

Brief Report to Nursing Committee from Education Committee representative January 2013

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A collaborative ICS-IUGA course for nurses and PTs in South Africa was recently conducted last week. Lesley Hanson and Julia Herbert were respective speakers.

ICS Education Committee had its semi-annual meeting and reviewed applications for workshops. An interim chair, Adrian Wagg, was appointed. The 1/2 day workshop re: nursing content was accepted and we hope to be able to offer simultaneous translation—still working on this. Several other workshops including nurse presenters were also accepted. Donna Bliss asked Dom Turner if he could provide a list of WS with nurse presenters once the deadline for accepting the invitation has passed in case we want to list these on the website for nurse attendees. The competition was high due to time/room constraints.

Due to the shortfall of funds generated by the conference in China, all committee meetings will be held starting on Monday of the conference and not before. Similarly, Education Committee has needed to prioritize courses/guest lectures and review budgets for efficiency to be approved and offered during the next year and in light of commitments already made. There is a strategic focus in the South/Central America region to increase interest for the 2014 ICS conference. The funds that have been budgeted are below courses/guest lecture applications already received. I would recommend that Nursing Committee does not submit an application for a course in Italy for 2013 as it will likely not be funded. Planning a multidisciplinary course in 2014 or 2015 and as an add-on to another conference will increase its chances of being approved/funded.

ICS is planning to offer a multi-disciplinary abstract session for trainees in Barcelona, which had good support from the Education committee. This has led to review and discussion about abstracts submitted and reviewed outside the scientific committee and presented at various forums. Input was sought from Nursing and PT committees. ICS is currently reviewing this issue.

The status of E-learning was reviewed. Currently ICS' plan is to continue to tape workshops/sessions offered at the annual scientific meeting and develop learning assessment QAs. There is a list of workshops/sessions that are in the queue for developing QAs and offering online that was provided as well as a list of topics desired. ICS plans to follow this plan for the near future. If Nursing Committee wishes to have sessions taped and made available online in the future, it is recommended to contact the Education Committee about submitting a workshop and coordinating this request with others on their list. A session on how to write the learning assessment QAs is planned to be offered in Barcelona as some nurses expressed interest in wanting to learn how to do this.

Donna Bliss participated in reviewing and suggesting revisions to the criteria for workshop applications. If approved, suggested revisions should improve scoring for multi-disciplinary and multi-national applications.

All disciplines/professions including nurses and PTs need to recognize issues/balance of wanting courses/workshops for their specific discipline/profession only and the ICS policy of offering such courses in a multi-disciplinary manner.