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Newsletter - May 19th, 2022

The month of May is the official Nursing Month, with International Nursing Day celebrated on May 12th. In this newsletter we will offer a brief update on activities and choices within the ESNO activities. The emphasis is on the launch of the programme of the 'Decade of the Specialist Nurse 2020-2030' and on our European Specialist Nursing Community, Surveys, and events.

INTERNATIONAL NURSING DAY 2022



The International Nursing Day 2022 was held face-to-face this time, in the heart of Brussels. It set the start of an annual tradition for celebrating this day in Brussels each year on the same date - May 12th. This time, we also formally launched the programme for the 'Decade of the specialist nurse 2020-2030' campaign. It was welcomed by a number of European organisations, with the presence of Maya Mathews, head of Unit for Performance of National Health Systems, DG Sante and emphasising on the future role of the Specialist Nurse in the health environment and stressing the relevance of the recognition and tackling the urgent matter of nurse shortage.

Please find the online version of the Programme here:

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**“Decade of the
specialist nurse
2020-2030”
PROGRAMME**

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▶ See “Don't Let Them Go”

BOARD NEWS

The ESNO board is pleased to welcome Julie Dugmore as a new board member. Within ESNO she represents the Veterinary Nurse Organisation and we are proud to welcome her into a leading role. She is a Registered Veterinary Nurse, currently working for the Royal

College of Veterinary Surgeons as Director of Veterinary Nursing. She is responsible for nine members of staff, working to support the Veterinary Nurses Council in setting, upholding, and advancing standards within the veterinary nursing profession.



'I am actively involved in developing a clear vision and ambitions to ensure that veterinary nursing remains a dynamic, rewarding, and sustainable profession both now and in the future and I am currently researching the possibility of an Advanced Nurse Practitioner Role.' She has been a Board member of the Accreditation Committee for Veterinary Nurse Education (ACOVENE) for 15 years and has held the position of Chair since 2014. ACOVENE is a voluntary organisation, established in 2007, to accredit veterinary nurse education programmes within the European Union.



During the last election, the members welcomed the re-election of the following people for the years to come:

- Adriano Friganovic, President
- Nico Decock, Board member, education committee
- Christine Willems, Board member, education committee
- Ber Oomen, Executive Director
- Patrick Crombez, Vice President

- Alessandro Stievano, Treasurer
- Julie Dugmore, Board member.

DECADE OF THE SPECIALIST NURSE 2020-2030

The Programme

During the last General Assembly, the programme of ESNO 'Decade of the specialist Nurse 2020-2030' was adopted and will continue to be a mile stone for specialist nurses in Europe. It set a goal with a meaningful purpose for the years to come, striving for two crucial domains in particular: sustainable quality of care provision by investing in professionals within the nursing domain, and for the nurses to invest in their own domain and invite organisations to support and partake in this campaign. The formal launch will be during the 12th of May 2022 during which the programme will be published. It will also be an invitation for specialist nurses to engage in programmes and projects, and to network, all the while keeping the context in mind, which is; interdisciplinary team work between professionals within the health domains, and above all with the patients.

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EVENTS

1 June 2022 - CAUTI webinar

Webinar on [Catheter Associates Urinary Tract Infections \(CAUTI\)](#). Health care providers, (specialised) nurses and Nurse Practitioners have knowledge about prevalence and incidence of indwelling catheters in hospitals and CAUTI. Know how to prevent CAUTI and unnecessary indwelling catheterisation in hospitalised patients.

- **Title:** *Catheter Acquired Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI): Cause, Impact and Prevention.*
- **Speakers:** Jeanette Verkerk, Laura Ros, Eva Wallace and Noel Abela.
- **Goal:** share the knowledge on infection tract prevention in catheterisation, proper indications on use of indwelling catheters, placement and maintenance of indwelling catheters.
- **Aims and objectives:**
 - Learn about the prevention of urinary infections in patients with indwelling catheters who are hospitalised,
 - Learn about proper indications for indwelling catheters and,
 - Learn about hygienic maintenance of indwelling catheters.

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8-9 June 2023 – ESNO CONGRESS 2023 – SAVE THE DATE

This date may seem quite a long way away, but it will be well worth to mark an event such as this one on your calendar a year in advance. It will be a well-rounded congress, and also a great occasion to meet each other again. Both nurses as well as those organisations wishing to engage in the big health exchange with emphasis on inter-professional work, cross professional domains with innovations, both scientific as well as technical, and in line with the EU digital agenda.

