From the Editor

I can’t believe this year is going so fast. Easter is fast approaching. Changes in seasons which for the north I suspect, will be looking forward to warmer weather and for the south I hope we don’t have the extremes this winter that the north has had.

Our forum is now on line so we welcome discussion on our website [http://coinnurses.org/?page_id=2212](http://coinnurses.org/?page_id=2212)

The consultation period for Every Newborn Action Plan is complete and the responses have been compiled. Thank you to all that responded. The finalised Plan must be submitted to the WHA governing body at the end of March for translation and distribution to the Member States before the Assembly in the 3rd week of May. Thank you all for your dedicated support in this process.

Every year, approximately 500,000 children are born preterm in Europe – one baby in ten. However, despite the considerable size and continuous growth of this group and the impact on the health of future European citizens, maternal and newborn health still rank low on national health agendas. For those of you that can, get along to the Socks For Life art exhibition opening in Brussels.

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To promote excellence in neonatal nursing and health outcomes for the infants and families we serve and to act as an international leader in the development and revision of professional standards of neonatal nursing

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A bit of History

Stéphane Étienne Tarnier (29 April 1828 – 23 November 1897) was a French obstetrician who studied and practiced medicine in Paris. Tarnier is remembered for his work involving the perinatal aspects of obstetrics, and particularly treatment of premature infants. In the 1870s he realized that keeping a constant temperature was not sufficient for a premature infant's survival. He believed that isolation, hygiene, appropriate feeding, and a warm, humid environment were also necessary. Inspired by a device used to incubate poultry, Tarnier introduced prototypes of infant incubators to the Paris Maternité in 1881. These devices were basically wooden boxes with glass lids and compartments that contained hot-water bottles. He called his "baby-warming device" a "couveuse", and through it Tarnier was responsible for a 28% decrease in infant mortality over a three-year period at the Paris Maternité.

It was not until 1922, however, that hospitals started grouping the newborn infants into one area, now called the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

http://pubmedcentralcanada.ca/pmcc/articles/PMC1721389/pdf/v086p0F137.pdf

http://www.chantallockey.org/
A Nurses Story

A Nurse’s week Reflection—The nurse’s night off
Terri Schmitt
http://www.nursestory.com/a-nurses-week-reflection-the-nurses-night-off

Reflective Strategies in Neonatal Clinical Area
Dorothy Vittner

Brainteasers

1. Why can’t a man living in Germany be buried in France?

2. If you have 3 incubators and you take away 2, how many do you have?

3. Lang4uage

4. my own heart a person

5. ii dark

6. must get there
must get there
must get there

7. H P
O O
P H

8. M CE
M CE
M CE

9. D
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HILL

10. BELT
HITTING
A bit of Culture

Cultural aspects of communication

Have you ever wondered why people from some cultures talk so loud and seem aggressive? Why do they stand so close to you when they speak? Or maybe you’ve wondered why some patients seem reluctant to speak or maintain eye contact? Could that be cultural? Why do people from some cultures make it difficult to get a straight answer to a simple question? Why do some people from some cultures seem not to follow our advice? And why is it that some patients never show up on time – don’t they own a clock? Is a lax attitude towards time a cultural or individual behavior? Neither? Both?........


The Hidden Aspects of communication

Communication is far more than speech and writing. Most of us are unaware that we are communicating in many different ways even when we are not speaking. The same goes for other social animal species. We are rarely taught about this mostly non-verbal form of human communication in school even though it is very important for effective interaction with others........

http://anthro.palomar.edu/language/language_6.htm

ANSWERS

10. Hitting below the belt
9. Overfill and blow up
eight
8. Blind mice
7. Hop up and down
6. Mushrooms
dark eyes
5. Foreign language
4. Person after my own heart
3. Can't buy a living person
2. You have 2 ears that is what you took
1. Can't bury a living person
Articles of interest

Neonatal resuscitation of extremely low birthweight infants: a survey of practice in Italy.
http://europepmc.org/articles/PMC2672667/reload=0;jsessionid=BURLZQjP5GYnYWX9Vqbl.12

European survey on the use of prophylactic fluconazole in neonatal intensive care units
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3284680/

A framework to start the debate on neonatal screening policies in the EU: an Expert Opinion Document
http://www.nature.com/ejhg/journal/v22/n1/full/ejhg201390a.html

Conferences

5th ICCN International Conference Clinical Neonatology
11th-13th September 2014, Torino, ITALY
https://www.etouches.com/ehome/77159

The International Neonatology Association Conference
3-5 April 2014, Valencia, SPAIN
http://worldneonatology.com/

Scottish Neonatal Nurses Group
Glasgow, SCOTLAND
13th May 2014
http://www.snng.org.uk/index.htm
Preemie Corner

We are excited to share more resources with you this edition:

Support Group Snapshot
Name: Life’s Little Treasures Foundation
Website: http://www.lifeslittletreasures.org.au
Background: The charity was started in 2005 by parents who had prem babies and realized the importance of support and information for families going through this journey.

Programs: Website and PDF info sheets, iPhone app, hospital survival folder for parents, Books & Bubs Hospital Program, newsletter, education seminars, playgroups, 24-hour support line, parent support network, online community, social activities/events, giving programs for families, involvement in research.

Resource:
Item: Preemie Family (free printable monthly newsletters)

By: PreemieWorld (www.PreemieWorld.com)

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