From the Editor

We continue to celebrate 10yrs as COINN an amazing achievement with support from affiliated organisations and you the members from countries around the globe. We want you to be a part of this celebration. Please send in what you have achieved as an organization working with babies and their families in your country.

Our AGM this year will be held in September at Budapest of which Carol Kenner and Karen New will be attending to spread the word about COINN. If you are going to the Joint European Neonatal Societies (jENS) conference make yourselves known at our stand. We will be looking for new members to join the Board it is a great networking team and it stretches your awareness globally. If you don’t feel you can commit there are projects you could also be involved in so please consider.

We have an Alliance with the March of Dimes Prematurity Campaign more information on page 3. Bids for 2019 COINN conference is open so check out the website if you are interested in hosting in your country.

COINN is always interested in hearing from you through our facebook or twitter Check out our new webinar on the website too

Look forward to hearing from you for our next edition which will cover AFRICA

Jacquie Koberstein
EDITOR

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
CRITICAL PATH INSTITUTE
LAUNCHES NEW NEONATAL CONSORTIUM
The International Neonatal Consortium (INC) aims to accelerate the development of safe, effective therapies for newborns.

TUCSON, Ariz., May 19, 2015

Today, the Critical Path Institute (C-Path), a pioneering non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating the pace and reducing the costs of medical product development by facilitating unique partnerships among a wide range of stakeholders, formed its ninth consortium, the International Neonatal Consortium (INC). The launch took place at the European Medicines Agency (EMA) during a widely attended workshop focused on the needs of the neonate. Dr. Jordi Llinares Garcia (Interim Head, Human Medicines Research & Development Support Division, EMA) welcomed the collaborative efforts to create novel and improved methods to evaluate treatments that will one day benefit a vulnerable and underserved population.

Dr. Janet Woodcock, Director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), added that “By uniting stakeholders from research institutions, drug developers, regulatory agencies, patient advocacy and other organizations, INC can develop practical tools that can be incorporated into clinical trials for neonates, which will then lead to more successful, efficient trials and provide this population with better treatments.”

INC is the latest in a series of successful developments for C-Path, which include the celebration of its 10th anniversary and the opening of a new office in London. “The International Neonatal Consortium embodies the collaborative nature of the Arizona Health Sciences Center, which has major multi-disciplinary initiatives in health disparities, population health, pediatrics, translational medicine and many other areas,” said Dr. Joe G.N. “Skip” Garcia, UA Senior Vice President for Health Sciences. “We welcome the opportunity to partner with C-Path to more rapidly develop better treatments for this vulnerable population.”

INC will concentrate on conditions commonly observed in neonatal Intensive care units (NICUs). Therapeutic areas include neonatal brain, lung, and gastrointestinal injury; neonatal sepsis; retinopathy of prematurity; and neonatal abstinence syndrome. Workshop participants prioritized an array of high-impact initiatives, such as developing clinical trial endpoints to assess efficacy of treatments. The workshop was supported in part by contributions from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, the March of Dimes Foundation, Graham’s Foundation, and grant 1U18FD005320-01 from the FDA.

http://www.chantallockey.org/
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About the Prematurity Campaign
The March of Dimes Prematurity Campaign was launched on January 30, 2003. The Campaign has two goals:
1. To raise public awareness of the problems of prematurity
2. To decrease the rate of preterm birth in the United States

The Campaign:
Funds research to find the causes of premature birth
Encourages investment of public and private research dollars to identify causes and to identify and test promising interventions
Educates women about risk-reduction strategies and the signs and symptoms of premature labor
Provides information and emotional comfort to families affected by prematurity
Advocates to expand access to health care coverage to improve maternity care and infant health outcomes
Helps health care providers to improve risk detection and address risk factors
Generates concern and action around the problem
The VISION of MĀLAMA O NĀ KEIKI is dedicated to neonatal professionals and caregivers providing world-class, culturally sensitive, health care in the first 1000 days of babies lives.

The MISSION of MĀLAMA O NĀ KEIKI as a non-profit organization is devoted to education, certification and professional development to Hawai’i’s neonatal nurses in their pursuit of excellence in children’s healthcare, ultimately affecting the lifespan of babies and families.

Our MOTTO is NO’O ALĪ’I - Perpetuating the professional and cultural considerations for the care of all babies, especially the exceptional babies of the NICU.

CANN ONE Day of Education in Calgary - Cardel Theatre - Calgary, Alberta
October 05, 2015
http://www.neonatalcann.ca/home.aspx

The 5th International Neonatal Nurses Conference (INNC) was held in Ottawa in May of 2004. At a meeting, Canadian participants at the conference re-established their interest in forming a Canadian association to represent and unite neonatal nurses in Canada. A small group of volunteers from members of the conference organizing committee and representatives from various parts of the country formed the interim board.

The group consisted of Kathy Cunningham, Barb Czerniawski, Pat O’Flaherty, Nancy O’Neill and Shahirose Premji. Their mandate was to develop, incorporate and launch the Canadian Association of Neonatal Nurses/Association canadienne des infirmières et infirmiers en néonatologie (CANN/ACIIN). Seed funding for the development of CANN/ACIIN was acquired from the 5th INNC. The organization was incorporated on May 1, 2006, and the Canadian Association of Neonatal Nurses was officially launched on July 11, 2006. Sandra Dunn from the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa became the first member of CANN/ACIIN.
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The COINN 2016 Conference Planning Committee invites submissions of abstracts for oral and poster presentation at the 9th Council of International Neonatal Nurses Conference August 14-17, 2016. Abstracts will be selected based on relevance to the Conference Theme, and those that address the following objectives or key content areas:

OBJECTIVES

- To showcase the integral role neonatal nurses have in improving the health outcomes for neonates and their families
- To identify best practices in neonatal care
- To discuss evidence based strategies, interprofessional approaches and innovative practices
- To provide opportunities for educational exchange within the global neonatal community
- To support knowledge-to-action by providing a forum for researchers, clinicians and educators to dialogue and exchange strategies to enhance care delivery

KEY CONTENT AREAS

- Clinical research (ongoing or completed)
- Education and/or knowledge translation initiatives
- Innovative program initiatives
- Clinical practice initiatives or practice updates
- Guidelines for evidence based practice
- Case study or mystery case
- Millennium Development Goals and post 2015 Development Goal initiatives

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: February 15, 2016

Abstracts must be submitted on-line via the abstract submission system

Visit the COINN 2016 Conference website at: COINN2016.neonatalcann.ca
Preemie Corner

SUPPORT ORGANIZATION

After giving birth to a 25-week baby girl in 2009, Petra Akinti Onyegbule saw an abundance of preemie stories in western countries but not in Nigeria. From there the Tiny Beating Hearts Initiative was born.

Year Established:
2013

Outreach:
Nigeria

Web:
www.tinybeatinghearts.org

Programs:
Designing a grass roots advocacy program on healthy pregnancies with the objective of reducing preterm birth. Our focus groups are women (and men) in rural areas.

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

About Deb Discenza:

Deb Discenza is the mother of a former 30-weeker girl now 11 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