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## Editorial



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.

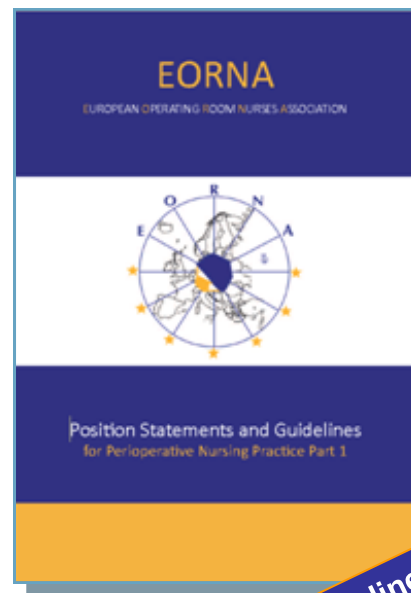
Thank you all for taking the time and choosing to join in this event. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next few days. Feel free to stop me and say hello, it is you that can make a difference, and I want to meet you!

Caroline Higgins

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New for **EORNA**  
congress 2015 !



**Position Statements and Guidelines  
for perioperative Nursing Part 1**





## “One Together” Award



The **One Together Award** will be launched during the congress at the **3M** booth.

EORNA supporting the one together program



**OneTogether: The Power of Small Actions**, is a multi-year program with the goal of driving individual small actions to collectively generate a significant impact on the incidence of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs). The goal is to engage a broad spectrum of partners and individuals who care passionately about this issue and have a willingness to approach this problem in a new way. It is designed to create an open dialogue on HAI prevention that elevates the infection prevention and control conversation across all areas of a hospital, no matter their specialties or disciplines.

**How Do You Get Involved?** To join or learn more about the OneTogether movement, please visit [www.joinonetogether.org](http://www.joinonetogether.org)

Or just click on the **OneTogether** icon on EORNA website [www.eorna.eu](http://www.eorna.eu)

## EORNA / ArcSafe™ Award for Safety

During the EORNA Rome congress there will be a poster competition, sponsored by ARC SAFE and the winner get besides an award also a free congress access. EORNA invites all perioperative nurse/practitioners to design a poster that clearly **demonstrates** and **promotes**

**“Safe Practice in Sharp Management in the Operating Room”**

You can find the AWARD rules on the EORNA congress site [www.eorna.eu](http://www.eorna.eu)



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- a specialised range of sharp-safety products, compliant with the Directive requirements for correct usage, disposal and neutral zone protection,
- a training programme worth 1.12 EORNA-ACE credits, and clinical specialists available to support you and your colleagues in your working environment.



## EORNA ACE - EORNA Accreditation Council for Education



The aim of the EORNA ACE is the harmonization and improvement of the quality of nursing surgical care in Europe. In the field of continuing education and professional development, the EORNA ACE will serve this aim by improving quality of and accessibility to continuing nursing education and professional development for the nursing and healthcare professionals in Europe. The practical instrument to improve the quality of continuing education and professional development in Europe will be the facilitation of transfer of credits obtained by individual professionals in educational activities that meet common quality requirements:

- between European countries
- between different professionals
- in case of migration of a nursing and healthcare professional within Europe between the European credit system and comparable systems outside Europe.

More information  
about **EORNA ACE**  
on [www.eorna.eu](http://www.eorna.eu)



Do you know an outstanding Operating Room nurse? If they mean the world to you, they mean the world to us.

Dear Colleagues,

At our association we are very pleased to announce EORNA's partnership with Ansell to promote the 2015 Ansell Cares H.E.R.O. Nurse Service Award for European O.R. Nurses. The 2015 EMEA edition of the Ansell H.E.R.O. Nurse Service Award is dedicated exclusively to recognising outstanding European Perioperative nurses.

We invite fellow nurses, doctors, surgeons, hospital administrators, staff and patients to:

**Nominate a Perioperative Nurse today: it's easy!**

<http://www.ansellcareshero.com>

Nominations must be for a peri-operative nurse in current practice and who displays exceptional skill and quality in patient care. The nurse should also present an in-depth commitment to staff education and development. All nominations will be approved by Ansell and EORNA.

To view the nominees and vote, go to the award website: <http://www.ansellcareshero.com>.

