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Intensive care nurses – working together for a better tomorrow

The 4th EfCCNa Congress and FSAIO Spring Congress took place in Copenhagen, Denmark 24-26 March 2011. The congress was arranged in collaboration between the European federation of Critical Care Nursing associations (EfCCNa) and the Danish Society of Anaesthesia, Critical Care, and Recovery Nurses (FSAIO). The first EfCCNa congress was held in Paris, France, with the second and third being held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Florence, Italy. It is now firmly established as one of the most important critical care nursing events in Europe. The next EfCCNa Congress will be held in May 2013, in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia.

The title for the 2011 congress was: *European Critical Care Nursing: Working Together for a Better Tomorrow*. It was the first international congress for critical care nurses being held in Denmark. It was a great opportunity for the Danish critical care nurses to meet with colleagues from all over, but also a chance to share knowledge and develop new strategies.

The congress was a great success with more than 700 critical care nurses from 27 European countries, South Africa, Australia, Brazil and USA. Especially the scientific program was acknowledged, there were 135 oral presentations and 70 posters.

The variety of subject was impressive starting with *Education and Competency for Critical Care Nurses* through to *Patient Safety, Preventing Sleep Disturbances, End of Life Care and Cross Cultural Care*.

During the conference, all of the delegates were invited to participate in two research surveys, using questionnaires. One of the surveys was about sedation practice and the other was focused on critical care nurses' education and competencies. Both questionnaires were answered by most of the participants. It will be interesting once the data are analysed so that we can see where there are differences

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and similarities between the different European countries, especially regarding the clinical practices and strategies used by critical care nurses.

After the official congress was completed, Danish nurses had arranged visits for delegates to several nearby hospitals. Nurses were able to visit four different departments of trauma and critical care units. Unfortunately, many more participants than could be accommodated wanted to visit the Danish hospitals to get an impression of what the Danish health care system is like. In this issue of *Connect*, one of the Danish intensive care units is described by Lona Juhl, who also participated in the conference and its organisation.

It was a special experience to participate in an international congress for nurses. During all three days there were lots of exchanges of experience and new networks were established. It was rewarding to be together as proud and self-confident professionals. And, across nationalities and languages there was a wonderful sense of community.

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