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## Update from the Chair: Melanie Rogers



Welcome to the second Bulletin of 2018. As usual it has been a busy period since our last Bulletin.

During my time as Chair of the network, I presented a keynote paper at the British Columbia Nurse Practitioner Association Conference

in Nanaimo, Canada in June. It was a great privilege to spend a few days with so many enthusiastic practitioners. They were especially delighted to discover that our 11<sup>th</sup> Network conference in 2020 will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia ([www.npapn2020.com](http://www.npapn2020.com)).

We then held our 10<sup>th</sup> ICN NP/APN Network Conference in Rotterdam which was a huge success with over 1500 delegates from 57 countries. It was so wonderful meeting many of you in person and thank you for sharing your stories, experiences and ideas about Advanced Practice internationally. It is inspiring to work with such passionate people who want to enhance Advanced Practice in all clinical settings to offer the best possible care and health outcomes for our patients. The theme of the Conference was *Transforming Care*. Papers presented, panel discussions, poster presentations and networking allowed plenty of opportunity for discussions, debate, shared experiences and collaborations to develop. We have

included some photos of the Rotterdam conference for your interest.

In Rotterdam, we also had the pleasure of meeting the new CEO of ICN, Dr Isabelle Skinner, and the ICN President, Annette Kennedy. As a Network we would like to extend our welcome to Isabelle and our thanks to ICN for their ongoing support. This has been invaluable as we continue to develop the aims and objectives of the Network. Please do keep up to date the wonderful work of the ICN via their web site, [www.icn.ch](http://www.icn.ch).

I am delighted that our new Student Sub-Group has now been launched; there is some information about this included in the Bulletin. Please do encourage any students you know who might be interested to join.

Please do keep in touch with us via our social media platforms: Facebook: ICN Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurse Network and Twitter: @ICNGLOBALAPN

As usual I am committed to working together to develop our Network. Please do contact me directly at: [M.Rogers@hud.ac.uk](mailto:M.Rogers@hud.ac.uk) if you have any ideas or thoughts about the ongoing vision of the Network

Very best wishes, Dr Melanie Rogers (Chair)

## New ICN CEO: Dr Isabelle Skinner



Dr Isabelle Skinner commenced as the Chief Executive Officer with ICN in August. Prior to commencing in her role, she was a member of the APN/NP Policy group of the Network. Isabelle's research has focused on improving access to specialist care

for people in remote and rural areas. Her PhD thesis identified the steps needed to overcome the barrier to telehealth for rural and remote health services. She examined the effectiveness of introducing a nurse led tele-wound care service in reducing amputation rates in the remote Kimberley region of Australia. This proved so successful the service went on to become Wounds West.

Isabelle has built her career around remote area nursing practice and she is an Aurora Award recipient from CRANApplus for her leadership in remote health. Following the completion of her PhD, Isabelle's career moved into academia where she was appointed full Professor in 2010. Isabelle has held positions as Head of School for Nursing and Midwifery, Associate Dean Research and Research Training and was on the University Executive at Charles Darwin University as the Director of the Office of Learning and Teaching. Isabelle continues to co-supervise Nurse Practitioner research.

Isabelle's appointment to ICN is timely considering the affirmative action the organisation is taking to enhance its work to develop stronger health systems which support the provision of primary health care and enhance health service access in support of Universal Health Coverage. To strengthen their work in this area, ICN is working hard to advocate for the recognition of advance practice nurses and the significant impact they have on the delivery of primary health care services and quality of health care outcomes.

Many governments and other decision makers agree that an adequate supply and appropriate mix of health care providers is critical to achieve the global agenda for health and advanced practice nurses are an essential component of country level health human resources (Bryant-Lukosius et. al. 2016). However, APNs still face barriers including lack of role clarity, legislation/regulation, education, funding, and physician resistance. ICN is committed to working with nursing leaders and health care policy makers to align APN roles with policy priorities, and to work in partnership with primary care providers and policy makers is needed for successful role implementation.