The five nominated perioperative nurses with the most online votes will be officially recognised by Ansell and EORNA. Ansell will also make a generous donation in their name to the organisation of their choice amongst this list of surgery-related charities: [Médecins Sans Frontières](#) (Doctors Without Borders), [Lifebox](#), [European Heart for Children](#), [Chain of Hope](#), [Operation Smile](#), or [FoAN- Friends of African Nursing](#).

At the [EORNA congress](#) in Rome this year, the award will be explained and you will be able to quickly and easily nominate fellow perioperative nurses at the Ansell booth.

We would like to highlight-- to healthcare workers, patients and the public-- the key role perioperative nurses play in delivering positive healthcare outcomes. Winning will also result in positive media attention for the successful candidates, your department and your hospital. Most of all, we would like perioperative nurses to feel recognised and valued as a profession!

Together we can show the world how we see nurses: as heroes!

Sincerely yours,

Like, follow and share news of the award here:

Ansell Cares [Facebook page](#)

[EORNA Facebook page](#)

Twitter account: [@AnsellCares](#)



EORNA President Caroline Higgins, and EORNA Representatives Sandra Morton and Liz Waters met Brian Hayes politician and Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and Current affairs Correspondent Miriam O'Callaghan at a celebration of "Women in healthcare" Forum Dublin-ACELITY at the Royal college of surgeons Dublin, Ireland. They promoted EORNA.





## EORNA CONGRESS OVER THE YEARS

The article "EORNA history" by past president Margaret Brett, the EORNA congress guideline and my memory are the inspiring to the content of this small article

From 1980 there was a small, but very pertinacious group of OR nurses in Europe. They were working hard to make a European association of operating room nurses. From 1982 was the first seedling of a European conference as speakers from Denmark, Norway, Holland and Germany presented papers at a European day, which preceded the main National Conference in the UK. The event proved a great success. This continued the following years.

In April 1992 in Copenhagen the more formal European Operating Room Nurses Association (EORNA) was born and in 1997 the first EORNAC conference took place

EORNA has now 28 member associations from 27 different countries.

An EORNA member country can apply for hosting a congress. The EORNA board will choose between the nominated.

Before each congress EORNA board will set up an organizing committee and a scientific committee. These committees are working closely together with the host association and the local PCO on behalf of all the EORNA member associations to organize the EORNA congress according to the congress structure and guidelines

Members of the Organizing Committee (OC) are proposed by the host country and approved by the EORNA Board of Directors. The Scientific Committee (SC) members are chosen from the EORNA Board of Directors.

The EORNA congress is a very important event for the OR nurses. The congress is the opportunity to gain new knowledge to get inspired and to create networks

The official language of the congress is English. EORNAC Congress is non-profit organization, which arranges congresses on behalf of EORNA.

### EORNA congress facts over the years

The first European Congress for Operating Room Nurses was held on 17th, 18th and 19th of April 1997 in the Congress Centre of Brussels, Belgium. Approximately 1500 delegates and 40 companies attended.

The second European Congress for Operating Room Nurses was held on 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th of May 2000 in Grieghallen Congress and Concert Hall of Bergen, Norway. More than 1100 delegates attended. The congress theme was "OPERATING ROOM NURSING INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM".

The third European Congress for Operating Room Nurses was held on April 10-13, 2003 on the island of Crete, Greece. The congress had 1800 participants and 19 companies. The congress theme was 'FROM MYTH TO EVIDENCE'.

The fourth European Congress for Operating Room Nurses was held on May 25th – 28th 2006 in RDS in Dublin, Ireland. The congress had 2491 delegates from 46 countries and 75 companies/associations. The congress theme was "ON THE SHORES OF EXCELLENCE"

The fifth European Congress for Operating Room Nurses was held on April 17th – 19th 2009 at Bella Centre in Copenhagen, Denmark. The congress had 1887 delegates from 36 countries and 45 companies/associations. The congress theme was "PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – BRIDGING PERIOPERATIVE CARE"

The sixth European Congress for Operating Room Nurses was held on April 27th – 29th 2012 at Centro de Congressos, Lisboa, Portugal. The congress had 1393 delegates from 44 countries and 56 companies/associations. The congress theme was "SAILING TO THE FUTURE"

The seventh European Congress for Operating Room Nurses to be held in the beautiful eternal city of Rome, Italy, from May 7 to May 10, 2015. The theme for this Congress is "THE ART OF PERIOPERATIVE CARE ETERNALLY EVOLVING". And we are all looking forward to this event.

