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CNF ELECTION RESULTS

In an endorsement of her leadership, Susie Kong from Singapore, was elected unopposed for a second term as CNF President 2009-2013 in the CNF elections just concluded. Susie has been supporting the new CNF Executive Secretary, Jill Iliffe and the CNF Board in taking the CNF in a new direction.



Susie Kong CNF President

Satish Chawla (India) was also elected for a second term as Vice President.

Donald Epaalat was re-elected for a second term as CNF Board member for the East, Central and Southern Africa Region and Marion Howard (Barbados) was re-elected for a second term as CNF Board member for the Atlantic Region.



Donald Epaalat

Marion Howard

Two nominations were received for CNF Board member for the Pacific Region. Ramziah Bt Ahmad (President Malaysian Nurses Association) and Salanieta Mataivi (President Fiji Nursing Association). Consequently an election will be held at the 2009 CNF Biennial meeting in Botswana June 2009 when the current Board member for the CNF Pacific Region, Alumita Bulicokocoko, completes her term. No nomination was received for the CNF West Africa Region and nominations are being sought.



Salanieta Mataivi



Ramziah Bt Ahmad

COMMONWEALTH SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

Susie Kong (Singapore), Ramziah Bt Ahmad (Malaysia), Arvind Kulkarni (India), Irshad Begum (Pakistan), Keerthi Wanasekara (Sri Lanka) and Jill Iliffe will represent the CNF at the Symposium to be held in New Delhi India 17-18 November 2008.

COMMONWEALTH STEERING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP INDIA

The Commonwealth Steering Committee for Nursing and Midwifery is conducting a workshop in India 16-17 February 2009. The workshop is open to nurses and midwives from: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Registration forms are available on the CNF website: www.commonwealthnurses.org.

CNF BIENNIAL

The CNF Biennial will be held in Gaborone Botswana Wednesday 24th June and Thursday 25th June 2009. There will be a CNF Board meeting on Tuesday 23rd June 2009. Further information and registration forms are available on the CNF website: www.commonwealthnurses.org.



CARIBBEAN WORKSHOPS

Successful workshops were held in four CNF member countries in the Caribbean: Grenada 21-22 October; Barbados 23-24 October; St Lucia 30-31 October; and Trinidad and Tobago 4-5 November. One hundred and fifty nurses attended the workshops.

The workshops titled: **4Safety**, covered: a safe patient, a safe workplace, a safe profession and a safe nurse and were facilitated by Jill Iliffe CNF Executive Secretary in collaboration with the national nurses associations in Grenada, Barbados, St Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. Marion Howard, CNF Board member for the Atlantic Region attended and presented at all workshops. The workshops were funded by the Commonwealth Foundation.

Workshop participants committed to becoming a catalyst for change in their workplaces and to share knowledge gained with colleagues. Each of the four workshops recommended that managers be provided with leadership training to enable them to lead the change process to create a culture of patient safety.

The workshops also recommended the establishment of a process for updating and reviewing standards, policies and protocols and developing new ones where needed. The national nursing associations were congratulated by participants for the initiative in conducting the workshops in collaboration with the CNF.



Barbados workshop



St Lucia workshop



Trinidad and Tobago workshop



Grenada workshop

The workshops attracted wide spread media interest. Workshop presentations and workshop reports will shortly be available on the CNF website.