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WHO CC Regional Update

Dear Colleagues,

As this year comes to an end and reflecting back on our achievements, we realise what a great year 2015 has been. The WHO CC UTS continues to work to contribute to the voice of nurses and midwives throughout the Pacific Region and globally through the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery. Further highlights are listed below and as usual, you will also find links to a number of informative resources.

Please see below link to the public consultation towards the Development of WHO Strategic Directions for Nursing and Midwifery 2016-2020. This is a very important consultation and it will be available from 14-30 November 2015. We encourage you to provide feedback via the online consultation [here](#).

We welcome your feedback or comments regarding this newsletter or the work of the WHO CC UTS. Please contact us at whocc@uts.edu.au, or follow us on Twitter by adding the Twitter names [@whoccmichele](#) and [@gnwhocc](#) to your contacts.

WHO CC Work in PNG - Maternal and Child Health Initiative Phase II

Location: Papua New Guinea

The Maternal and Child Health Initiative (MCHI) Phase II held its second workshop for 2015 from 2 - 4 September at the Jais Aben Resort near Madang. This Midwifery Leadership and Management Workshop was planned and organised by the midwifery course coordinators from the five PNG midwifery schools - Mrs Paula Puawe - University of Goroka (UOG), Mrs Elizabeth Natura - Lutheran School of Nursing, Madang (LSON), Ms Lilian Temo - University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG), Anne-Rose So-Onguku - Pacific Adventist University (PAU) and Ms Francesca Bevi, St Mary's School of Nursing (SMSON), and with assistance from Ms Mary Kililo from the National Department of Health (NDOH).

The UTS WHO Collaborating Centre (Ms Alison Moores, Prof. Caroline Homer, Ms Amanda Neill, Prof. Pat Brodie) also provided support during the workshop planning and delivery. The twenty two participants included PNG midwifery educators, clinicians, and some clinical midwifery facilitators and post-workshop evaluation showed the workshop was rated very positively by participants who hope they will continue in the future.

A one day additional Research Workshop was also held at Jais

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New Resources

Policy Brief on NHTWA [Click here](#).

68th World Health Assembly Concludes With Actions On Range of Issues. Access the Article [here](#).

The Role of World Health Organization Collaborating Centers: Perspectives of Future Global Nurse Leaders. Access the Article [here](#).

Building Nursing Leadership Capacity: An Australian Snapshot. Access the Article [here](#).

51st Annual Symposium of the PNG Medical Society Press Release: Advancing Women's Health Through Innovation. Access the Article [here](#).

The World Bank Group A to Z 2016 Report can be accessed [here](#).

Global Health Office News: October Update, [click here](#).

Aben, focussing on the MCHI Phase II Longitudinal Study of Midwifery Graduates, data collected and ongoing data analysis with most Research Team members attending. WHO CC UTS continues to work with our colleagues in PNG on the final analysis for the Longitudinal Study of midwives who have graduated since Phase I of the MCHI. Together we plan to produce a number of papers on this important research that is likely to have relevance in other countries.

The last workshop for Phase II of the Initiative will be the Stakeholder Forum on 25th November 2015. This forum will follow the two day Midwifery Symposium being run by the PNG Midwifery Association at the Holiday Inn in Port Moresby.



MCHI Phase II Workshop: 2-4 September 2015, Jais Aben Resort

6th Annual Conference of the International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management

Location: New Delhi, India

Date: October 28-30, 2015

Dr Angela Dawson was invited to present the findings of the Interagency Working Group (IAWG) on reproductive health in humanitarian settings global evaluation on an expert panel at the 6th Conference of the International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management in Delhi in October. Angela played a key role in the one of the seven studies undertaken as part of this research designed to identify existing RH services, quantify progress, document gaps and determine direction for future programs, advocacy and funding. IAWG is a broad-based, highly collaborative coalition committed to expanding and strengthening access to quality reproductive health (RH) services for persons affected by conflict and natural disaster.

The evaluation identified current trends and gaps of RH in crises, and lays out recommendations for various actors like the International and National Governments, Humanitarian agencies, NGOs and other Civil Society organizations for mainstreaming SRH in emergency management plans.

The panel session "Building Resilience by Addressing Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs" was chaired by Anjali Sen, the Regional Director of International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), a global service provider and a leading advocate of sexual and reproductive health and rights. Other panellists in the session were Nimisha Goswami (project specialist humanitarian response in public health SPRINT initiative, a program funded by DFAT), Aditi Ghosh (Emergency Response Manager

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WHO Bulletin (news) - Don't Wait for Paris Summit to Improve Health. [Click here](#).

How One of the Most Obese Countries on Earth Took on the Soda Giants? This is a story of how Mexico defied its own powerful fizzy drinks industry to impose a tax on soda. Find out [here](#).