Anette Pedersen  
President FS SASMO,  
EORNA representative from Denmark  
Member of the OC





## LETTER FROM AFPP



AfPP UK in its 51st year of existence continues to provide support and education to nurses and operating department practitioners (ODPs).

Our Journal of Perioperative Practice (JPP) is highly regarded and popular with our members and we are always looking for interesting articles to add to our extensive range of publications. If you are interested in being published then please submit your articles to our Editor Chris Wiles [chris.wiles@afpp.org.uk](mailto:chris.wiles@afpp.org.uk)

### Annual Residential Event:

We would love to see you at our annual national event, the AfPP Residential, which offers opportunities for education and networking. The event is scheduled from:

Thursday 30 July - Sunday 2 August 2015 at the University of York

We are offering a number of ALL INCLUSIVE packages for you to choose from depending on how many nights you wish to attend. There are two full days of education on the Friday and Saturday with different lecture streams available to choose from:

[www.afpp.org.uk/events/residential](http://www.afpp.org.uk/events/residential)

The programme includes topics around:

- Accountability & Liability
- Advancing Surgical Roles
- Human Factors
- A Patient Story
- Communication
- Day Surgery
- Leadership
- Never Events

Teamwork Speakers include

- Rob Archer - C.Psychol, Occupational Psychologist, LPP Consulting,
- Bryn Baxendale - Consultant Anaesthetist,

- Nottingham NHS Trust, President, Association for Simulated Practice in Healthcare,
- Mona Guckian Fisher—Clinical Director, GFL Consulting, AfPP President,
- Susan Hall - AfPP ASR SIG,
- Steve Houghton-Burnett - Independent Consultant,
- Adrian Jones - AfPP Vice - President,
- Debbi Scotting - Clinical Reviewer,
- Patient Safety Intelligence, NHS England,
- Nick Steel BSc FRCS (Orth), Honorary Consultant Spinal Surgeon, Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital,
- Dee Taylor - Senior ODP, Royal Wolverhampton Trust,
- Kat Topley, Dr Jennie Wilson - Reader, Healthcare
- Richard Wells Research Centre, University of West London, Editor Journal of Infection Prevention.

### EORNA Autumn Meeting:

AfPP are delighted to be able to host the EORNA autumn meeting in Glasgow this year. With three international airports and direct flights to more than 150 destinations, we are confident that your journey will be smooth and your stay in the UK will meet and exceed your expectations.

Rest assured that we will do everything in our power to facilitate this for our EORNA colleagues.

Standards & Recommendations for Safe Perioperative Practice 2015 (4th edition) is almost ready to launch after robust review, and will be available at the Residential event.

Mona Guckian Fisher: President AfPP



## NEWS FROM GREECE



GORNA at 2014 organized a number of educational activities. As always National congress was the main event in perioperative nursing world in Greece. 25<sup>th</sup> national congress was held in beautiful town of Kastoria, a small city at the North Greece. More than 450 delegates participate in this full educational 4 days program, and had the opportunity to received 18 degrees from EORNA ACE.

GORNA also organized three daily educational courses. Two in Athens, first one at the May of 2014 was international under the title 'Instrument care and maintenance for CSSD and OR staff' with speakers from Greece and Germany, and an other one at March dedicated to central sterilization. Third became in a small city of Greece, Tripoli, and gave the chance to the perioperative colleagues from the province to participate. All of them accreditation from EORNA ACE.

In 2014 GORNA gave the chance to all the member of perioperative environment to design and participate in a new education course which establish from Greece association. These 10 hours postgraduate educational programs which held in two big cities at the same time, include issues suggested by our members after a voting procedure in association web page. This effort will be continued in 2015.

Should be emphasized that the total of our scientific activities in 2014 accredited with 56 points EORNA ACE.

Finally GORNA established the unique in Greece scientific journal 'perioperative nursing' which could you read it in English at the web page [www.spnj.gr](http://www.spnj.gr). We must refer that the journal is indexed in EBSCO, CINAHL, and Google Scholar. And like every year, we celebrate the EPND in a beautiful restaurant at the heart of Athens with our members and friends from perioperative community.

