Council of International Neonatal Nurses, Inc. (COINN) celebrates its 10th anniversary!

Let us tell you what we have achieved through the years and why we are proud to be neonatal nurses...

The first ideas of creating an international neonatal nursing organization started long time ago, in 1995. After a decade of planning and discussion the dream of having strong voice came true in
March 2005. COINN was officially established by the group of nurse leaders from several countries who believed that a strong global voice for neonatal nursing was needed to advance the standards for neonatal care and neonatal nursing education. Through the years, COINN has succeeded in helping neonatal nurses to unite over the globe with the overarching goal of improving care for newborn infants and emphasizing the importance of neonatal nursing specialty. COINN has assisted neonatal nurses to create their own national organizations (India), to arrange the first neonatal conferences (Russia), to create teaching materials (Brazil), to connect professionals for research projects and dissemination of research data (Sweden). COINN has been involved with collaborative global efforts that aim at decreasing neonatal mortality and most recently partnered with the Global Engagement Institute (GEI). COINN has acted as a resource for leadership development (Brazil) and presented in the global political arena at the World Bank Conference. COINN has been the one of the only nursing organizations invited to work on the
Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP) as part of the United Nations (UN) effort to reduce under-five child mortality, most of which is due to neonatal deaths. COINN has joined the World Health Organization (WHO) Partnership in Safe Motherhood and Newborn Health and is working with the International Council of Midwives (ICM), FIGO-International Federation of International Gynecology and Obstetrics, International Paediatric Association (IPA), European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI), Healthy Newborn Network (HNN), and many other organizations to address issues on local and global levels. COINN is an affiliate member of the International Council of Nurses (ICN). COINN has joined over 300 organizations to commit to training/education in Helping Babies Breathe, S.T.A.B.L.E., and Essential Newborn Care to stop all preventable neonatal deaths.

COINN’s growing international community and network of nurses who provide care for
newborn infants is growing. We are proud to represent over 60 countries. To date, several national organizations are members of COINN: Australia and New Zealand, Canada, Denmark, Finland, India, Netherlands, Scotland, Turkey, United Kingdom. Local and regional organizations such as newly created Malama O Na Keiki (Hawaii and Pacific Rim) are also joining COINN. COINN members and representatives have published over 20 articles related to international work and practical issues in different countries.

COINN is committed to raising standards of practice, providing nurses with evidence-based resources available at the global arena of neonatal care. COINN represents a resource for nurses who need guidance in creating a national or local organization, guidelines for care or professional standards or just want advice on neonatal nursing issues. Through its global network, COINN is willing to help you with your individual queries. The goal of the organization is to unify neonatal nurses and to raise the standards of neonatal nursing practice and education as well as promote recognition of the neonatal nursing specialty as vital nursing specialty for countries’ health and
economics. COINN will continue to bring neonatal nurses to political arena to share their expertise and real world examples to policy makers. Partnerships with governmental, non-governmental, parent, professional associations, corporations, and many other agencies as well as leadership development and research are the keys in COINN work that aim to improve neonatal care and develop the specialty of neonatal nursing.

_We are proud to be COINN. Join us and celebrate your importance for lives of infants and families._

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