

**Nursing Committee Notes**  
**ICS Scientific Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**  
**20 October 2014**

**Attendance:**

Kathleen Hunter (KH) – Acting Chair, Karen Logan, Sandra Engberg, Sharon Eustice (SE), Gisele R. Azevedo, Maria Helena Baena de Moraes Lopes, Mary Wilde, Beatriz Farias Alves Yamada

**Apologies:** Donna Bliss (DB), Veronica Hagggar, Dina Rizk, Wakako Satoh, Lesley-Ann Marie Hanson-Bellefeuille

The non-quotate meeting centred on the outcome of the recent teleconference, which was led by Donna Bliss on 13 October 2014.

**Key discussion points:**

KH advised members of the recent teleconference and worked through the notes that DB sent in preparation for the committee meeting.

- a) Consensus document - we have been invited to propose a consensus document that is either nurse led or nursing specific. Topic ideas that emerged are:

- Peri-natal bladder care
- Frail elders

To work these ideas into a proposal, clarity is required on the following:

- Process
- Funding
- Audience
- Selection of topic at board level (are other committees doing the same and how will the board select?)
- Template for submission

Consensus document examples include those developed by the European Urology Nurses Association (and also the document described by Mary Wilde).

- b) Research

Nurses are being requested to contribute to reviewing abstracts for the scientific committee, which is a positive development. However, there is concern about nurses not feeling adequately supported to submit abstracts.

- c) Communications

Develop research bites, with links to the full reference. It suggested that SE contact the nursing committee members every few months with a request for papers to add to the 'research bites' webpage. Furthermore, ways to attract new members and re-engage with the lapsed members were considered. Examples may be to use social media options. Members talked about having an instant translation facility on our webpages.

- d) New ideas for committee work for 2015 and beyond:

- explore and understand different types of media communication tools for our webpages



- consider a language translation facility for our webpages and long-term funding for the ICS nursing workshop audio translation
- identify new early career nurse researchers in the area of continence
- develop a module for nurses on how to craft an abstract

**Post-meeting information:**

SE met with Dom from the ICS office to explore social media platform opportunities for the nursing committee. Dom suggested that the committee utilise the already available social media (Twitter and Facebook) that ICS has established. For example, Twitter could be used to post something that is likely to generate conversation as it is limited by the number of characters. A suggested hash tag could be '#icsnurses'. Regarding Facebook, this might offer the committee greater scope for professional debate, which could include visual information (videos etc). Also the ICS Wiki facility is led by the standardisation committee. This offers a feedback option on documents.

The ICS website now has a 'select language' option, which may well address the comments/request from the committee members. However, this will not translate a document, only the text on the webpage.

Overall, the impression is that the committee is very welcome to utilise the social media already set up. So far no other committees use them and Dom advised that they do want to encourage this way of communicating.