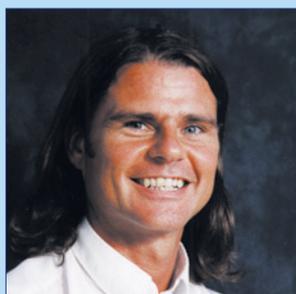


# Editorial



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Welcome to *your* new journal! We use the word 'your' very specifically – because this journal is all about *you* and *your* practice.

Making *CONNECTIONS* is the theme for this new European journal – an idea that has its origins in one of the founding principles of the European Federation of Critical Care Nursing Associations (EfCCNa) – collaboration. Since this journal is being published in association with EfCCNa, we (the editors) think it is a particularly suitable theme.

One of the key aims of *CONNECT* is communication and collaboration on critical care issues relevant to the European nursing community. We also want *CONNECT* to epitomise the sharing theme of EfCCNa: 'Working Together – Achieving More'. Making *CONNECTIONS* encompasses all of these ideas – hence the new journal's title, *CONNECT*. Helping us achieve these aims is a multinational editorial board made up of colleagues from across Europe.

We want this journal to be friendly – encouraging dialogue and exchange – but we recognise the multilingual challenge of writing for a European audience. At least six languages are used by the majority of critical care nurses in Europe – English, French, German, Greek, Italian, and Spanish. Because English is the most widely understood, the journal will be published in English. But in the future, we hope the journal will be published in other languages, depending upon the interest of our sponsors.

If one of the aims of *CONNECT* is to be the voice of critical care nurses across Europe, then we need new ways of communicating. Thus, one of our principles is that no article sent to the journal for publication should be rejected on the basis of language and that all authors will be offered support from the editorial board.

This journal is also about advancement of critical care nursing practice. This can be achieved in many different ways – not just through research – but through sharing ideas and experiences about good practice. We want to encourage colleagues to start talking about critical care. There are many lessons we can learn from each other. After all, we have the whole of Europe to learn from! So, we want to hear about anything to do with critical care nursing, ranging from emergency care and coronary care to anaesthetic nursing and renal care nursing. By critical care, we really do mean the entire area of critical care. With this in mind, the *CONNECTIONS* theme will be developed throughout the journal and there will be several regular features, to which all our European colleagues are invited to contribute.

We hope you find this journal a valuable and useful resource for your practice. Remember, this is *your* journal, so let's make it a success. Let us really prove the statement 'Working Together – Achieving More'.

Paul Fulbrook and Lynne Harrison

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