WELCOME TO COINN!

This has been a very busy couple months for COINN. We have been working with Abbott Labs to develop webinars and have been working diligently to get them on the internet. The first two will be available soon, so continue to monitor the website for the announcement.

We are also excited to have received another generous donation by ACNN this quarter.

We are still looking for photos for our coffee table book, if you would like to send us photos you can submit them to: J.Zasada@coinnurses.org.

Be sure to include a written permission for each photo you send.

**UPDATED COUNTRY COUNT: 63**

COINN wouldn’t be here without nurses from around the world expressing their need for an international nursing community like COINN; so we would like to sincerely thank each and every one of our Regional Representatives for their continued commitment to COINN.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of COINN please go to our website at www.coinnurses.org – there you will find information on how to become a member.

REGIMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES & NEW MEMBERS

Marie Etienne – Haiti
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Aimee Dunnam – USA

**Board of Directors**

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**Affiliate Organizations**

Australian College of Neonatal Nurses (ACNN)
Canadian Association of Neonatal Nurses
Danish Neonatal Nurses Association
Dutch Neonatal Nursing Group (Netherlands)
Finnish Society of Neonatal Nurses
Indian Association of Neonatal Nurses
Neonatal Nurses Association of the United Kingdom
Neonatal Nurses College of Aotearoa (formerly New Zealand Association of Neonatal Nurses)
Scottish Neonatal Nurses Group
South African Neonatal Nurses Association
Spanish Neonatal Nurses Association
NEWS FROM CANADA

This past February, the Canadian Association of Neonatal Nurses hosted its 4th National Conference. Over 180 nurses from across Canada and abroad, including countries such as Saudi Arabia, Australia, United States and Bermuda met in Toronto, Canada for two and a half days of networking and education.

In keeping with the Conference theme "Neonatal Nursing: Today, Tomorrow, Together", our program included a dynamic line-up of national and international speakers who shared their research and innovative ideas, and explored the challenges and clinical aspects of the ever-changing needs of the infants and families who are in our care, and whom we encounter today and will face tomorrow.

Our 5th National Conference will be held in Montréal, Québec, on February 10 to 12, 2013. Program information and the call for abstract will be available on the CANN/ACIIN website at www.neonatalcann.ca.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

The Australian College of Neonatal Nurses (ACNN) is celebrating its 15 year anniversary in 2012. To mark this anniversary the College is holding a 2 ½ day event in the beautiful wine region of the Hunter Valley in New South Wales. The event includes special interest group meetings and workshops, a conference featuring key presentations and member presentations, and a seminar being presented by the Graven’s Team from the United States highlighting the neurodevelopment aspects in the care of high-risk preterm infants. For further information visit www.acnn.org.au

NEWS FROM FINLAND

The Finnish Neonatal Nurses are proud to announce this year’s Neonatal Nurse of the Year 2012. This year, the recipients are Ms Paivi Tuomikoski-Koiranen and Ms Aino Ezeonodo. Paivi is a pioneer in kangaroo care in Finland, and has been teaching its benefits for well over twenty years, and helped establish kangaroo care as a routine. Aino has continued in Paivi’s path, studying the benefits and promoting breastfeeding, as well. Association President Helena Lindberg presented the awards during a small ceremony at the yearly meeting. Previous recipients have been recognized for work including NIDCAP®, neonatal pain care, and the development of neonatal nursing. The award has been given yearly since 2006.

The Finnish neonatal nurses’ association is 20 years young this year, and has a strong, international membership. The association publishes a magazine twice a year, and promotes neonatal nursing through international visits, scholarships, conferences, and study days, and has belonged to COINN since COINN was started. Please visit us on the web: www.suomenneonataalihoitajat.com, join our Facebook page "Suomen Neonataalihoitajat ry" or send an email snh@lycos.com for more information.

THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL NEONATAL NURSES: 8TH INTERNATIONAL NEONATAL NURSING CONFERENCE 2013
Belfast, Northern Ireland 5th-8th September, 2013
Neonatal Nursing Association of Southern Africa (NNASA) Report on 4th National Conference

On the 6th October 2011, NNASA commenced its 4th National Conference in Gauteng, South Africa. The event was attended by 170 delegates who immensely enjoyed the 2 day programme entitled “Think Globally, Care Locally”. This was the first time the conference was held outside its founding province (Kwazulu Natal) and able to reach additional neonatal nurses. The conference focussed on the importance of evidence based practice, real care for baby and family and the need for neonatal nurse training.

Key note speakers included amongst others neonatologists Dr Sithembiso Velaphi and Dr Alan Horn who spoke on topics of Neonatal Deaths in South Africa and Hypoxic Ischaemic Encephalopathy respectively. Another 19 specialised speakers presented important statistics, researched topics, and provided feedback from international conferences. Delegates also attended a practical workshop in Neonatal Resuscitation. A heart felt story was heard from a preemie mom’s experience of NICU, which left not an eye dry, or an NICU nurse uninspired.

The Registrar of The South African Nursing Council Mr Thendani Mabuda addressed the delegates on the shortage of nurses, including qualified Neonatal Nurses (205), in South Africa.

