A huge, warm EORNA welcome to you all, to the eternal city of Rome, to the EORNA Congress 2015.

It is with much delight that I write this note for the new EORNA E-Magazine. Particularly this edition published in time for EORNA Congress, Rome, Italy 2015.

I wish you all a very educational, inspirational and enjoyable congress.

Dear perioperative colleagues, I urge you all to participate and glean the maximum benefit from these days together. Question, give your comments and above all network. It is your congress so make the most of each and every minute. Sincere gratitude is extended to all that have worked and are participating to make the Congress a success. There is a very interesting educational program at your disposal and take time to view the excellent e-posters submitted.

We, in EORNA, are appreciative to all our colleagues in industry who offer so much in the advancement of health care for the patient, education and technology. We encourage all in attendance to spend time exploring the exhibition to increase awareness and knowledge.

Welcome to all our international friends and colleagues, from many corners of the globe, truly adding to the depth, ambience and intrigue of the event.

Most of all I encourage you all to increase your knowledge, find new ways, get inspired and bring back the learning to others’ holding the fort’ and make a positive difference to your environment and colleagues but ultimately and most importantly to patient care.

Thank you all for taking the time and choosing to join in this event. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next few days. Feel free to stop me and say hello, it is you that can make a difference, and I want to meet you!

Caroline Higgins
The Hungarian Theatre Nurse and the Association of Hungarian Theatre Nurses
Katalin Balasi, Emese Bérczi, EORNA Educ. Comm. MMT Hungary

The Hungarian theatre nurse is well trained, she acquired both theoretical knowledge and practical skills during her education. She is open minded, able to improve her skills. Our theatre nurses are enthusiastic, they are considering this profession beautiful and highly human.

The theatre nurse training has been included in the Hungarian education system for 65 years.
Theatre nurse (1949)
Theatre specialized nurse (1976)
Health care specialized nurse (1995)
Theatre specialized nurse (2010-)

In 1993 took place the restructuring of the nursing education model in Hungary in order to comply with European Union directives and Council of Europe recommendations concerning nursing education and training. Advanced vocational programmes were introduced in 1998. The programmes can only be run by colleges, universities or the Directorate General of Basic and Continuing Education of Health Workers (GYEMSZI ETI), whose tasks are:
a) performs organisational, methodological and pedagogical tasks connected to vocational training and examination,
b) performs adult education activity, organises healthcare vocational training outside the school system along with examinations, organises and conducts continuing education.

In Hungary there is a National Register of Vocational Qualifications (NRVQ/OKJ), which seems to be an important tool aiding transparency. In this feasibility study we aim to get a clearer perspective on its function, who are involved in setting up and maintaining this NRVQ/OKJ, what it means for a qualification to be registered, etc.

The duration of a vocational training is four or five terms.
Applicants for these programmes must hold a secondary school leaving certificate, and may also have to meet specific professional, medical, etc., requirements according to the qualification they intend to pursue.
The teaching program is delivered in 3-year full-time course consisting of 4,600 teaching hours. The certificate awarded is certificate in nursing. Specialisation is built upon this level, nurses may acquire specialisation in part-time courses in order to become theatre specialized nurse.
The curricula of the programmes are developed by higher education institutions in accordance with the ‘central programme’ (curriculum) of the particular OKJ qualification, both issued by the minister for the relevant sector.
Curricula are modular, and consist of the following components: basic education/development of competences, mandatory vocational and optional (specialisation) modules.

The training has a duration of 1.5 year (1200 study hours). The rate is 40% theoretical and 60% practical study time. It is anticipated 1 year practice in an operating department.
The course contains general knowledge about instruments, handling of instruments, principles and importance of aseptics, tasks before the operation, during the operation, and after the operation.
The theatre nurse students gain special knowledge too, referring to the surgical techniques and assistance of the surgeon during the surgical intervention.

The training is closed with a special examination, containing 3 exams: practical examination, written examination and a theoretic, oral examination.
After the training the theatre nurses receive a certificate and they are included in the National Register of Nurses and Allied Health Personnel.
The theatre orderlies are working together with us, they are membre of the operating team. They are health care workers with basic health care education (600 study hours - 40% theoretical and 60% practical study time). It is anticipated 0.5 year practice in an operating department. The training is also closed with an examination, containing 3 exams: practical examination written examination and a theoretic, oral examination.

