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ICN press release: **ICN calls for a sound plan to ensure the new UN Women's Agency will work for women and gender equality**

On the occasion of last month's International Women's Day, ICN expressed concerns that UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon's comprehensive proposal for the new Women's Agency falls short of a sound plan to address women's rights and gender equality. The secretary general's report, *Comprehensive proposal for the composite entity for gender equality and the empowerment of women*, can be accessed here www.icn.ch/waa.htm. A critique of the report by Stephen Lewis and Paula Donovan, co-directors of AIDS-Free World, is also posted on www.icn.ch/waa.htm. ICN supports this critique. [Read the press release.](#)

ICN press release: **ICN and IHTSDO team up to ensure a common health terminology**

ICN and the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO) today announced a collaborative agreement to advance terminology harmonization and foster interoperability in health information systems. "Nurses need to be able to access and share patient information in a standard way, to ensure safety, improve quality of care across the health care delivery system and communicate with other health professions. The ICN-IHTSDO collaboration will facilitate this," explained David Benton, ICN's chief executive officer. [Read the press release.](#)

ICN press release: **On the move against tuberculosis: Nurses from 11 countries awarded for outstanding achievement in TB prevention, care and treatment**

On World TB Day in March, ICN presented 12 awards to nurses who, through their dedication, passion and innovative care strategies, are living examples of the World TB Day slogan, "*On the move against tuberculosis: innovate to accelerate action.*" This annual award recognizes nursing expertise and aims to motivate and recognize nurses working with those affected by TB and MDR-TB in countries included in the TB project. [Read the press release and names of recipients](#)

ICN press release: **New nurse consultant responsible for socio-economic welfare issues to join ICN staff**

Elizabeth Adams, RN, MSC, a highly respected nurse leader from Ireland, will join ICN staff in July 2010 as director, International Centre for Human Resources in Nursing, and as nurse consultant focusing primarily on socio-economic issues. She will assume the position formerly held by Mireille Kingma RN, PhD who will retire in June following 25 years with ICN. [Read the press release](#)

ICN memo: **Florence Nightingale centennial – £2 commemorative coin and special edition of *Notes on Nursing***

2010 marks the centennial of the death of Florence Nightingale and ICN is pleased to share two very special commemorations of Nightingale's work and life, along with marketing and preferred pricing information for these unique tributes to the nursing profession and Florence Nightingale.

Attached is more information on how to order the special edition *Notes on Nursing* from Elsevier and the commemorative coin from the Royal Mint.

ICN memo: **International Nurses Day kit 2010**

The final content for the 2010 International Nurses Day kit – *Delivering Quality, Serving Communities: Nurses Leading Chronic Care* – is now available on our website at <http://www.icn.ch/indkit.htm>

ICN memo and two revised ICN position statements:

The following two position statements were recently revised by ICN:

1. Prevention of disability and the care of people with disabilities
2. Management of nursing and health-care services

ICN memo: Special edition of *Building Quality in Healthcare* on the role of nurses in quality and improving electronic health record processes

The International Hospital Federation publishes the journal *Building Quality in Healthcare* and has invited colleagues to submit papers for their special edition journal on the theme of ***Electronic Health Records (EHR): Role of nurses in quality and improving EHR process***. These papers should highlight challenges, solutions and innovation in their countries. The publishing requirements are indicated in the attached call for papers. Deadline for submission of articles is **May 23, 2010**.

ICHRN fact sheet: Skill Mix

The International Centre for Human Resources in Nursing has released the following [Skill Mix fact sheet](#).

ICN publication: Improving Health through Nursing Research

Improving Health through Nursing Research is a practical guide to research and research utilisation in nursing. The publication in partnership with ICN is the essential resource for nurses seeking to understand research and research utilisation. The author, William L. Holzemer, is professor and dean, College of Nursing, Rutgers University, a member of the ICN board of directors, and editor of the Japanese *Journal of Nursing Science*. For Canadian orders of the book, please contact 1-800-567-4797.

E-newsletter: ICN/ICM News for Regulators F

Issue 9 of the *ICN/ICM News for Regulators* discusses the 2010 Regulators/Credentialing Forum in Portugal, ICN Regulation Taskforce, New Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia; it also highlights new publications from ICN and the ICM Regulation taskforce.

E-newsletter: HIV/AIDS Network Bulletin No.9

This e-newsletter from the ICN HIV/AIDS network bulletin highlights the ICN/WHO project on increased access to commodities and infrastructures for health worker and patient safety, needle-stick injuries common to Ugandan nurses, the new tool integrating gender into AIDS programs in the health sector, non-vertical HIV transmission in sub-Saharan Africa, and contains an announcement of the 2010 AIDS conference theme.

WHO/PAHO report: Earthquake in Haiti – 03 March 2010

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