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COUNTDOWN TO MALTA

20th CNF BIENNIAL CONFERENCE and GENERAL MEETING

Nurses and midwives: meeting the challenges of the 21st century

Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April, 2011
Radisson BLU Resort, St Julian's, Malta

The 20th CNF Biennial Conference and General Meeting will be held Friday 29 and Saturday 30 April 2011 at the Radisson BLU Resort, St Julian's, Malta.

For information about the program and registration please go to: <http://www.commonwealthnurses.org>.

Time is running out to register
Registration is essential



The 20th CNF Biennial Conference and General Meeting is hosted by the Malta Union of Midwives and Nurses

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT



The World Economic Forum has released a report which rates countries on various aspects of technology readiness or adoption. Called the *Networked Readiness Index 2009-2010* countries are rated within their income group. Check your country's score.

Singapore is at the top of the high income countries; Malaysia at the top of the upper middle income countries; China is at the top of the lower middle income countries (India is the top Commonwealth country in the lower middle income group); with Viet Nam at the top of the low income countries (the Gambia is the top Commonwealth country in the low income group).

The 2009-2010 World Economic Forum Global Information Technology Report is available at:
http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_GITR_Report_2010.pdf

WEST AFRICAN COLLEGE OF NURSING

11th Biennial Meeting and 20th Scientific Session

The Gambia 12-19 March 2011

Maternal and Child Morbidity and Mortality in West Africa



Over 600 nurses and midwives from West Africa attended the West African College of Nursing (WACN) meeting in the Gambia. At the meeting fellows were inducted into the College faculties of Medical and Surgical Nursing; Maternal and Child Health; Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing; Community Health Nursing; and Administration, Management and Education. The opening ceremony was attended by Her Excellency, the Vice President of the Republic of The Gambia who noted that even though the Gambia provided free maternal and child health care and had improved transport to care, inadequate incentives and remuneration for nurses, midwives and other health professionals and timely referral of women with difficult labour were still issues to be addressed. The President of WACN Mrs Dedeh Jones said, nurses and midwives in West Africa can make a big difference to the reduction of maternal and infant morbidity and mortality. She called on all governments to provide an enabling working environment for nurses and midwives. Mrs. Alice Dorkoa Asare-Allotey, President of the Ghana Nurses Association and CNF board member for West Africa represented the CNF at the meeting.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE MIDWIFE

Thursday 5 May 2011

Take to the road to highlight maternal mortality

This year to celebrate International Day of the Midwife, the International Confederation of Midwives is asking midwives and their supporters around the world to take to the streets on the International Day of the Midwife 5 May 2011 and organise a 5km walk in their local communities to build commitment to tackling global inequalities in maternal and newborn mortality and to highlight local issues in midwifery service provision. An information pack is available from: <http://www.internationalmidwives.org/Portals/5/2011/IDM%20call%20to%20action.pdf>



The 29th Triennial Congress of the International Confederation of Midwives is being held in Durban 19-23 June 2011. For more information go to: <http://www.midwives2011.org/>

INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY

Thursday 12 May 2011

The ICN theme for IND 2011 is: *Closing the gap: increasing access and equity*. Plan now to celebrate IND in your country. Information, posters and kits are available from the ICN website: <http://www.icn.ch/news/whats-new/ind-2011-closing-the-gap-increasing-access-and-equity.html>

COMMONWEALTH TIME CAPSULE



The Royal Commonwealth Society has launched a new project to create a Commonwealth Jubilee Time Capsule. People of any age across the Commonwealth are being invited to contribute memories from the last sixty years either stories, photographs or films. The best entries - one for each of the 21,915 days which make up the last sixty years - will be sealed into the capsule and presented to the Queen as a gift from the Commonwealth family to celebrate her Jubilee celebrations in 2012. The entries not chosen for the capsule will remain online as an important resource for students, teachers, historians and academics. You can participate by submitting your own entry - all you need to do is pick a day that is important to you from the last sixty years and say why that day is important. For more information visit: <http://jubileetimecapsule.org>.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SANNAM BIENNIAL CONFERENCE AND AGM

16-19 NOVEMBER, 2011

Gaborone International Convention Centre Botswana

Theme: *Engaging communities for accelerating the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the SADC Region*



For more information: <http://www.sannam.org.za> or <http://www.nab.org.bw>.

FREE ACCESS TO EDUCATION RESOURCES

John's Hopkins University

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's OPENCOURSEWARE (OCW) project provides free online access to the content of the School's most popular courses. Any student can complete these courses although the University does not offer official acknowledgement of completion. Course available include:

- * HIV and AIDS
- * Injury prevention
- * Mental health
- * Nutrition
- * Global health
- * Infectious diseases
- * Maternal and child health
- * Adolescent health
- * Chronic diseases
- * Health policy

For further information and access to the courses go to: <http://ocw.jhsph.edu/>