Dimitri Poulis



## NEWS FROM CZECH REPUBLIC, CZORNA



We have prepared the XVIII<sup>th</sup>.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

Anotation:

It is a publications for nurses who are engaged in operating rooms to focus on work in the operating room environment . The individual chapters are analyzing hygiene, organization of work in the operating theater, role of perioperative nurses and the surgical team. Below are the main instruments and medical devices, pharmaceuticals and medical gases used in the operating department. The following chapters describe 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. There is also a chapter on the ethics of perioperative care.

Jana Wichsová





## 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.

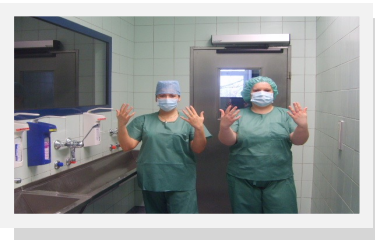


In Hungary there is a National Register of Vocational Qualifications (NRVQ/OKJ), which seems to be an important tool aiding transparency.

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.

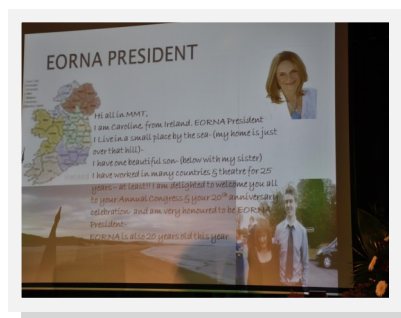
The curricula of the programmes are developed by higher education institutions in accordance with the 'central programme' (curriculum) of the particular OKJ qualification, both issued by the minister for the relevant sector.

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 knowledges 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 certificat 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 necessary.

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.

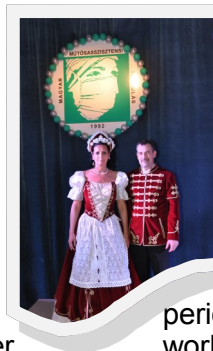
Our activity is focused on: organisation of congresses and professional forums, ongoing professional consulting, participation in training and further training, participation in professional examinations, competitions, applications, research.

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 colleagues, 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 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 is conscious of this difficult and dubious moments we all go through, on either a professional or personal level, engaged and focused to promote and to spread of quality of Perioperative care.

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





## 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 organization. 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 organization. This has turned out 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 October. 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 bacterias, 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.

Kristin Thorarinsdottir



Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation  
Working Together

## 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



## NEWS FROM ESTONIA



Estonian Operating Room Nurses Association (EstORNA) XX<sup>th</sup> 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



FORNA participates actively in different projects developing perioperative nursing and organizes professional training courses mainly once a year.

Today the association has about 1800 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 Jyväskylä, in the Central Finland. The topics covered f.ex. surgical infections, single-use surgical clothing, patient safety, ergonomic, hernia and cancer surgery. There were also a large exhibition of the companies.

The association publishes Pinsetti journal four times a year.

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 has regenerated the cooperation with associations of anaesthesia nurses during the year 2014. The president of FORNA participated in the 50 years jubilee of SEORNA in November 2014.

Finnish web pages [www.forna.fi](http://www.forna.fi)

Jaana Perttunen  
Merja Fordell



## 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 were 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and organized our 50<sup>th</sup> autumn national congress in November, which was named the Jubilee Congress. We had invited the EORNA President, Caroline Higgins, to be the key note 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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



Autumn 2013 meeting of EORNA was held in Turkey concurrently with 8 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 excitements 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 Lizbon Portugal. In Lizbon 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.

Meryem Yavuz



## 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

**SHARPS SAFETY  
BEGINS  
WITH YOU**

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

*Read more on EORNA website*

<http://www.eorna.eu/European-PeriOperative-Nursing-Day-2015>







## 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





## NEWS FROM DENMARK



2015 is the years where we, in Denmark, will celebrate 40 years a special nursing association. It will take place at our national conference in the autumn and the president of the Danish Council of Nurses, DSR, will make the opening speech at the conference. This year Congress headline will be "The teamwork of the OR patient with the OR nurse"

In the Danish Organization of OR nurses we have been working with our structure and strategy for the next period. We wanted to see if there are things and ways we will do different in the future.

