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INAUGURAL COMMONWEALTH NURSES CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS

The Inaugural Commonwealth Nurses Conference was held 10-11 March 2012 at the Royal Commonwealth Society in London UK on the eve of Commonwealth week.

Nearly 200 participants from 27 Commonwealth countries heard from a wonderful line-up of speakers including: Dr Peter Carter from the Royal College of Nursing; Dr Deva-Marie Beck from the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health; Dr Marla Salmon from Washington University; Dr Neil Pakenham-Walsh from HIFA 2015; Ms Christine Hancock from C3 Collaborating for Health; Ms Yvonne Chaperon from the Australian Nursing Federation; Dr Danny Sriskandarajah from the Royal Commonwealth Society and many more. The Conference was opened by the Commonwealth Secretary General, Mr H E Kamalesh Sharma.



The Commonwealth Secretary-General, HE Kamalesh Sharma, with the four nurses sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat from Lesotho, Sierra Leone and Cameroon.



Participants from Zimbabwe



Participants from Sierra Leone



Participants from Cameroon



Participants from South Africa and Lesotho



The conference was hosted by the Commonwealth Nurses Federation and the CNF Europe Region and supported by the Royal College of Nursing UK. Concurrent sessions were presented by speakers from every region of the Commonwealth, covering a range of themes including meeting the health Millennium Development Goals; using information technology to improve care; developing a healthy workforce and healthy systems of care; and innovation and excellence in clinical practice. For access to the program, book of abstracts and presentations, go to:

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

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JUBILEE TIME CAPSULE ... closes 6 June ...



Time is running out! Let us make sure that there are plenty of stories from nurses and midwives from across the Commonwealth.

Share your story with the Queen as she celebrates her Diamond Jubilee in 2012; 60 years as Queen and 60 years as Head of the Commonwealth.

Taking part is easy: just pick a day in the last 60 years and say why it is important to you. Use photos, videos, words, songs, poems ... whatever you like. It's up to you - it's your story! Remember, it is a Commonwealth capsule, so stories must be about life in a Commonwealth country, or events that have impacted on the Commonwealth. The best stories will be given to her Majesty the Queen as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012.

Go to: <http://www.jubileetimecapsule.org>

COMING EVENTS



The 19th Biennial World Council of Enterostomal Therapists Congress is being held from 19 to 23 April 2012 at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Australia. The theme of the congress is: *Weaving culture, education and technology into a brilliant blend.* The congress will bring together world class speakers in ostomy, wound management and continence management. Further details can be found at: <http://www.wcetn.org>.



Resources relating to International Day of the Midwife are available on the ICM website:

<http://www.internationalmidwives.org>



COMMONWEALTH HEALTH MINISTERS' MEETING

Sunday 20 May 2012

Starling Geneva Hotel and Conference Centre, Switzerland

Theme: *Linking non-communicable and communicable diseases*



WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Monday 21 May to Saturday 26 May 2012

Geneva Switzerland

Start lobbying your Ministry of Health now to ensure that nurses and midwives are included as part of your country's delegation to attend the annual Commonwealth Health Ministers' meeting and the 65th World Health Assembly.



INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY Saturday 12 May

Resources available on the ICN website:

<http://www.icn.ch>



16th South Pacific Nurses Forum

The future of nursing and midwifery: where are we heading?

Monday 19 - Thursday 22 November 2012

Leonda By The Yarra Hawthorn, Victoria, Australia

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