After the training the orderlies receive a certificat and they are included in the National Register of Nurses and Allied Health Personnel.

The Directorate General of Basic and Continuing Education of Health Workers supervises the registration. Our theatre nurses and orderlies take part in a continuing education, because the registration is valid for 5 years. During this period, they have to collect 150 credits. 100 credits can be collected by practical experience. They must work at least 3 years in the field of their registration. The 50 credits can be collected by attending courses (30 credits compulsory/required courses and 20 credits optional courses). After the 5 years period a re-registration is neccesary.

The Association of Hungarian Theatre Nurses was founded at 07th of October 1992. The founders envisioned a professional voluntary body with the object of advancing theatre nursing in Hungary, by providing education, representation. Their purpose was to unite theatre nurses dedicated to the advancement of professional standards. The registration of the association took place at 08th of March, 1993.

At the annual congress of our association in November 2012 we have celebrated the 20th anniversary.

Our objectives are: representation of professional interests, enforcement of our social recognition, recognition of the risks against our profession. Our activity is focused on: organisation of congresses and professional forums, ongoing professional consulting, participation in training and further training, participation in professional examinations, competitions, applications, research.

We have professional contacts with health care authorities and policy makers, other professional organisations, the Directorate General of Basic and Continuing Education of Health Workers, industrial partners and companies.

Since 2005 our national association is a member of the EORNA. We now have the possibility to establish professional networks and relationships with other theatre nurses in Europe. It is important for us to work together with collegues, having similar interests and aims, to share knowledge and experiences, to find solutions for common issues. We collaborate with other member associations to improve the quality of theatre nursing, to realize holistic care in the operating room and to promote perioperative nursing in Europe and all over the world.

News from Czech Republic, Czorna

We have prepared XVIII. national congress of our association, 28.-29.11.2013. This year came out the book about perioperative care: Sestra a perioperační péče
Nurse and perioperative care
Autors: Jana Wichsová, Petr Přikryl, Renata Pokorná, Zuzana Bittnerová

A n o t a t i o n : Publications for nurses to focus on work in the operating room environment is engaged in operating rooms. The individual chapters are analyzing hygiene, organization of work in the operating theater, role perioperative nurses and the surgical team. Below are the main instruments and medical devices, pharmaceuticals and medical gases used in the operating department. Described is the preparation of the surgical team and operating room for surgery. One chapter deals with anesthesia and resuscitation. The publication contains a detailed description of perioperative care, principles of operation and operational security chapter on the ethics of perioperative care. Jana Wichsová
Report from Iceland

We have been spending special effort to get in touch with those of our colleagues who are now retired. Up until now it has been the custom that retired operational nurses have automatically lost contact with our member organisation. To change this, we have now sent a letter to every retired operational nurse whom we have been able to locate, and invited them to attend and participate in our activities, our meetings and conferences. The purpose of this is to show them our respect and get a broader perspective on the many issues we are discussing, both practical and ethical.

This year we have also created two different groups on Facebook. One is exclusively for the board, and the other for all members of our organisation. This has turned our to be a very effective way to make our members aware of meetings and important issues. It has also turned out to be a new and very good tool for our discussion, exchange of views and communication in general.

In addition to this we held our annual conference on the 12th of Oktober. At the conference we discussed important issues that affects our work in one way or the other. Among these issues were the threat of multi immune bacteria, the quality of air in hospitals and communication among coworkers. On all these issues we were given interesting lectures, that have inspired a further discussion among our members.

Kirstin Thorarinsdottir

News from Portugal and AESOP

Portugal is still in a situation of economic crises and because of this and the necessity to balance the public finances our government will cut 10% in our salary next year. Our working day is now 8 hours, 40 hours a week and as you all know more hours of work per nurse less nurses working, so many goes to UK and other countries to work.

The Portuguese Perioperative Nurses conscious of this difficult and dubious moments we all go through, either a professional or personal level, engaged and focused to promote and to spread of quality of Perioperative.