Read more about this: www.esno-congress.eu

MEMBERS NEWS

ASSOCIATES

With an increase of ESNO full members, characterised by European focused nursing associations within a specific health domain, we see an increase of national groups of nurses wishing to join the ESNO nurse community. They are most welcome to strengthen the Specialist Nurses in Europe, in order to support the mission of the ESNO but above all, to be a supporter of the ESNO campaign.

If you are also interested to join the European Specialist Nurses community, just as the AIIAO, please contact our office or visit our website

Read more about this: <https://www.esno.org/members.html>



AIIAO strengthens relations with European nursing organizations, with affiliation with European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) is joined by that with the European Specialist Nurses Organization (ESNO), a non-profit organization that aims to facilitate and provide an effective framework for communication and cooperation between European specialist nursing organizations and their members constitutive.

ESNO's members are made up of individual European organizations of specialist nurses, therefore AIIAO members will also be ESNO members from today.

AIIAO supports the advancement of specializations of nursing functions and, in this context, oncology assistance benefits from the specializations of oncology nurses.

The AIIAO President

Dr. Rosario Caruso

We welcome:

- GORNA - Greek Operating Room Nurses Association
- AEEEMC - Specialist Nurses in Medical Surgical Nursing Portugal
- ANIPIO - National Society Infection Control Nurses - Italy
- PTPAIO - Polish Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Nurses
- AEEEMC - Specialist Nurses in Medical Surgical Nursing Portugal
- NVAM – Dutch Association of professionals in Anaesthesia
- AICO - Italian Association Operation Room Nurses
- CNSARICT - Croatian Nursing Society of Anaesthesia, Reanimation, Intensive Care and Transfusion
- CNNF - Croatian National Nursing Federation
- AIIAO - Italian Association Operation Room Nurses

ESNO SURVEYS – urgent request

Vaccination and Nursing Roles, Responsibilities Education and Uptake

“Follow up on vaccination survey 2020: ESNO Survey to Nurses in Europe Nursing and Vaccination: uptake, roles, education, and responsibilities.

If you are working as a nurse in Europe, we would like to invite you to participate in the ESNO Survey to Nurses in Europe on Vaccination Uptake (2022). This is a follow-up study to the ‘ESNO Survey to Nurses in Europe on Vaccination Uptake’ conducted in November 2020. The ESNO 2020 survey has already produced important findings, but much has happened in the past two years during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The aim of the survey is to gain insights into the roles, positions, knowledge, and education of nurses in Europe regarding vaccination. The data from 2020 and 2022 will be compared and submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journal(s). This approach will enable us to share our expertise and knowledge with the right platforms and provide solid evidence to inform policymaking about the role of nurses with vaccination in Europe.

The current survey (2022) is an extension of the previous survey (2020) about vaccination uptake, including new items on nurses' roles, engagement, and responsibilities regarding vaccination. The survey focuses on vaccines in general and, more specifically, on influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations. Our ambition is to conduct the survey every two years.

The participation of as many respondents as possible is essential to ensure that the knowledge, beliefs, and responsibilities of nurses are accurately presented. To reach said goal, the survey is available in eight languages: English, Dutch, German, French, Spanish, Polish, Greek and Italian.

Read more about this here: <https://fonse.eu/blog/surveys/>

IN THE PIPELINE

Survey on Nurse Knowledge and experience of the new arrival of Cannabinoid related medication

With the arrival of Cannabinoid medication, ESNO wishes to provide the right information on substances and levels that are formally recognised, but above all to equip nurses with information and education and tackling myths by offering data and facts.

Survey on Medication Errors

Over the past month ESNO is overloaded with cases of medical errors and even nurses losing their job. The cause of this is strongly related to stress at the workplace, lack of sleep, complex medication systems, and an overload of administration. Because of this, we are composing a survey on medication errors, with a special focus on nurse's experiences. After all, often the nurses seems to get the blame and are secondary victims of great impact health errors. We also wonder if this situation has a correlation with the [A new directive on work-life balance](#)

If you are interested for one of the topics to be included, feel welcome to contact the ESNO team secretariat@esno.org

