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EDITORIAL

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CONNECTING THROUGH CONFERENCES

Looking through the abstracts in this special issue, of the papers presented at the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN) 6th Annual Congress, which was held in Florence, Italy, it is amazing to see how many countries were represented. It is also fantastic to see the broad and diverse range of topics that were presented - from Irukandji jellyfish envenomation to ultrasound guided percutaneous arterial puncture for children. There was a huge array of research on display, with a wide variety of methodological approaches represented. The critical care nursing world should congratulate itself for this excellent achievement.

However, at a world event, such as this conference, it is not just the research papers that are important to hear and see, it is the opportunity for colleagues to meet and share experiences. Often the most useful information obtained, and the most helpful ideas for development, are found through the informal discussions that occur in and around such conferences. It is a place where people form collaborative relationships that often lead to international research, which in turn help to improve patient care.

This WFCCN World Congress was a joint collaboration with the World Federation of Societies of Intensive and Critical Care Medicine, and this is the second time the two federations have collaborated; the first occasion was in 2005, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. These two meetings have both been huge events, with thousands of participants.

In between these conferences, WFCCN has hosted joint conferences on an annual basis in several countries. Its inaugural congress was held in the United Kingdom in collaboration with the British Association of Critical Care Nurses. This was followed by congresses in Manila, the Philippines, Sun City, South Africa, and Mexico City, Mexico. The 7th Congress, in 2010, will once again be held in the Philippines. In each country where the congress has been held

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It has been combined with that country's own national critical care nursing association annual conference. This has helped to promote the profile of both the country's association and WFCCN. Also, each country has also hosted the annual meeting of the WFCCN Council. This has enabled council members to get together regularly and have the opportunity to attend and speak at an overseas conference.

The WFCCN congress model is similar to that of the European federation of Critical Care Nursing associations (EfCCNa), which held its inaugural conference in Paris, France. Subsequent congresses were held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Florence, Italy. As the federation has grown in strength, the conferences have grown in attendance and popularity. It is now an important event in Europe. The next congress will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2011.

These conferences represent a huge amount of critical care nursing activity worldwide; they present excellent opportunities for critical care nurses to share their experiences and learn from others. Whenever nurses attend a conference they come away with new ideas for patient care, and these are then brought home to their own critical care units, where they are discussed with colleagues. Often, this results in a fresh way of thinking about different aspects of nursing care and as a result new ideas are tried out that might never have been considered before. These developments enhance the quality of patient care - which is the most important outcome of all.

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