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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The CNF is pleased to announce the 'Call for Abstracts' for the 2nd Commonwealth Nurses Conference: *Nurses and midwives - agents of change*, to be held at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London, UK 8-9 March 2014. The 21st CNF Biennial Meeting will also be held in London on 7th March 2014 at the Royal College of Nursing. For more information or to submit an abstract go to the CNF website:

<http://www.commonwealthnurses.org/conference2014>.

NIGHTINGALE INITIATIVE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH



The Nightingale Initiative for Global Health (NIGH) mission is to inform and empower nurses and other health care workers and educators to become '21st Century Nightingales' - working in the local, national and global community to build a healthy world.

The current NIGH campaign is titled: *Daring, caring and sharing* and has a focus on maternal health and saving mother's lives. NIGH points out that each day, 750 women die in childbirth, and that most of those deaths are preventable. To learn more about NIGH's work, to sign the Nightingale Declaration, or to partner with NIGH, go to:

<http://www.nightingaledclaration.net/>



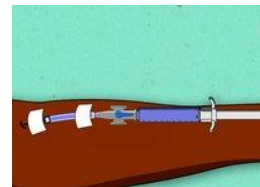
Medical Aid Films (MAF) produces innovative training and education films on maternal, infant and child health. The short animated films are very clear, easy to download, accurate, and informative, and can be downloaded **free** from the internet to computers, mobile phones and other digital media. Their website is well worth a visit. The CNF can highly recommend their films which are used in all CNF maternal and child health training workshops.

Medical Aid Films has just completed some new films and revised two films:

- * Administration of Parenteral Antibiotics (new)
- * How to use the Partograph (new)
- * Manual Removal of the Placenta (new)
- * Focused Antenatal Care (new)
- * Neonatal Resuscitation (revised)
- * Prevention and Management of PPH (revised)



How to use the Partograph



Administration of Parenteral Antibiotics



Manual Removal of the Placenta



Focused Antenatal Care

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AGNAP celebrates 25 years of service

Pictured is Mrs Latchmin Singh, AGNAP patron and wife of His Excellency, the High Commissioner for Guyana, Mr Laleshwar KN Singh, with Ms Maura Buchanan at the High Commission Reception for AGNAP.

Ms Maura Buchanan from the Royal College of Nursing represented the CNF at the 25 years of service celebrations for the Association of Guyanese Nurses and Allied Professionals (AGNAP). The celebrations included a Thanksgiving Service at Croydon Minster, which was officiated by the Rt Rev Father Cornell Jerome Moss STM, Bishop of Guyana, and a Reception at the Guyana High Commission.

Ms Buchanan addressed the Reception on: *The role of UK health care diaspora associations in supporting health care services and professionals in its members' respective countries of origin.* Ms Buchanan said that people leave their homeland for a range of reasons: some of their own choosing, such as for further education; for employment; for marriage; for adventure; for a different lifestyle; or to join family; and some reasons which are not of their choosing such as natural disasters or internal conflict or war. Ms Buchanan went on to say that it takes a great deal of courage to leave your homeland and a familiar environment whatever the reason, and to establish yourself in an environment that is usually quite different: a different culture; a different language; a different climate; and different expectations. The challenges faced by migrants, either temporary or permanent, are well documented in the literature as are the contributions migrants make to their new country as well as to their homeland. Ms Buchanan noted that health care professionals, possibly more than any other professionals, have the opportunity to transfer their skills across the world.

The CNF, Ms Buchanan said, would like to see many more active health related diaspora associations. She noted that migrant communities from island states in the Caribbean and the Pacific are more likely to form diaspora associations than larger or land locked countries, which perhaps, she suggested, is a reflection of smaller, more closely knit populations where kinship and mutual support and responsibility are such strong cultural values. Diaspora associations are very important in providing a social network and support to their members throughout their time in the destination country helping them to maintain a sense of identity with their homeland. A copy of Ms Buchanan's address is available on the CNF website: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org> under 'News'.

AGNAP was inaugurated on 26 June 1988 and is a very active diaspora association which has supported the Guyana Nurses Association for many years, not least of all by paying their membership subscription to the Commonwealth Nurses Federation and the International Council of Nurses. This has allowed the Guyana Nurses Association to benefit from CNF and ICN information and engage in their activities. In addition to working to improve the provision of health care to the people of Guyana and supporting Guyana's health care personnel, AGNAP members have made a significant contribution to the NHS in the United Kingdom and the welfare of the community in which AGNAP members reside.

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Online Learning Opportunities

Maternal and Child Health



Jhpiego (Johns Hopkins Program for International Education in Gynecology and Obstetrics), an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University, has made available **free** online learning courses and resources through ReproLinePlus.

Maternal and child health courses that are currently available include:

- * Managing post-abortion care
- * Managing postpartum haemorrhage
- * Managing pre-eclampsia and eclampsia
- * Managing prolonged and obstructed labour

ReproLinePlus also provides technical resources for global health practice. Resources on the website can be used to train competent health care workers, strengthen health systems, improve quality of care, and build knowledge and skills. The online learning courses and resources can be accessed at: <http://reprolineplus.org/learning-opportunities>.