With this goal the Portuguese Perioperative Nurses Association (AESOP) organized a Fórum of discussion between 12 and 13 of April 2013. The theme was “Think the Future, challenge the crisis”.

Graça MIGUEL

News from Estonia

Estonian Operating Room Nurses Association (EstORNA) XXth national congress date November the 18th, in Tallinn. The main subject was "Teamwork in OR", how to improve the interprofessional teamwork. The others topics were young nurses emigration plans relationships for work, life and complacency, history of latex gloves, job satisfaction and commitment of theatre nurses, how to make tissue CITO specimen, widespread damage of instruments and annual report of EstORNA.

In cooperation with Estonian Health Insurance Fund, anesthesiologists, surgeons and operating theatre nurses working out the treatment guide “Using The Surgical Safety Checklist in OR”. Working group plan to implement Checklist in autumn 2014.

We would like to restore relationship with Lithuanian and Latvia. In future we plan to organize together Baltic state conference.

Elmira Piiritallo
News from FORNA, Finland

Year 2013
FORNA participates actively in different projects developing perioperative nursing and organizes professional training courses mainly once a year. Today the association has about 2000 members. The association has representatives in different parts of Finland acting as the contact persons for the operating room nurses and promoting the local work. A training meeting for the representatives was held in October together with the national congress.

This year annual national congress was held in October in the ski resort Levi in Lapland. The theme of the congress was “The path of the tourist”. The topics covered different skiing accidents and other trauma, which is every day in Levi during wintertime. There were also other topics about perioperative nursing and an exhibition of the companies. The association publishes Pinsetti journal four times a year. Some of the topics this year were gynaecology, urology, gastroenterology, traumatology and education.

Grants and scholarships can be applied from the association for educational purposes such as attending training courses. FORNA also supports local functions with grants. FORNA will regenerate the cooperation with associations of anaesthesia nurses during the year 2014.

Finnish web pages www.forna.org
Jaana Perttunen

News from Ireland

Next perioperative congress is 28 & 29 March 2014 in Limerick.
Perioperative staff are fatigued due to recruitment moratorium with increased workload and working hours increased by 1.5 hours to 39 hours per week. On call allowances for perioperative nurses are under threat by the Health service employers. They plan to halve the money paid for on call with no time back for on call hours. This would push nurses over hours and be in breach of the working time directive.
Government graduate nurse programme has been offered with new honours degree graduates expected to work at 85% pay rate of first year staff nurse scale incorporating a 3 module educational component. This is a 30% pay cut for nurses since 2008.

Sandra Morton

Report from SEORNA, Sweden

The Swedish Board of Directors prepared the 49th Autumn Congress in Stockholm. Some of the topics were different national patient safety projects and surgery. There was also presentations from three perioperative researchers who recently archived their PhDs.
We are planning for the EORNA Board Meeting next May in Stockholm.
After that, SEORNA had a busy year 2014. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary and organized our 50th autumn national congress in November, which was named the Jubilee Congress. We had invited the EORNA President, Caroline Higgins, to be the keynote speaker at the first day of congress and she gave the lecture, “Perioperative Nursing a Humane Profession”, which was very popular among the audience.
Last May SEORNA also arranged our annual Hygiene Congress where we invite perioperative nurses as well as other health care personnel who take a great interest in the field of hygiene.
We also prepared and held the EORNA Board Meeting in May in Stockholm.
Our perioperative magazine “Uppdukat” was published four times during the year and some parts of it containing 50th Anniversary material.
We continue working in our different committees, Scientific Committee, Quality Committee, Editorial Board and Regional Representatives.

Annika Sandelin, SEORNA
Marie Afzelius, SEORNA
News from Turkey

EORNA Congress Aroused Excitement in

Autumn 2013 meeting of EORNA was held in Turkey concurrently with the National Surgical and Operating Room Nursing Congress. It was a marvelous opportunity for our delegates to meet with EORNA Board of directors.

During the Congress the announcements of EORNA Congress 2015 aroused excitement in Turkey. Turkish perioperative nurses sent 53 poster and 31 oral abstracts from 30 different affiliations and 13 different cities for EORNA 2015 Congress. Before Turkey participate EORNA, the attendance from Turkey was first time for EORNA 2012 Congress in Lisbon Portugal. In Lisbon from Turkey were just two EORNA representatives (TCAHD President Meryem YAVUZ and Board Member Aliye OKGUN ALCAN). We guess more than 50 Turkish nurses will attend for EORNA 2015 Congress in Rome Italy.