Aline Hall received the well-deserved National Neonatal Nursing Excellence award for her contribution to neonatal care which was followed by cocktails. Delegates who had attended 3 consecutive national NNASA conferences were also acknowledged. NNASA is also happy to have received 3 new board members and 33 new memberships for 2012.

The anticipated 5th NNASA conference will be held on the “City of Roses” Bloemfontein October 2012. More information can be obtained on www.nnasa.org.za.

News from our Dutch Affiliates

Joke Wielenga (PhD, RN) & Agnes van den Hoogen (PhD, RN)

The Dutch working group: ‘Innovation and Research’ is a national nursing-based group. The group members are participants of the 10 NICU’s of the Netherlands, all scientific educated or affiliated and organized by a president working in the Women’s and Children Clinic of Academic Medical Center Amsterdam (see figure).

The aim of this national group is Exchange knowledge; Advise national management of Intensive Care Nurses; participation in the national congress scientific program; Watching trends and Profile the nursing profession.

The group is responsible for Evidence Based Practice and exchange of knowledge within the world of neonatal intensive care. By working together in exploring evidence for the care given, EBP will be more common on neonatal ICU’s. An example of such a search is the literature review on ‘Effects of interventions to prevent or reduce cranial molding of the preterm infant in Neonatal Intensive Care Units’. Resulting in a national protocol for prevention, we can now provide repositioning with the use of a standardized protocol. We published this in a national nursing journal1 and this paper is now also accepted for international publication2.

Very important is also profiling our nursing profession. Being visible in the field of science among professionals we explore several activities. With this overview in the newsletter the first step in international collaboration is a fact. We hope for fruitful relationship with others in the future. For contact send a mail to the president (Joke Wielenga) of the group: j.wielenga@amc.uva.nl.


There are so many resources, books, and social networks out there relating to premature babies that is hard to keep track when you are busy doing such important work in the NICU. Never fear, *The Preemie Corner* continues to give you that knowledgeable edge in the following areas:

**Support Group Snapshot**

**Name:** Zoe Rose Memorial Foundation  
**Website:** www.ZoeRose.org  
**Founders:** Richard & Keira Sorrells  
**Established:** 2008  
**Background:** In memory of their daughter, Zoe Rose “Warrior Princess” (one of surviving 25-weeker triplets), that died at 14 months. And in honor of the courageous battle fought by their surviving daughters Avery and Lily.

**Mission:** To help and support families of micro preemies, born 32 weeks and earlier, through education, outreach and one-on-one parent support. With proper and appropriate care, our children can grow and thrive.

**Programs:** Wrap them in Roses Isolette Blankets, Roses Remembrance, Rainbow of Roses Remembrance in honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness, Preemie Parent Matching, Leading the Mississippi Infant Health Alliance, Developing educational programs for parents of preemies and NICU nurses in the state of Mississippi, Information and resources for preemie parents, parents of multiples, and parents who have suffered a pregnancy or infant loss, Holiday Cards with Professional Photography of Nature Scenes, co-founders of the Preemie Parent Alliance.

**Social Network Connections**

**PreemieWorld’s NICU Professionals Group on LinkedIN**

Connect with others in the NICU field around the world with thriving discussions, news, resource sharing, job searches and more by connecting on the “NICU Professionals” group on LinkedIN (www.LinkedIn.com).

**Books**

**For the Love of Babies** by Sue Hall, M.D.

**Website:** [http://www.suehallmd.com/books.html](http://www.suehallmd.com/books.html)

Sue Hall, Neonatologist with a Social Worker background has a inspirational and educational book detailing real-life scenarios of families over her years of practice. Packed with experiences many professionals encounter each day, she provides a real face into the NICU professionals’ day-to-day issues. Honest and refreshing this is a great book for anyone going into the NICU field or a veteran wanting to learn more about how to help families.

**Resource:**

**Preemie Toolkit**

**Where:** www.PreemieToolKit.com  
**Title:** Toolkit for the Follow-Up Care of the Premature Infant  
**By:** Medimmune, Inc. in collaboration with the National Initiative for Children’s Healthcare Quality (NICHQ)  
**Why:** To help NCU and healthcare providers outside the NICU provide the best continuity of care for the preterm infant upon discharge.

*Have any resources, organizations or events you think our readers would be interested in knowing about? Contact me at deb@preemieworld.com*
A Note from Our President

As I write this message I am sitting in the sun with flowers and birds all around thinking how wonderful life is! But then I remember all the babies and their families that face so many challenges. To that end COINN members are making a difference. We have partnered with Abbott to develop basic webinars on neonatal assessment by Carole Kenner and neonatal infections by Patricia Bromley. These learning modules will be translated into Spanish, Japanese, Portuguese and French. They will have a transcript associated with the slides. We are gaining regional members and now have about sixty-three countries involved. Amazing! COINN is moving ahead thanks to Linda Johnston and the United Kingdom Neonatal Nurses Association on the next COINN conference being held in Belfast, Northern Ireland in September 2013. Mark your calendars for this meeting. COINN needs to hear from you. What do you need? What should we be working on in the year to come? Please let us hear from you at info@coinnurses.org.

Respectfully,
Carole Kenner, PhD, RNC-NIC, NNP, FAAN