It is a challenge in Denmark to reach the young nurses and make sign up for unions and the academically associations. That is one of the reasons we have developed an application, APP, for I-phones and android phones. The App went live in 2014 and it gives short information about FS SASMO and the association activities. It has been a big success, it is free to download for everybody, you don't have to be member of FS SASMO.

In Denmark we have only 6 centers that work with Robot surgery. We have started an experience's group, where they can meet and discuss there experience and challenge each other.

Several hospitals have worked with competence cards. We have arranged that a group with members from different Hospitals from most regions in Denmark. They have collected already existing competence cards. The group is now working to making national competence cards to use for all Hospitals and regions.

When the EPND takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> of February, it is the season of winter holiday in Denmark. That is why we have the EPND day on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June this year.

This is a few highlights from Denmark in 2015.

Britta Nielsen  
Vice-president FS SASMO



The Nordic association for the Operation Room Nurses in Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland and Denmark, founded in 1993.






It's an organization that aims to taking care of the operating room nurses interest within perioperative nursing.

The association wants to promote and share operating room nurses professional skills between the Nordic countries, so their professionalism skills is based on scientific knowledge, skills and tested practice.

**NEXT NORNA CONGRESS:** Denmark is hosting the 4th NORNA congress 27-28. October 2016 in Copenhagen. The Aim of the congress is to share initiatives in perioperative nursing between the Nordic countries. The Scientific programme will focus on perioperative education and new ideas in perioperative practice regarding to the surgical patient. For further information please look at our congress website [www.norna2016.dk](http://www.norna2016.dk) or follow us at facebook/ norna2016.



## AGENDA

	<b>BELGIUM</b> Symposium 2015 April 23—24 2015 <a href="http://www.operatieverpleegkundige.be/agenda.htm">http://www.operatieverpleegkundige.be/agenda.htm</a>
	<b>CANADA</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> ORNAC National Conference, Alberta May 3–7, 2015 <a href="http://www.ornac.ca/conference">http://www.ornac.ca/conference</a>
	<b>FRANCE</b> 32 <sup>nd</sup> congress of UNAIBODE May 20 – 22, 2015 <a href="http://unaibode.fr">unaibode.fr</a>
	<b>SPAIN</b> XI Congreso Nacional de Enfermería Quirúrgica October 28—30 2015 <a href="http://www.aeeq.net/">http://www.aeeq.net/</a>
	<b>SWEDEN</b> SEORNA Congress November 26—27 2015 <a href="http://www.rfop.se">www.rfop.se</a>
	<b>COPENHAGEN</b> NORNA 4 <sup>th</sup> Congress October 27—28 2016

*About a hundred years ago...in Paris (left) and in Dublin*



*Pudding Ceremony, 1920's*  
 Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital



International Federation of Perioperative Nurses

## INCOMING IFPN PRESIDENT IS ANNOUNCED

Dear International Colleagues,

As President and President Elect of IFPN it is our pleasure to be able to send our sincere greetings and appreciation for the collaboration that has progressed through the past years enable us to be part of EORNA conference 2015.

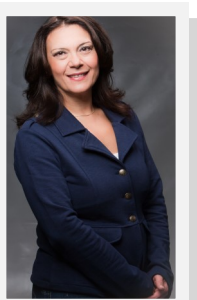
The International Federation of Perioperative Nurses (IFPN) as we all know is a global organization dedicated to actively promoting perioperative nursing. This vision is what secures the future success of IFPN as a worldwide network, as without IFPN we cannot ensure we are working towards globally improving perioperative patient care. IFPN must focus on this vision by collaborating with our member associations ensuring a culture of transparency and trust. Over the past years we have strengthened our networking both in developing our organization and in the contribution and exchange of knowledge at an international level. This knowledge is based on our core business to "promote safe surgery and evidence based best practice standards, through research and education in partnership with member organizations and other relevant collaborators."

We wish you all a great EORNA 2015 Conference in beautiful Rome, Italy!!

Sincerely,

Irini Antoniadou  
IFPN President 2012-2015

Ruth Melville  
IFPN President Elect 2014



Irini Antoniadou



Ruth Melville



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