



WCET Bulletin

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Dear WCET members,

I hope this issue of the Bulletin finds you well. A lot has been accomplished since the last issue and many projects are ongoing! Among other things, the WCET Business Plan has been finalised which will help us monitor all our activities and initiatives.

First I want to thank all of you who renewed your membership. For the others, I know that sometimes we have so much to do that we may forget...

Always keep in mind that your membership to the WCET is more than a standard membership. Thanks to your membership the WCET can pursue its mission to **lead the global advancement of specialised professional nursing care for people with ostomy, wound or continence needs by ensuring a worldwide standard of education across ET Nursing Educational programs.** So, please, make your renewal a priority.

Some News

At the beginning of the year, the WCET accepted a seat on the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) as a collaborating organisation. This panel was held in New Orleans, US, at the end of January, where I represented the WCET. One month later Elizabeth Ayello, who was a guest speaker at the NPUAP meeting, took advantage of a complimentary booth to promote the WCET. I invite you to read more about the NPUAP organisation in this Bulletin.

Carole Abboud has been working a lot on updating and revamping the website with Nicole Stifnagle. Nicole has also been actively involved in the transition to a new server for our database which hopefully will prove to be a major improvement. Walter Lo is working actively on the end of the fiscal year financial report with our accountant Mike Ellis.

Fiona Bolton and her team are working on the planning of our next WCET meeting in Adelaide. Make your plans right away to attend this promising meeting!

As usual, I invite you to contact any of the Executive Board members to give your comments and suggestions. Help us improve the WCET!

Kind regards to everyone,

Louise

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Bids for Congress 2016

Susan Stelton, Vice-president

Hello WCET Colleagues and Friends.

It's time to think about bids for Congress 2016!

Have you ever thought about hosting the Biennial WCET Congress in your country? Have you ever wondered if you and your fellow WCET members could organize and carry out a Congress? Have you dreamed of what your hospital manager would say if you invited him/her to the opening ceremony of the Congress, showing all the flags and the hundreds of colleagues eager to start absorbing new knowledge. Have you thought about what an abstract book would look like with the many speakers from your own country, showcasing the ET practice in your country? Perhaps these thoughts have entered your mind whilst attending the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and the many educational sessions at previous WCET Congresses.

Now is your chance. You can express your interest, in writing, to make a bid for the 2016 WCET Congress, and send it to the WCET President by **30 September, 2011**. Upon receipt of your written intent to present a bid, the Vice-president will send you a detailed **WCET Congress Planning Guide**. This guide includes specific instructions for how to prepare a Congress bid and the details about how WCET Congresses are organised. Your bid documents would be due in electronic form to WCET by **10 January, 2011**. The bid is reviewed by the WCET Board. You would then meet with the WCET Executive Board to present the bid in person at the 2012 Congress in Adelaide, Australia.

This process may sound a bit daunting. Just remember, all the ET's who did this before you may have felt overwhelmed with the whole process at first. But, they greatly enjoyed the whole period, the organising, selecting abstracts, seeking sponsors, preparing the print work, starting with the Congress logo and finishing with the program book.

Hosting a Congress will probably be the most exciting period in your professional life. I know this because I have been the Congress Liaison for the Brazil (2004), the Hong Kong (2006) and the USA (2010) WCET Congresses.

Think about it!

Kind regards,

Susan

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Committee News

Publications and Communications Committee

By Carole Abboud

Publications and Communications Chairperson

"One rarely accomplishes alone"! Therefore, I would like to begin by introducing and thanking the Publications and Communications Committee members: Michelle Lee (Hong Kong), Shirley McSavaney (Canada), Greg Paull (Australia) and Karen Zulkowski (USA). Thank you for agreeing to serve on my committee - we will have some very exciting projects and I am looking forward to accomplishing these together.

For those who may not be aware, this committee is responsible for developing, reviewing and revising all promotional publications and tools for the WCET such as brochures, flyers and videos. As well, a major responsibility is updating and maintaining the website.

We have already completed some projects: The very helpful Travel Passport has been printed. This card will be available on the website and will be translated from English into other languages.

A WCET/NNGF thank-you card has been designed and produced. This can also be used for other less formal greetings or occasions.

We will also be developing a promotional video about the WCET which will be available to the International Delegates and the members. The popular ostomy educational posters will be reviewed and modernized and will be available to the membership and others who may be interested in having these.

There is good news for those who have been requesting that we bring back the Members' Handbook. It had been decided to discontinue sending this to the members since all the information was available on the website. As well, the cost to produce and mail these was enormous. However, many have asked that we reconsider this decision so we have decided to explore the most effective way to make this available again.

Developing our new website was a major project and was launched last year. But it doesn't end here! Since this is such an important promotional and communication tool both for the public and for the membership, it must be continually updated and upgraded. We are presently exploring the most cost effective way to achieve optimal efficiency with the website and the database.

There are many ways to promote the WCET - some we haven't even thought of. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Let me assure you that the Publications and Communications Committee will strive to be proactive so we can help to move the WCET forward.

