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CANADA REJOINS CNF



The CNF is pleased to announce that the Canadian Nurses Association has rejoined the CNF after some years' absence. The CNF is delighted to welcome Canada back into membership. Dr Helen Mussalem from Canada was an inaugural Board member for the CNF Atlantic Region (1973-1975). Other Atlantic Region Board members from Canada were Dr Karen Chalmers (1997-2001) and Mrs Lynda Kushnir Pekrul (2001-2005). Miss Helen Taylor from Canada was the third CNF President (1980-1984). Canada has a great deal to offer the CNF in terms of sharing expertise, experience and resources and we look forward to their contribution in CNF forums.

BOTSWANA DEVELOPS NATIONAL CPD PROGRAM



Botswana nursing leaders were awarded an African Regulatory Collaborative (ARC) grant in 2013 to develop a national continuing professional development program for nurses and midwives in Botswana. In early December 2012, the CNF met with the Botswana ARC Team and the Botswana CPD Advisory Committee to provide technical assistance with the development of their national CPD program. Botswana is currently working on an implementation plan for their national program to be launched early in 2014.

BARBADOS AWARD TO PAULETTE DRAKES



On 30 November 2012, Barbados celebrated its 46th Year of Independence. The Barbados Government awarded Paulette Drakes the Barbados Service Star for her contribution to nursing. Paulette was a Past President of the Barbados Nurses Association, is the current Vice President of the Caribbean Nurses Organisation, and a long-time activist and champion for nurses and nursing. Paulette is held in high regard and affection internationally and the CNF congratulates her on her Award.

ZIMBABWE WEBSITE LAUNCHED



The Zimbabwe Nurses Association (ZINA) has launched its new website: <http://www.zimbabwenursesassociation.org>. The website is the fifth to be developed as part of the CNF website development program (the others are Lesotho, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, and the Bahamas). The website was launched at the ZINA 27th Annual General Meeting held at Troutbeck Resort, Manicaland Province 22-25 November 2012.

COMING EVENTS



10th CNF Europe Region Conference *Advancing nursing and midwifery through evidence based practice*

15-16 March 2013 Larnaca Cyprus

For more information go to: <http://www.cyna.org>



Tanzania Nursing and Midwifery Council

60th Anniversary Conference *Looking back and thinking ahead*

16-19 March 2013 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

For more information go to: <http://www.tnmc.go.tz>

ICN 25th Quadrennial Congress *Equity and Access to Health Care*

18-23 May 2013 Melbourne Australia
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Go to: <http://www.icn2013.ch/en/>





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INTERNATIONAL DAYS OF OBSERVANCE

January

- 01 [Global Family Day](#), [World Day of Peace](#)
- 04 [World Hypnotism Day](#)
- 27 [International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)
- 29 [World Leprosy Day](#)

February

- 04 [World Cancer Day](#)
- 06 [International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation](#)
- 20 [World Day of Social Justice](#)

March

- 08 [Commonwealth Day](#)
- 08 [International Women's Day](#)
- 21 [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#)
- 22 [World Water Day](#)
- 24 [World Tuberculosis Day](#)

April

- 07 [World Health Day](#)
- 22 [Earth Day](#)
- 25 [World Malaria Day](#)
- 28 [International Workers Memorial Day](#)

May

- 01 [Labour Day](#)
- 04 [World Asthma Day](#)
- 07 [International Day of the Midwife](#)
- 08 [World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day](#)
- 12 [International Nurses Day](#)
- 15 [World Hepatitis Day](#)
- 15 [International Day of Families](#)
- 21 [World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development](#)
- 22 [International Day for Biological Diversity](#)
- 31 [World No-Tobacco Day](#)

June

- 01 International [Children's Day](#)
- 05 [World Environment Day](#)
- 12 [World Day Against Child Labour](#)
- 14 [World Blood Donor Day](#)
- 20 [World Refugee Day](#)
- 26 [International Day in Support of Victims of Torture](#)

July

- 11 [World Population Day](#)

August

- 09 [International Day of the World's Indigenous People](#)
- 12 [International Youth Day](#)
- 19 [World Humanitarian Day](#)

September

- 08 [International Literacy Day](#)
- 10 [World Suicide Prevention Day](#)
- 15 [International Day of Democracy](#)
- 21 [International Day of Peace](#)
- 21 [World Alzheimer's Day](#)
- 27 [World Heart Day](#)

October

- 01 [International Day of Older Persons](#)
- 02 [International Day of Non-Violence](#)
- 03 [World Smile Day](#)
- 10 [World Mental Health Day](#)
- 11 [International Day of the Girl](#)
- 14 [World Sight Day](#)
- 15 [Global Handwashing Day](#)
- 16 [World Food Day](#)
- 17 [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#)

November

- 09 [World Freedom Day](#)
- 14 [World Diabetes Day](#)
- 16 [International Day for Tolerance](#)
- 17 [International Students Day](#)
- 19 [International Men's Day](#)
- 25 [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](#)

December

- 01 [World AIDS Day](#)
- 03 [International Day of People with Disability](#)
- 10 [Human Rights Day](#)
- 18 [International Migrants Day](#)

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