### Reference:

Bryant-Lukosius D, Martin-Misener R. Advanced practice nursing: An essential component of country level human resources for health; Policy Paper for the International Council of Nurses; 2016.

## NP APNN Health Policy Subgroup Update Minna Miller and Elissa Ladd (co-chairs)

The subgroup has representatives from Canada, Chile, China (Hong Kong), Jamaica, Kenya, Qatar, Swaziland/eSwatini, United Kingdom and the United States. This year the team has completed a SWOT analysis of APN roles and regulation globally. The preliminary results of the analysis were presented at the Rotterdam conference in August. A global study on APN education, regulation, practice and roles was launched at the Network Conference as well. Over 200 respondents have thus far completed the study survey. Due to firewall issues some regions of the world (Asia, Africa, New Zealand and South America) were unable to access the survey. The study team is working on resolving the issue, and there will be another opportunity

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to participate in the survey in the near future. Look for updates on how to access the study survey on the NPAPNN social media platforms.

Here is a snapshot of some of the subcommittee members doing important work to advance the APN agenda in their regions:



Susanna Lee Wai-Yee completed her nursing training in Hong Kong and midwifery degree in the UK. She went on to obtain a Bachelor's in Business Administration (Hon.) and a Masters in Nursing from the Chinese University. In 2012, she further attained Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Paediatrics Nursing and Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Nursing and Health Care Management. Susanna has worked extensively in paediatrics both in Hong Kong and Australia. For the past seven years, she has held the position of Chief Nursing Officer of the Hong Kong Hospital Authority Head Office. Susanna is also the V.P. of the Hong Kong Academy of Nursing (HKAN) which includes 14 Academy Colleges of different specialties.

Samuel Wainana is a practicing nurse and TB/HIV mentor in Kenya. He has been working over the past year in activities that pertain to the development of the APN role in the country. Recently he presented at the first key stakeholder meeting at the Nursing Council of Kenya in Nairobi. He discussed the concept of advanced nursing practice, a strategic approach to the APN initiative in Africa using the PEPPA framework, and possible steps to APN realization in Kenya. Discussions regarding the APN role in Kenya are ongoing.



Heather Henry-McGrath graduated as an NP from the University of the West Indies in Jamaica in 2010. In 2012, she took the position of programme coordinator of non-communicable diseases in Montego Bay where she still works. She also became involved with the Jamaica Association of Nurse Practitioners (JANP) where she has held different leadership roles from Recording Secretary to V.P. and General Secretary. Since 2016, she has served as President of JANP, and has been officially recognised by the Jamaican Ministry of Health for her service to the profession and to the country.



## Bridging the gap

Advanced Nurse Practitioners: Main characters in futuristic healthcare by collaborative leadership

In August, healthcare professionals from around the globe gathered in Rotterdam for the 10th annual ICN conference. The central theme for this conference focused on exploring the changing role of advanced practice clinicians as multi-professional leaders in the transformation of healthcare provision. In an age where technological innovations such as AI, genomics and the growth of consumerism are empowering the individual consumer and influencing practice, collaborative leadership and sustainability in the development of human resources represent supportive inroads that may help ensure the provision of future universal health coverage for our global community.

Working in partnership and working together were strong messages from Annette Kennedy, ICN President, while Dr Melanie Rogers, Chair of the ICN NP/APN, kick-started the conference explaining the Network's history and where it is now after one decade. With 1500 delegates and 450 concurrent sessions including keynotes, workshops and poster presentations, the Rotterdam conference was the largest in its history. A growing number of clinical presentations and workshops proved to be a success, with a good balance between academic and clinical presentations.



Throughout the conference, the keynote speakers discussed leading innovation and the transformation of our role in a global platform. The importance of being political and to engage at all levels regionally, nationally and internationally. *“If we are not invited at the negotiation and decision table with the key players, we must bring our own chair, sit at the table, listen, participate, discuss and we must ensure that we have a voice, our own voice,”* said Ms Kennedy.

