



ICS Nursing Committee Members Participate in 2017 Chinese Nursing Association meetings, Establish Good Relations

Professor Donna Bliss, chair of the ICS Nursing Committee, and Professor Kathleen Hunter, chair of the Nursing Committee's Research Subcommittee participated in April 2017 in conferences in Hong Kong and two cities in mainland China, Guangzhou and Nanjing. The aim of their visit was to inform nurses about ICS and ICS Nursing Committee activities and to explore possible future collaborations between ICS and Chinese Nursing societies, and they also were invited to present about their specialty areas of scholarship. Professor Bliss presented about conservative management of fecal incontinence in community living adults and Professor Hunter presented about advanced practice nursing and managing urinary incontinence in the community.

Professors Bliss and Hunter were invited and sponsored by the Urology Nurses Association of Hong Kong, whose President is Mr. Larry Tsang and Vice President is Mr. Gilbert Lui. The conferences were approved by ICS Education Committee as ICS educational programs. Their escort host was continence and urology nurse and ICS member, Winnie Yeung, who works at the Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in Hong Kong. In Hong Kong, they participated in the Urology Nurses Association of Hong Kong's 9th Advances in Urological Nursing Committee and ICS Congress, which had approximately 160 participants.

In Guangzhou, Professors Bliss and Hunter participated in The First Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat Sen University Committee and ICS Joint Session and Multi-Professional Management of Prostate Cancer and in Nanjing, they presented at the 7th annual Chinese Urological Association Nursing Committee Annual Urological Nursing Conference. In addition to providing education and building communication, the CUA Nursing Group had a special session for the urological nursing care staff to discuss and promote the development of a urology/continence nurse specialist. The conference received more than 600 papers and more than 200 participants.

Professors Bliss and Hunter were present at the inauguration of the "CUAN & EAUN Collaborative Training Institute (CECTI)" representing Jiangsu Provincial People's Hospital, Guangdong, Urology Nurses Association of Hong Kong, and European Association of Urology Nurses. The Vice Chairman of the collaboration, Professor Lawrence Drudge-Coates former President of EAUN and Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Honorary Lecturer, King's College Hospital, London, participated in the signing ceremonies and presented at the conferences. Ms. Paula Allchorne, an EAUN Council Member and Project Manager of the Rapid Access Diagnostic Clinic, Senior Urology Lead Nurse, Barts Health, London, and Professor Drudge-Coates offered workshops about nursing care for patients with prostate cancer/surgery at the various conferences. The ICS Nursing Committee would like to congratulate the establishment of the CUAN & EAUN Collaborative Training Institute (CECTI).



There were many high level healthcare and hospital leaders at the conferences supporting the conferences for nurses, CECTI and welcoming ICS speakers. Attending were the former Director of the Chinese Medical Association Urology Branch, Professor Ye Zhangqun; Director of the Urology Institute of Hubei Province and Consultant of the Chinese Medical Association Urology Branch, Professor Sun Ziyu; the Chairlady, Chinese Urology Association Nursing Committee, Ms. He Wei; the Jiangsu Medical Association General Secretary, Ms. Ma Jingan; the head of the Chinese Medical Association of Urology Branch Jiangsu Province and Medical Association of Urology Branch and former chairman of the Jiangsu Provincial People's Hospital, Professor Zhang Wei; the Director of the Chinese Medical Association of Urology Branch and the Nursing Deputy Head of the School Group, Ms. Xie Shuangyi and Ms. Wang Wei; the Jiangsu Province Nursing Society of Urology Branch, Deputy of the committee of Palm Xiaorong, and Deputy Director of Nursing at Jiangsu Provincial People's Hospital, Professor Lin Zheng; and Jiangsu Provincial Hospital of Nursing Director, Ms. Dai Xinjuan.

The visits by Professors Bliss and Hunter were very productive. They were able to meet various Chinese nurse leaders and discuss issues of mutual interest including continence education opportunities and the advanced practice continence nurse role. They appreciated the generous hospitality of their hosts who introduced them to some cultural sights and foods from different Chinese provinces. Their trip has resulted in interest and exploration of ongoing educational and professional interactions between ICS, the CECTI and the CUAN and discussion of possible affiliate membership of the Chinese nursing societies with ICS. Through international exchanges and collective efforts such as these, we hope to achieve best practice in continence nursing care and establish collegial networks of continence nurses globally.





