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WHO ARE WE? THE NURSES AND MIDWIVES THAT CARE FOR NEONATES

The Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) is interested in hearing from the nurses and midwives that care for neonates! We would like to hear your' experiences to include the good and the bad. We want to hear how you care for neonates in your unit. What are the challenges in caring for neonates? What do you think is going well and what do you need to do your job? Use examples and illustrations to demonstrate your story.

The purpose of this contest is to document our experiences, our challenges and joys of caring for neonates and families. Only by documenting our experiences can we demonstrate the uniqueness of our job. Please be frank and honest about the joys and pains of caring for the neonate in the area where you work.

Judging is by a panel of four judges, comprising a neonatal nurse, a neonatal midwife and two neonatal educators. Based on the aggregate scores from the four judges, the winners will be selected and awarded the prize as detailed in the below guidelines.

For the detailed guidelines and rules, please refer below:

The COINN “Who are we?” Short Story Competition 2018

Begins – 12:01 a.m. July 1, 2018 (US Central time)

Ends – Midnight, August 14, 2018 (US Central time)

The rules below govern the **COINN Short Story Contest 2018** (“Contest”).

Sponsor: The Contest is sponsored by COINN (“the website”)

Eligibility: The Contest is open worldwide to all nurses and midwives that work in a neonatal unit.

Contest and Judging Criteria:

Entries must be received by **US Central Time Midnight, August 14, 2018**. Once you have read the guidelines, submission/s should be made to Coinnmanager@aol.com

- Stories must be written in **English, original and unpublished** up to the time the winner is declared on or about **August 14, 2018**.
- Stories must be **not less than 1500 words and no more than 7,000 words in** length.
- There is no limit to the number of entries per person, but more submissions do not necessarily translate into higher chances of winning.
- Simultaneous submissions are allowed, but the editors must be immediately advised if the story is accepted elsewhere.
- Authors must be aware that all the stories submitted will be utilized to document what we do as neonatal nurses and midwives and may be featured in an article.
- The name of the story and total word count must be printed on the front page of the story.
- Pseudonyms are not permitted.
- All submissions are final. No changes or substitutions to a story are allowed once your entry is received.
- Queries before submission are welcome but must relate to the contest rules or if there are difficulties in submission.
- By entering the Contest, **ALL** entrants agree to allow COINN to publish their stories, initials and job description in all media, including but not limited to articles and online websites, without any compensation, save the prize as detailed under ‘contest reward’ to the notified winner.
- **Photographs are welcome with entries.** A signed permission from everyone in the photo **MUST** be included with the entry.
- In connection with your submission, you affirm, represent and/or warrant that (i) you own or have the necessary licenses, rights, consents and permissions to use and authorize COINN to use all copyright, trademark or other proprietary rights in and to your submission to enable inclusion and use of the submission in the manner contemplated by these Contest rules.
- COINN reserves the right to reject and disqualify any submission that could be offensive or inappropriate or that does not meet the terms and conditions of these rules.
- In case of any dispute, COINN will not be liability.

Judging and notification:

- The **COINN Short Story Contest 2018** judges’ panel, will select the prize winner based on a **10-point scoring matrix** on quality of narrative, distinctive writing and best illustrations of what is done as a neonatal nurse or midwife. Final decision will be based on the averaged total of the scores from the judges.

- The winner will be contacted by email by COINN board, and must reply within two working weeks to maintain eligibility. If the winner cannot be contacted within this time period or fail(s) to respond to any attempted contact, such winner will be disqualified, his/her entry will be declared null and void and COINN reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to select another winner based on the judging criteria, in which event these provisions shall apply to such other eligible entry.

Contest Prizes: Apart from publication of the nurses/midwife's story in an anthology, the following prizes will be awarded.

Prize: **US\$200**

Payment will be through PayPal. If PayPal does not work in your country, get in touch with the COINN **before** entering the contest to discuss alternative payment channels.

No contributor copies shall be given out.

Ownership/Use Rights: Entrants retain the copyright to their stories. However, by entering the short story contest you grant COINN a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to publish and reproduce in part or full in print or online media, and to display your initials, short story, job description and photograph (if included) in connection with COINNs' business, through print or online media channels.

Indemnity: By participating in this Contest, you agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless COINN, and their office bearers from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of action, or losses of any kind (including but not limited to lawyers' fees) arising from your participation in the Contest, your violation of any term of these Contest rules, your violation of any third party right, including without limitation any copyright, property, or privacy right; or any claim that your submission caused damage to a third party.

Banning: COINN may, in its sole discretion, prohibit any person from entering the Contest whom it believes to be abusing the rules. Such abuse includes but is not limited to falsification of information and/or identity, plagiarism, racial discrimination and bigotry.

Force Majeure clause: COINN is not liable for failure to perform their obligations under these rules if such failure is as a result of Acts of God (including natural disasters), Acts of War, civil unrest, usurped power or confiscation, terrorist activities, prevention by statutes, or interruption or massive and sustained failure of electricity, internet or telephone service.

Any extension / reduction of contest and / or the judging window will be at the sole discretion of COINN, and will be notified on the website if extended.