



A HAPPY AND SAFE 2009 TO ALL CNF MEMBERS

from the CNF Executive and Board



Happy 2009! I hope it is going to be a good year for us all; that 2009 will bring peace and hope to people around the world; and that nurses will have the strength and tenacity to continue to reach out to comfort and care for sick and vulnerable people.

Susie Kong, President



I convey my sincere wishes for a health, happy and prosperous 2009 to everyone. I look forward to working closely with all in the Commonwealth to promote nurses and nursing. Thanks to every one of you for your valuable contributions to our profession.

**Ioannis Leontiou
Board Member Europe**



To all nurses everywhere, I wish you a happy and prosperous 2009. I especially hope that in the coming year governments will provide a workplace for nurses where they can practise safely and give high quality care to their patients: God's blessings to you all.

**Alice Asare-Allotey
Board Member West Africa**



It is my wish that 2009 will bring peace to the world so that nurses can concentrate on caring instead of managing victims of politically motivated violence. We need to support and encourage nurses to enter Parliament so they can influence the development of people friendly policies.

**Donald Epaalat, Board Member
Eastern, Central, Southern Africa**



and peaceful year for all CNF members. It will be a busy and exciting year for the CNF. There is so much potential for nurses to make a difference, to lead the way and to set an example, as caring and peaceful citizens of our global world.

Jill Iliffe, Executive Secretary



I extend my best wishes to all CNF members for 2009. I hope we can strive in all possible ways to promote the professional, educational, economic and general welfare of all nurses globally and to develop a sense of friendship and partnership between us no matter where we live or work.

Satish Chawla Vice President (India)



I wish all CNF member countries a very prosperous 2009. We need to review our plans for 2008 to see whether we achieved our goals and make our plans for 2009 to create opportunities for solidarity and empowerment. May God bless us all!

**Alumita Bulicokocoko
Board Member Pacific Region**



To all at CNF - the year just passed has seen increasing occupational hazards from environmental change and increasing acts of terrorism. Nurses face these challenges by increasing their knowledge or learning new skills. In 2009 let us unite in our commitment and dedication as ambassadors for peace.

**Arvind Kulkarni
Board Member South Asia Region.**



Greetings to everyone in the Commonwealth Nurses Federation family; it is my wish that in this coming year we plan, develop and implement programs that make a difference in the lives of nurses and their patients, with a special focus on clinical and organisational research. Blessings to all!

**Marion Howard
Board Member Atlantic Region**



I wish all nurses and midwives a happy and healthy 2009. Let us work together to ensure there will be less fighting and more peace; less anger and more love; and less sickness and more health. Nurses face many challenges but together we can achieve our goals.

Angela Neuhaus, Treasurer



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COMMONWEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE SOUTH ASIA WORKSHOP INDIA FEBRUARY 2009

The Commonwealth Steering Committee for Nursing and Midwifery is holding a workshop in New Delhi India 16-17 February 2009. The workshop will cover human resource issues for nurses and midwives (including HIV and AIDS) and presentation, proposal writing and influencing skills.

Following the workshop (18 February) the CNF is holding a one day workshop at the TNAI offices on nurse and patient safety.

CAPACITY ASSESSMENT OF COMMONWEALTH HEALTH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Commonwealth Secretariat recently undertook a capacity assessment of Commonwealth health professional associations such as the CNF. The preliminary findings were presented at a meeting in London Monday 12 January 2009. The CNF was mentioned positively for its work plan and communication strategy. The importance of transparency and accountability was emphasised, such as publishing annual accounts. The final report is expected to be made public within the next few weeks.



The CNF has recently changed banks in order to access internet banking and online income and expenditure information.

COMMONWEALTH HEALTH MINISTERS MEETING 2009

The Commonwealth Foundation has commenced discussions in preparation for the Commonwealth Health Ministers meeting in May 2009. The theme for the 2009 CHMM is: *Climate change and health*. The CNF will be conducting a survey of members on the issue. When the survey is circulated, it would be appreciated if you could respond. The CNF has unique access to Commonwealth Health Ministers, and input from members is essential for a mandate to speak with authority on your behalf.



CNF BIENNIAL 24-25 June 2009 Botswana

The CNF Biennial meeting is being held in Botswana 24-25 June 2009, the week prior to the International Council of Nurses Congress in Durban South Africa. It is going to be a great Biennial meeting. A circular will be sent out within the next couple of weeks with advice about accommodation and the program. Registration is essential. CNF members should start preparing now to attend. The CNF Board meeting will be held 23 June 2009.



The CNF now has an arrangement with a travel agent in the UK who specialises in fares for non government organisations. This will save us considerable amounts of money when organising meetings and workshops.

MIGRATION OF HEALTH WORKERS

The outcomes from the Commonwealth Asia Symposium on the International Migration of Health Workers were reported in Volume 1 Issue 7 of the CNF eNews. The CNF has begun the process of implementing relevant recommendations. A migration checklist is being developed which will shortly be circulated to members for comment. The CNF has been invited to facilitate a follow up Symposium in Botswana.

FORMATION OF A COMMONWEALTH HEALTH PROFESSIONS ALLIANCE

One of the recommendations from the Commonwealth Asia Symposium on the International Migration of Health Workers was for Commonwealth health professional associations to form an Alliance. This recommendation has been forwarded to Commonwealth health professional associations for endorsement. The CNF has offered to act as Alliance Secretariat for the first twelve months. A united voice at Commonwealth level for health professional associations is essential to influence Commonwealth health ministers.