Constitution Advisory Panel

By Susan Stelton V-P

You may remember that the WCET Constitution Committee was dissolved in 2010. It had been determined in 2008 that a formal committee was not required as long as the Constitution is attended to within the organization. Additionally, elimination of one committee was in keeping with efforts to reduce the size and thereby costs associated with the WCET Executive Board meetings.

The WCET Vice-president is now responsible for matters related to the Constitution. The VP, along with a panel of appointed WCET members will prepare proposed changes in the Constitution to be presented at the WCET General Meeting. The Panel has been recently appointed and includes:

- Susan Stelton, Vice-president, USA
- Alison Crawshaw, UK
- Kathy Porras, USA
- Shirley McSavaney, Canada

The Constitution Advisory Panel for the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists (WCET) ensures that the existing Constitutions facilitate the ease of operation of the organisational affairs of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists (WCET) and comply with the Charities Commission requirements. In addition, the Constitution Advisory Panel shall:

- Review the existing Constitutions and solicit recommendations for amendments from the membership.
- Submit recommendations for amendments to the Executive Board and to the membership for approval.
- Ensure that the activities of the WCET and the NNGF, where applicable, are conducted within the framework of their respective Constitutions.
- Arrange for all Constitutional changes to be forwarded to the Charities Commission.
- If changes to clause # 2 (objectives), # 21 (amendments) or # 22 (dissolution) have been accepted by the membership vote, then such changes cannot be acted upon without the approval of the Charities Commission.

Meeting News

NPUAP Report

by Debbie Hecker

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) is an independent not-for-profit professional organization dedicated to the prevention and management of pressure ulcers. Formed in 1987, the NPUAP Board of Directors is composed of leading experts from different health care disciplines, all of whom share a commitment to the prevention and management of pressure ulcers. The NPUAP serves as a resource to health care professionals, government, the public and health care agencies. NPUAP welcomes and encourages the participation of those interested in pressure ulcer issues through utilization of NPUAP educational materials, participation at national conferences, and support of efforts in public policy, education and research.

The NPUAP, assisted by multiple corporations and organizations, has become an internationally recognized entity. The collaboration of professionals, corporations, and governmental agencies offers a unique model for addressing major health care issues. The European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and the Japanese Society of Pressure Ulcers have adapted the NPUAP model in establishing their organizations.

Although all final policy decisions are made by the Board of Directors, in order to achieve the goals of the organization, the NPUAP Board of Directors works collaboratively with the panel members of the organization.

Please visit the website at www.npuap.org, to peruse the many downloadable resources, including white papers, position statements, category and staging illustrations and other free tools, and also to purchase wound photos and the 2009 NPUAP/EPUAP Pressure Ulcer Prevention & Treatment Guideline.

Congress 2012 News:



WCET 2012 Congress Update

by Fiona Bolton,

Adelaide, Australia

G'Day!!

We hope you are planning your trip to Adelaide now! April in Adelaide is a beautiful time of year (we call it Autumn but others know it as "Fall") with the leaves in the trees starting to change colour, the weather fine and mild with the days warm but not hot.

This is the time of year to enjoy lazy lunches by the sea, stroll through the vineyards and taste our excellent wine, or just go shopping in Rundle Mall or Harbour Town. Perhaps you would prefer a game of golf on one of our many central golf courses, fishing off one of our many metropolitan jetties or visiting the National Train Museum at Port Adelaide.

Further afield if you want to spend a few days in the country side you can cage dive to see the Great White sharks or swim with the sea lions, bush walk in the Flinders Rangers amongst the kangaroos and emus or if you are really adventurous go caving in the South East.

You can find out more about Adelaide and South Australia by visiting the WCET website, clicking on the congress 2012 link and clicking on Adelaide and South Australia which will take you to our tourism websites.

Our committee is in the midst of planning the scientific program and inviting Key Note Speakers. We are excited about the number of first rate speakers we have to choose from and are confident the program will reflect this. We will be able to give you a sneak peek soon.

Call for Abstracts will be announced shortly via the website, journal and our congress e-newsletter. If you experience any problems submitting an abstract online please email our congress management team at wcet2012@sapmea.asn.au

Below is a photo of the 2012 Congress Venue, the Adelaide Convention Centre situated on the beautiful Torrens River.



2012 Congress organizing committee

Back from left (all from Adelaide)

Merle Boeree, Royal Adelaide Hospital; Margie Reid, Lyell McEwin Hospital; Carmen George, Flinders Medical Centre; Sue Handsworth, Lyell McEwin Hospital; Elizabeth English, Royal Adelaide Hospital

Front from left (all from Adelaide)

Lisa Naeher, Women's and Children's Hospital; Sharmaine Peterson, St Andrews Hospital; Fiona Bolton, Calvary North Adelaide Hospital; Sandra Bradley, Ashford Hospital. Brenda Sando, WCET Australian International Delegate is also on the committee but absent from the photo.

