

INTERNATIONAL CONTINENCE SOCIETY
Nurses Committee: Communication Subcommittee
Annual Report

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Short-Term Goals for 2012/13	Outcomes/Comments
Kenes International to incorporate international nursing organizations in their standard communication mechanisms for the 2013 ICS meeting.	Updated list sent to Kenes and implemented.
Upload abstracts once presented at the Nurse Forum (or an overview document preliminary to Forum meeting).	Completed for 2012 abstracts - this to be recurrent for the 2013 abstracts.
Contribute an article to the ICS Newsletter.	Two articles completed - one for ICS news and one for Nurse Members.
Add sub-committee reports to website following October 2012 meeting.	Completed for 2012 - this to be recurrent for 2013 following the Barcelona meeting.
Long-Term Goals for 2012/13	Outcomes/Comments
Drive up ICS nurse membership: consider affiliated membership opportunities with existing organisations e.g. ACA, WOCN.	Affiliation flyer/information sent out to nursing organisations.
Quarterly nurse committee newsletter to members.	Mid-term newsletter sent out to nurse members in March 2013.
Seek funding to sponsor fellowship and travel awards targeted to nurses (Collaborative with Research and Education Subcommittees).	Arranged via Nursing Committee Chair.
Revisit website format.	Corporate approach in place.
Introduction of the Public Forum with monthly debate topics (add-in to e-news/e-flash to all members).	Four questions now posted on the public forum.

Objectives for next 3 years (2013 – 2016)

1. The communications sub-committee will help the Nursing Committee achieve our overall objectives.
2. Engage effectively with other ICS committees and build strong relationships.
3. Demonstrate the success of our work and regularly showcase examples of output from the nurse membership.
4. Ensure that the nurse membership and wider ICS community understand what we do.
5. To regularly gather feedback from the nurse membership to ensure we are maintaining standards.