February 2009. The workshop is open to nurses and midwives from the region. The CNF countries in the region are: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Maldives.



Registration forms are available on the CNF website: [www.commonwealthnurses.org](http://www.commonwealthnurses.org) or by email: [jill@commonwealthnurses.org](mailto:jill@commonwealthnurses.org) or by phone or text: + 61 438 647 252.

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