THE EU COMMISSION AND SPECIALIST NURSES

- Under the European Commission activities, there are a series of program related to the Health Workforce. The Health Workforce Projects Cluster covers five EU co-funded projects under the umbrella of the 3rd Health Programme. The projects focus on three key topics – medical deserts, task shifting and retention policies - that will be investigated thoroughly and internationally in the coming years. ESNO is in strong relation with the programs to support this in the expertise and dissemination, with a specific relation with METEOR and TASHI.
 - Action for Health and Equity - Addressing Medical Deserts: [AHEAD](#)
 - MEnTal hEalth: fOCUS on Retention of healthcare workers: [METEOR](#)
 - prOMoting evidence-bASed rEformS: [OASES](#)
 - Empowering EU health policies on Task SHifting: [TaSHI](#)
 - A Roadmap OUT of mEdical deserts into supportive Health WorkForce initiatives and policies: [ROUTE-HWF](#)
- ESNO welcomes the announced ‘European Health Union: **A European Health Data Space for people and science**’ taking the lead in tomorrow’s world for the health professionals *‘Thanks to the EHDS, people will have immediate, and direct access to the data in electronic form, free of charge. They can easily share these data with other health professionals in and across Member States to improve healthcare delivery. Citizens will be in full control of their data and will be able to add information, rectify wrong data, restrict access to others and obtain information on how their data is used and for which purpose.’*

For the ESNO it is relevant to know what the implications will be for the Specialist Nurses, and also what their responsibilities will be. For this, a special webinar will be initiated after the summer.

Read more about

this: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2711

- ESNO is already very interested to engage in the **EU Care Strategy**, ‘This initiative announces EU-level actions to strengthen long-term care and early childhood education and care, as envisaged under the European pillar of social rights. It will help strengthen gender equality and social fairness. It will highlight the need for a standard of high quality, accessible and affordable care services for children and people who need long-term care. The initiative will propose two Council recommendations, on childcare (revision of the Barcelona targets) and on long-term care.
- ESNO received a formal letter to be accepted in the EMA Health Care Professional Working Party. The president and the Executive Director are the formal representatives, but in the end, it is the expert input from the European Members and Associates which provides quality information.

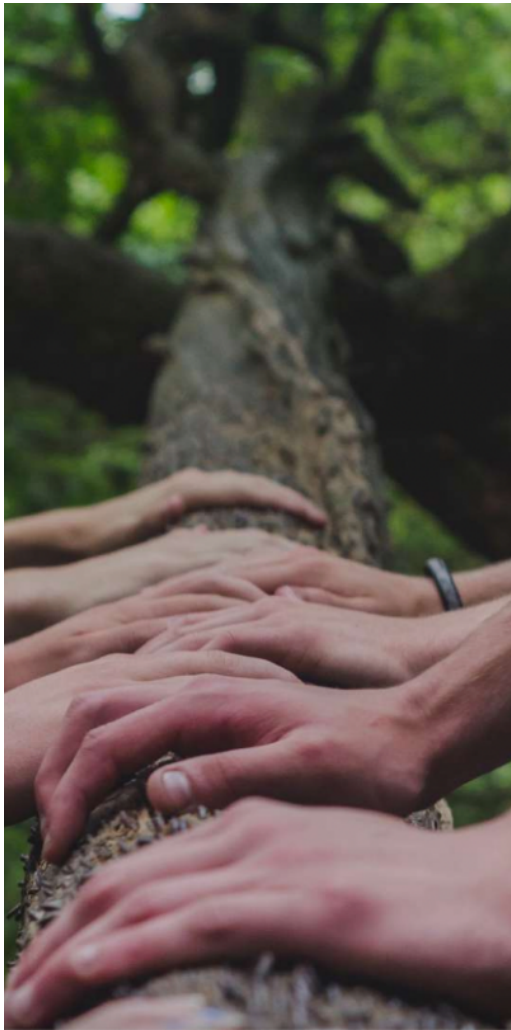
The ESNO aims to include professionals when related to specialisms. –
Read more about this

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/committees/working-parties-other-groups/chmp/healthcare-professionals-working-party/healthcare-professionals-working-party-meetings>

- ESNO is highly interested in engaging in the EU Care Strategy under the DG European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). This initiative announces EU-level actions to strengthen long-term care and early childhood education and care, as envisaged under the European pillar of social rights. It will help strengthen gender equality and social fairness. It will highlight the need for a standard of high quality, accessible and affordable care services for children and people who need long-term care. The initiative will propose two Council recommendations, one on childcare (revision of the Barcelona targets) and the other on long-term care. ESNO is invited to take part in a panel session during the '[Public Hearing Health Workforce and Care Strategy for the future of Europe](#)' to join the conversation.
- In the European Health domain, **European Health Policy Platform** there are many activities and opportunities to engage. ESNO encourages Members and Associates to register for the EU Health Policy Platform and 'GET ENGAGED', <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/hpf/>

Become the ESNO with your personal 'ESNO Associate Status'

As an 'ESNO Associate', you join many nurses from all kinds of specialities and health domains from Europe and beyond. You are not only an associate but also connected to the wider Specialist nurses' community. With your engagement you support the mission and goals of ESNO and contribute to the wide range of activities.



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