The parallel sessions were numerous, diverse and engaging. Sessions called “Meet your peers” were greatly welcomed. These were divided between PHC, Older people health, Children health, Oncology, Mental health, and Hospital care both in-patients and out-patients. This allowed APNs and NPs from all over the world to meet their mutual discipline counterparts.

### **Fundraising Subgroup update**

#### **Li Gao (Chair)**

The Silent Auction in Rotterdam was a big success. It was a very popular and attractive space at the conference! On behalf of the Fundraising sub-group, I would like to thank all the contributors who donated lovely gifts from all over the world and I extend a special thank you to all of those who bid during the auction to raise money for the Scholarship fund. A big thank you to our chair Melanie Rogers, to Daniela Lehwaldt our secretary and liaison, and to our dear colleagues from Core Steering Group and Conference sub-groups. Our warmest congratulations to the 2018 Grant recipient, Sriyani Padmalatha, who received a free place at the conference and \$1000. The proceeds from the sales of the Network pins and the Silent Auction totaled around 1500 Euro. All the profits are now with ICN and they will be used for future Grants to support NP/APN members from developing countries to attend our conferences. Thank you all for your support!

### **2018 ICN Nurse Practitioner/Advance Nurse Practitioner Network Conference Grant recipient**

Sriyani Padmalatha graduated (*Merit*) as a nurse in 2002 in Sri Lanka. She then trained as a midwife before undertaking her Bachelors of Nursing in 2014. She is now studying towards her PhD in nursing and health administration at the National Cheng Kung University as a distinguished international scholarship recipient. She has presented at several conferences including the 2014 17th International Nursing Research Conference in Spain on *The assessment, access, use and attitudes towards Information Technology among Operation Theatre nurses in Sri Lanka* and a *Comparative study on cost analysis of interventional cardio thoracic services in Sri Lanka*.

She reports special moments of her career including being invited to be a member of the organising committee for the Healthcare conference in Sri Lanka, supporting the development of Public Health Nursing Officers needs with the Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka and establishing the Kurdistan Nursing Regulation Working Group. Sriyani\_has received national and international awards including the prestigious 2017 President’s Award of “Nursing Excellence” in Sri Lanka for her research activities. Furthermore, that year she received the International Institute of Health Sciences (IIHS) award in Sri Lanka for her personal and professional achievements. She obtained the first ICN Global Nursing Policy Leadership Institute scholarship also in 2017. This scholarship recognised Sriyani as the first Sri Lankan Senior Nurse leader. Sriyani is currently a Nurse Practitioner at cardiothoracic operating at the National Hospital Sri Lanka and visiting lecturer in leading university in Sri Lanka. In the future, she aims to improve the political and policy competencies in her country and bring about policy changes that lead to health improvement in Sri Lanka and globally. Congratulations Sriyani!



## Student Sub-Group Launch

The Network was delighted to launch its 7<sup>th</sup> Sub-Group in Rotterdam. The student sub-group, which is now open for applications, will provide nurse practitioner and advanced practice nursing students with opportunities to connect, share information, knowledge, and expertise.

Interested students should send an expression of interest letter and CV to:

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Dr. Andrea Renwanz Boyle at: [aboyle@sfsu.edu](mailto:aboyle@sfsu.edu)

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## Onward to 2020 in Halifax, Canada!

Invitation to beautiful Halifax, Canada in 2020 - Experience our Canadian hospitality!

Halifax will be hosting the **11th International Council of Nurses' NP/APN Network Conference** from 30 August 30 to 2 September 2020.

Canada is pleased to welcome the global advanced practice nursing community to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Join this international gathering of nurse practitioners, advanced practice nurses and nurses for four days of learning, exchange and discussion.



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What are you doing in your roles?

How can we better engage with you?

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