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ICN Congress to feature high-profile influencers, leaders, politicians, artists, nursing and health experts

Geneva, Switzerland; 19 October 2021 – The International Council of Nurses' (ICN) Congress, to be held virtually 2-4 November, will feature top influencers, leaders, politicians, artists, nursing and health experts from across the globe.

In partnership with the Emirates Nursing Association, the ICN 2021 Congress will bring together thousands of nurses from across the globe in a virtual event and will build on the vital contribution of nurses in the battle for health and well-being across the entire world.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the work of nurses, and many global leaders and artists will express their support of the incredible work that nurses do every day by taking part in the Congress.

The high-profile plenary speakers include **Mr Ban Ki-moon**, former United Nations Secretary General; **Dr Tedros Adhanom**, Director General of the World Health Organization; **Michelle Bachelet**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and former President of Chile; and the Right Honourable **Helen Clark**, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, amongst others.

Celebrities sending in video messages to be shown at the Opening Ceremony of the ICN Congress include **Oprah Winfrey**, global media leader and philanthropist, and the K-pop idol band **SHINee**. Her Royal Highness **Princess Muna al-Hussein**, global health advocate for nursing and midwifery, will give the keynote speech at the Opening Ceremony.

The Congress also features expert speakers in the fields of infectious disease, gender equality, global health security, technology, workforce shortages, mental health, regulation, education, ageing, nursing leadership, human rights and many other important topics.

The Congress will also present regional sessions tackling issues of importance in Africa, Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean, South-East Asia, the Americas, and the Western Pacific. Using the theme *Nursing Around the World*, ICN will pass the nursing baton across the different regions in a series of live and interactive events that will give its members the opportunity to showcase their expertise and innovations throughout the world. These regional sessions will also showcase local culture and celebrities and highlight the wide range of nursing skills and knowledge around the globe.

Participants will receive full access to all official congress sessions for up to six months, as well as full access to e-posters, partner and industry symposia; full access to online chat and other virtual networking areas; and automatic allocation of continuing education credits (ICNECs). **To register, go to: <https://icncongress2021.org/registration/>**

Further information and regular updates on the Congress 2021 programme are available on the congress website: www.icncongress2021.org

Note to Editors

The **International Council of Nurses** (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

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