From the Editor

In celebration of COINN’s 10th anniversary, COINN is announcing a yearlong discount for membership. From now on and until the end of the COINN conference, whose theme is “One Passion, One Vision, One World” in Canada in August, 2016, the membership fee for newborn care health professionals will be only $1 US dollar. http://coinnurses.org/?page_id=394

Please help us to develop a database about your education, practice issues, skills and needs you would want or need. The survey is on our website so please take the opportunity to help us help you. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COINN_survey1

World Prematurity day is on November 17 so think about activities you may do to raise awareness for preterm birth. Along with EFCNI, Dräger are joining us in our campaign this year for “Socks for Life”. We want to show the world that people internationally work together to change the situation for preterm infants and their families so make sure you add your event to the EFCNI Changemaker Map so everyone can read it.

http://www.efcni.org/index.php?id=2116

COINN Mission Statement

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.
Global Engagement Institute (GEI)

Only the Beginning Vietnam!
Our Helping Babies Breathe International Master Trainer, Patty Kelly, shared with us about her personal impressions to do the first Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) training in Vietnam. She wrote:

It is often said, “Teach a man how to fish and he has fish for life”. This can also be true when teaching new yet proven skills to medical personnel. While they have learned one technique or another, there will be new evidence to support changing and updating their bodies of knowledge. This is true of the program, only a little over four years old, Helping Babies Survive (HBS) Developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics with the World Health Organization (WHO), this evidence based neonatal resuscitation course has proven itself by demonstrating up to a 47% reduction in neonatal deaths due to birth asphyxiation (Tanzania). Offered as a triad of courses which make up HBS, the first is HBB, then Essential Care of Every Baby, the yet to be rolled out Essential Care for Small Babies. Having taught HBB over 50 times in several developing countries, I have consistently found the class participants to be eager to learn the methodology as all have observed preventable neonatal deaths. Giving them the knowledge, practice and the tools to stop this needless tragedy has been an incredible gift to me and to the babies in need of such care.

Vietnam was no exception, and I felt the participants there were very keen and interested in putting this into practice. They asked questions that demonstrated they are already skilled at neonatal intensive care, but they understood HBB aims to prevent the baby having to be admitted to NICU in the first place. A baby who does not breathe and/or lacks good thermoregulation within the first 60 seconds after birth quickly becomes a very sick baby, thus a NICU candidate.

Follow-up is a critical part of teaching HBS. We must make sure the principles of the course are being followed at every birth. Happily, the Global Engagement Institute (GEI) plans to do just that. We will continue to teach HBB, adding ECEB and ECSB within the year. We will conduct data collection at each site and provide follow-up as needed.

http://www.chantallockey.org/
The Global Engagement Institute (GEI) has found all the right people to provide support on the ground, making the logistics of such a venture so smooth I didn’t have to worry about a thing except teaching the courses. Therefore my first Vietnamese training was an incredible experience. I invite all who are Master Trainers and those who wish to become Master Trainers to join GEI in our efforts in Vietnam, and to have an experience never to be forgotten.

Patty is going back this October to do a follow-up and more new training sessions in Vietnam.

For more details about joining the quest to master and teach HBB in Vietnam and other destinations, please check our program dates below and visit our website: [http://www.engage4healthynewborns.org/](http://www.engage4healthynewborns.org/)

Upcoming programs for 2016:

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**COINN NEWS**

Chief Financial Officer of COINN, Mary Blankenship Pointer, receives national award from Points of Light, the world largest organization dedicated to volunteer service ([www.pointsoflight.org](http://www.pointsoflight.org)). Since 1989, the Daily Point of Light Award celebrates the power of the individual to spark change and improve the world. Winners are formally recognized by Points of Light, a certificate signed by President George H. W. Bush — and a bit of the spotlight. Read press release here: [http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition/dpol/awards/5535](http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition/dpol/awards/5535)
Members Activities

Conference:
July 2016
Pietermaritzburg Kwazulu Natal

http://www.healthynewbornnetwork.org/partner/neonatal-nurses-association-southern-africa

NNASA was formed in 2007 by a small group of passionate neonatal nurses who saw a need to improve the standard of neonatal care in the region by supporting and encouraging the nurses caring for these vulnerable babies.

