

Eligibility Criteria

Nominees must:

- Be a **qualified and licensed nurse** in their country.
- Be a member in good standing of an **ICN member** National Nurses Association (NNA).
- Demonstrate **outstanding achievement in policy innovation and impact** related to nursing and health.
- **Show evidence** that the innovation has influenced policy, systems, services, or outcomes at regional, national, or global level and aligns with ICN's strategic priorities.
- **Apply individually or as a team** of up to three nurses working on the same project.

Please note: Current Board members of ICN, FNIF, and ICNF are not eligible and may not submit or support nominations.

Applications will be assessed by the Selection Committee.

Nomination & Selection Procedure

- Submit **one nomination only** using the official form **in English, French, or Spanish by 8 January 2027**.
- Nominations may be self-submitted or submitted by an individual or a group, including an NNA.
- **All nominee(s) must be informed and agreed to their nomination.** If selected as a recipient, the nominee agrees to deliver a public address, participate in related publicity activities, and comply with the award accountability requirements.
- The nature of the specific innovation and its significance must be fully documented.
- **Previous winners are not eligible**, but unsuccessful nominees from past years may reapply.
- The selected recipient and their NNA will be notified first, followed by all other nominees.
- The **winner will be announced publicly** through an official ICN press release.



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Kim Mo Im Policy Innovation & Impact Award 2027



Celebrating nurses whose innovative policy work has made a significant impact on nursing, health, or public policy

About Kim Mo Im

Dr. Kim Mo Im was a **pioneering nursing leader** and a champion of global health and social development.

Her **distinguished achievements** include:

- First nurse in Korea to be appointed **Minister of Health**.
- Member of the World Health Organization (WHO) **Expert Panel of Nursing** for 20 years.
- **President of the International Council of Nurses** (ICN) from 1989–1993.
- Recipient of numerous **international honours**, including the WHO Health Prize and the Florence Nightingale Medal.

In recognition of her lifelong contribution to nursing and health policy, Dr. Kim donated her personal assets to Yonsei University, which established the **Kim Mo Im Institute for the Studies of Nursing** in her honour.

About the award

The award is granted once every two years to a nurse who has demonstrated policy innovation and impact.

- The award is **presented at the ICN Congress**.
- The award **focuses on a key global issue** of the time related to ICN's established strategy.
- The award recipient will be invited to be **one of the keynote speakers** at the Kim Mo Im Policy Innovation and Impact Lecture at the ICN CNR or Congress.
- The awardee **will receive a US\$10,000 grant** for advancing the innovative policy project. The purpose of this award is to provide support to continue to advance and/or enhance the innovation.

Learn more

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