EORNA New member

During last autumn Board meeting, EORNA welcomed a new member, Poland. The Congress of Polish Operating Room Nurses was held in Warsaw, September 2014. The program included the latest news of perioperative care in Poland and the different trainings for perioperative care in Europe (Germany, France, Ireland, Italy, UK, Switzerland and the Czech Republic. Caroline Higgins, EORNA President, was invited to present EORNA and peri-operative nursing in Ireland.

European Perioperative Nursing Day 2015

The member associations of EORNA celebrated the European Perioperative Nursing Day to promote our profession.

Read more on EORNA website

Belgium recognizes the specificity of perioperative nurses

In February 2014, the King of Belgium signed a royal decree recognizing the professional title of specialist nurse in perioperative care, anesthesia, surgical assistance and instrumentation. This long title is summed up in "professional title of specialist nurse in perioperative care." In March 2014, the Minister of Health has issued a ministerial decree defining the conditions for granting and maintaining this title. A fourth full-year of training exists for over 15 years in Belgium and delivers every year several dozens of specialized nurses in perioperative care. Transitional measures for 2 years were defined to allow the theater nurses without this specialization to access this title with conditions of practice and an upgrade from 150 hours of theory. Since September 2014, three schools in the French Community of Belgium are always full. More than 400 nurses were trained or are being trained. Economic crisis forces ... that title will not be sanctioned by an improved salary scale but AFISO continue his political work to achieve it. This certification is the result of work of more than ten years of AFISO and VVOV (Flemish association) and is a guarantor of improving the professionalism and quality of nursing care in the perioperative environment.

The Netherlands – Dutch Operatie Assistant rewarded by a bachelor level

The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands commissioned the development of the Dutch Qualifications Framework (NLQF) which was constructed in close cooperation with experts and stakeholders in the field of education and training. The National Coordination Point NLQF (NCP) is an independent body which is responsible for the development and implementation of the NLQF.

The Dutch Qualifications Framework (NLQF) is a new way of describing Dutch qualification levels. It is a systematic organisation of all existing qualification levels in The Netherlands, from Level 1 basic education to the Master's degree at level 7 and a Doctorate's degree at level 8. Qualifications are classified in NLQF levels and are given a level indication. The framework consists of an Entry Level followed by 8 levels, Level 1 being the least complex and Level 8 the most complex.

The NLQF aims to facilitate students and labour market mobility by providing an insight into the levels of all qualifications recorded by the National Coordination Point NLQF in the NCP register. The NLQF provides transparency in that it facilitates a comparison of qualification levels nationally and internationally, thus, labour market mobility.

The NCP records Government-regulated qualifications (The qualifications of the Ministries of Education Culture and Sciences; and Economic Affairs; Food and Natural and Living Environment) in the National Coordination Point (NCP) Register of qualifications. All other qualifications are first assessed and level-determined by the NCP and then recorded in the Register.

The Dutch Qualifications Framework offers providers of qualifications which are not regulated by the Government the possibility of having such training programs and qualifications classified at a level of the NLQF. Procedures and criteria for this process are in place.

The NLQF is referenced to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF). EQF aims to enable qualifications from different countries within Europe to be compared by means of a single reference framework to which they are all referenced. Thus, EQF will contribute to greater transparency in the education systems of EU countries, thereby increasing the international mobility of individuals. Currently 36 European countries are contributing to the implementation of the EQF by linking their own national qualifications frameworks to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF).

In December we got the results for the Dutch Operatie assistant and we are in level 6 that means Bachelor. The Dutch LVO is very exciting about this.

Charmaine Betzema
We invite you to register online for joining us at the 7th European Operating Room Nurses Congress to be held in the beautiful eternal city of Rome, Italy, from May 7 to May 10, 2015. For more information, please go to: http://www.eorna.eu/EORNACongress-2015-Online-registration-opens_a470.html
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**About a hundred years ago...in Paris (left) and in Dublin**
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