From the Editor

International Nurses Day was celebrated as a Force for Change, Care Effective Cost Effective on the 12 May. The International Council of Nurses theme reinforces the fact that global health cannot be achieved without nurses’ participation at all levels of the healthcare system. Nurses are the single largest group of health professionals and those closest to people in all settings and nurses have an impact on reducing health costs and increasing quality of care. In other words we are amazing.

We celebrated the day in our unit with balloons and cake kindly decorated by one of our talented staff.

I hope you all took the time to reflect on what a great job you do.

Jacquie Koberstein

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.
The First GEI Delegation in Vietnam

One day I’ll touch your soil
One day I’ll finally know my soul
One day I’ll come to you
To say hello .. Vietnam

I found myself humming with this song which was sung by Vietnamese–Belgian singer Quynh Anh while waiting for my plane to get back to Europe after spending 4 unforgettable weeks of my life in Vietnam. I was thinking of the great experience getting to know Vietnam as a country and as a nation. This was the kind of experience which will stay with me forever and years later I will still smile at the fond memories. I got to meet a lot of inspiring people and wonderful personalities from Vietnam and the rest of the world. It was amazing to again be part of an international team to exchange and learn about the world from different perspectives. This whole trip kept my heart warm, not because of the hot weather, but because of the wonderful Vietnamese hospitality and their welcoming friendly smiles.

I try to never lose track of how lucky I was to be part of the GEI inaugural delegation of Engage for Healthy Newborns in the country. The delegation introduced me to extraordinary locations, experiences and people. We had a great success and it made me happy to witness the positive effect of the program on the international and local participants. It is one thing to read about a program and a delegation, but it is another feeling to be part of it and to get this wonderful sense of contributing in something bigger to make a change on the global level.

I had the pleasure to work with Patty Kelly, our HBB (Helping Babies Breathe) Master Trainer and the delegation leader of Engage for Healthy Newborns in Vietnam. She managed with a rather small delegation of international participants to train around 87 professional Vietnamese how to resuscitate newborn babies using the evidence-based technique of HBB curriculum. The group was composed of 33 doctors, 19 nurses and 35 midwives who come from three different districts: Dong Nai, Trang Bom and Tan Phu. I had my concerns at the beginning because of the language barrier, but Patty proved again with her team that teaching does not just depend solely on language, but it also depends on how one interacts on a personal level with the participants and connect with them. English words were translated through different Vietnamese interpreters, but the technique was taught through doing and repetition.

http://www.chantallockey.org/
I enjoyed the moments when I would see a local participant practicing the new technique using the HBB training kit with the help of an international participants forgetting about the language barrier and finding their way to communicate. Such moments remind me always why I love this job.

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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/

Upcoming programs:

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Dong Nai Children’s Hospital in South Vietnam. These are the new master trainers who helped to train other nurses and midwives in two districts in Vietnam.
The Society Finnish Neonatal Nurses (in Finnish Suomen Neonataalihoitajat ry) was founded in 1992 by a handful of nurses and healthcare administrators who had a vision of uniting Finnish neonatal care, increasing neonatal nursing education, and creating best practices. The group has close to 500 members, and they come from all over Finland. The society has grown to an active, robust organization that has hosted multiple national study days, visited units throughout the world, hosted international NIDCAP study days, and produced a bi-annual magazine which highlights nursing research, practical applications, the newest technology advancements, and personal stories.

The society provides two different scholarships for its members, focusing on educational study trips and support of research. Once a year, the Finnish neonatal nurse influencer of the year is named. Past recipients have been neonatal nursing researchers, active neonatal nursing promoters, and neonatal teachers. Most of the recipients are in active practice, many have advanced degrees.

National study days are an important event. They are planned within the board, and incorporate themes that are coming from the members. Last fall, a spin-off study day was tailored to a group of neonatal nurses in Rovaniemi, a city on the Arctic Circle, about maternal drug use and its effect on the baby. This was the first spin-off training arranged, and served the NICU nursing staff who otherwise could not have attended a larger national study day. Past study days have included topics covering cardiac issues, neurological problems, feeding disorders. Finnish nurses have been strong supporters of kangaroo care since the late 1980’s.

Finnish neonatal nurses are strong at networking, and have global professional connections. The board of directors includes members from all over Finland. Many members have been presenters or speakers at international and national conferences. The society is a member of COINN, and also is working in collaboration with a Finnish parents’ preemie group Kevyt. The society has its own web-pages suomenneonataalihoitajat.com and also is on Facebook.

Kristina Leppälä

http://www.vsshp.fi/en/toimipaikat/tyks/to8/to8b/vvm/Pages/default.aspx
Articles of interest

**Very-Low-Birth-Weight Infant Outcomes in 11 South American NICUs†**

This study provides actual information about VLBW infants' prognosis in a SA region. Mortality rate variability among NICUs may be explained by differences in population and resources, but also by lack of implementation of proven beneficial therapies such as AS administration.

Journal of Perinatology (2002) 22, 2-7 DOI: 10.1038/sj/jp/7210591
http://www.nature.com/jp/journal/v22/n1/full/7210591a.html

**Neonatal severe bacterial infection impairment estimates in South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America for 2010**

Survivors of neonatal infections are at risk of neurodevelopmental impairment (NDI), a burden not previously systematically quantified and yet important for program priority setting. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses were undertaken and applied in a three-step compartmental model to estimate NDI cases after severe neonatal bacterial infection in South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America in neonates of >32 wk gestation (or >1,500 g).

http://www.nature.com/pr/journal/v74/n1s/full/pr2013207a.html

**NEOCOSUR**—founded in 1997 by Dr Jose L Tapia as a collaborative network group, initially composed by 11 NICUs from Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. The mission was to improve neonatal health in the region and to respond to the need to have local data

Check out their website:
http://yulton.med.puc.cl/testneocosur/ingles/neocosur.asp

**COINN Conference**

Call for abstracts for our conference which is only a little over a year away now. Time to showcase the integral roles of neonatal nurses improving the health outcomes for neonates and their families. Identify best practices in neonatal care or discuss evidence-based strategies, interprofessional approaches and innovative practices. Explore opportunities for educational exchange within the global neonatal community or identify how to support knowledge to action.

It is your place to shine, network, be motivated and challenged in beautiful Canada so get your abstracts formulated — deadline February 2016

http://coinn2016.neonatalcann.ca/
Preemie Corner

SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

With the NICU stay of her son, Harry, Kirsty de Gruchy-Wilson wanted to make sure all families were supported with practical gifts and emotional support.

Year Established:
April 2014

Outreach:
National (to the only SCBU on island of Jersey, Channel Islands in the United Kingdom).

Web: www.littlemiraclesjersey.co.uk

Programs:
Supplies a “Hug in a Box” for families that has practical items for the SCBU stay and provides emotional support upon entry to the SCBU. Connect on Facebook and Twitter to keep updated.

RESOURCE:
PreemieWorld provides a free newsletter, Preemie Family, monthly to qualified subscribers worldwide. Professionals can also receive this newsletter each month to print and hand out to their families. Simply go to this page to subscribe: http://bit.ly/PreemieFam4Pros and here is a link to a sample edition: http://bit.ly/PreemieFamily35

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