This year as a country we are focussing on rolling out HBB, KMC and nCPAP. In Kwazulu natal we are in the process of accrediting/assessing the neonatal services of all our state hospitals. Based on the clinical governance structure- input, process and outcome indexes. The assessment includes site assessment( including labour ward, post natal and neonatal units) clinical record audits, skills assessments and maternal interviews.

Follow up work in Uganda - Denise Evans UK
Denise and Liz are heading back to Uganda to check on the progress and continue developing the sustainability of the maternity service through resuscitation training and neonatal education. Having previously be involved with redesigning the maternity unit to fully incorporate a neonatal service, small nursery and kangaroo care area. We hope you will help us with this work through a small donation, our donation link is below.
Thank you in anticipation.
https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lizcrathern2

Articles of Interest


COINN CONFERENCE 2016

Canada prepares to welcome the neonatal world next year!
The Canadian Association of Neonatal Nurses (CANN) is proud to host the Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) conference on August 14-17, 2016. The COINN 2016 international conference will be held on the Canadian west coast in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia.
You will be:
· intrigued to learn about neonatal care around the world
· invigorated by outstanding presentations, leading-edge research, and state-of-the art technology
· fascinated during networking opportunities with fellow neonatal nurses and colleagues from around the world
· energized by a world class conference, entertainment, local activities, and festivities

Come join us to share our “ONE PASSION. ONE VISION. ONE WORLD.” This is the ONE conference you don’t want to miss!
Follow us on twitter and our growing website http://coinn2016.neonatalcann.ca

The COINN 2016 Conference Planning Committee invites submissions of abstracts for workshop, oral and poster presentation at the 9th Council of International Neonatal Nurses Conference (COINN 2016).

Important Dates:
Submission deadline is **February 15, 2016** at 23:59 EST
All authors will be notified if their abstract(s) is (are) accepted or declined no later than **March 31, 2016** at 23:59 EST

Programming schedules, details and registration information will be provided in **April 2016**


**Preemie Corner**

**SUPPORT ORGANIZATION**

*After having boy/girl twins at 31 weeks due to placental abruption*  
Angelina Castleberry was so inspired by those that reached out to help her that she wanted to pay it forward to other families with Made for a Miracle.

**Established:**  
May 2015

**Outreach:**  
Local California area and then planning on national outreach.

**Web:**  
[www.madeforamiracle.org](http://www.madeforamiracle.org)

**Focus:**  
Provide NICU Care Packages to families in the NICU as well as celebrating the NICU staff and volunteering and participating in the Walk to Remember.

**SPECIAL FOR NICU NURSES DAY:**

NICU Nurses are near and dear to my heart and I am forever grateful to the nurses that took care of my daughter, now 12 years old and thriving. To celebrate NICU Nurses Day, PreemieWorld created a special graphic to celebrate this day. Feel free to download it, share it on social networks and more: [http://preemie.us/NICUAngels](http://preemie.us/NICUAngels) Thank you for all you do for the families – it makes a huge difference in the lives of the babies and the parents.

**ABOUT DEB DISCENZA:**

Deb Discenza is the mother of a former 30-weeker girl now 12 years old and healthy! Deb is the co-author of critically-acclaimed The Preemie Parent’s Survival Guide to the NICU available at [www.PreemieWorld.com](http://www.PreemieWorld.com)

**DONATION**

If you would like to support COINN, please give. Any donation is greatly appreciated. We promise that your money will benefit newborn infants, families, and neonatal nurses. COINN is a 501 3C so your donation may be tax deductible. Thank you for generosity!

[http://coinnurses.org/?page_id=385](http://coinnurses.org/?page_id=385)