WHO Bulletin (Editorial) - Gender, Health and the Sustainable Development Goals. [Click here](#).

Health Research Policy & Systems - National Health Research Systems in the WHO African Region: Current Status and the Way Forward. [Click here](#).

UHC Day - Starter Toolkit. [Click here](#).

Guardian - Pacific Islands Make Last-Ditch Plea to World Before Paris Climate Change Talks. [Click here](#).

JLN - UHC Primary Health Care Self-Assessment Tool. [Click here](#).

WHO Financing dialogue in Geneva (5-6 November 2015). Please [Click here](#).

for SPRINT Initiative) and Priya Marwah (Humanitarian Response Coordinator UNFPA).



First PNG Nursing Council Annual Report



Location: Papua New Guinea

PNG Nursing Council, Dr Nina Joseph with Michele Rumsey from WHO CC UTS, presenting the first Nursing Council Annual Report to the PNG Secretary of Health - Pascoe Kase. The annual report has the most updated information on registered nurses and midwives in Papua New Guinea. Work continues to cleanse old data and set up streamlined processes for future work.

Monitoring and Evaluation of Reproductive Health Training Unit

Location: Papua New Guinea

WHO CC UTS continued interviewing participants and other stakeholders of the Reproductive Health Training Unit (RHTU) in Papua New Guinea. The RHTU conducts training for health workers in Essential Obstetric Care and Emergency Obstetric Care. This year more than 100 stakeholders have been interviewed from across Papua New Guinea with positive outcomes. Conducted under a public private partnership between National Department of Health PNG, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia and Oil Search Foundation, RHTU has trained more than a thousand health care workers in the last two and half years.



International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) Inaugural

CFR (memo) - Prospects for Climate Success in Paris. [Click here.](#)

WHO Bulletin (Editorial) - Local Innovations and Country Ownership for Sustainable Development. [Click here.](#)

2015 Global Health Forum in Taiwan. [Click here.](#)

Devex - Ebola's Footprint on Health System Strengthening. [Click here.](#)

OECD - Health at a Glance 2015. [Click here.](#)

Lancet (Editorial) - Climate and Health: Preparing for Paris. [Click here.](#)

Lancet (World Report) - Global Financing Facility: where will the funds come from? [Click here.](#)

Stakeholder's Engagement Meeting 2015

Date: 10-11 September, 2015

Location: The Hague, Netherlands



Adjunct Professor Pat Brodie represented the WHO CC UTS at the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) Inaugural Stakeholder's Engagement Meeting 2015 at the Hague, Netherlands.

The objectives of the meeting were to bring together diverse stakeholders from the non-government organisation and private sector communities who share a goal to improve the health and wellbeing of women and babies and, to share ICM Strategic Directions 2014-2017 such as: Identify common goals and objectives; Explore with participating organizations how they might contribute to the achievement of ICM strategic objectives; Ascertain areas of mutual interest for collaboration and engagements; Begin discussion on the formation of new, strengthening of existing partnerships; Share ICM achievements to date and discuss work through the lens of the global RMNACH architecture and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Frances Day-Stirk, President of ICM opened the proceedings and Frances Ganges, CEO of ICM outlined the key achievements, in particular the forging of new partnerships, memorandum of understandings and specific project agreements; for example the development of a film on normal birth with Medical Aid films.

In these two days, it was clear that one of the key challenges was to get governments to take responsibility for maternal and newborn health in each country. Investment in midwifery was affirmed as essential as we move into SDGs 2030 and move away from Millennium Development Goals.

Human Resources for Health

Professor James Buchan was a keynote speaker at a session on health workforce sustainability, at the WHO European Region Regional Committee (RC) meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania, in September 2015. Professor Buchan co-authored a paper for WHO on progress on HRH in the Region.

Whilst in Lithuania he also visited Kaunas University as part of a team from WHO, to have discussions about collaboration with the WHO Regional Programme on Human Resources for Health (HRH) and the

European Network of WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing and Midwifery. The Nursing Department at the University has expressed interest in becoming a WHO Collaborating Centre.

Medical Symposium Papua New Guinea

Location: Papua New Guinea

WHO CC UTS attended this year's Medical Society of Papua New Guinea Medical Symposium in September, Port Moresby.

The theme was "Advancing Women's Health Through Innovation" and was the first time since 1991 women have been the focus of discussion. An extremely well attended event with



many presentations outlining achievements and challenges in advancing women's health, capacity building and training, rural health and sexual and reproductive health. A timely event with maternal mortality rate reported to be one of the worst in the world.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

3rd Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Conference

Dates: 12-13 March 2016

Location: London, UK

The Conference will provide an opportunity for nurses and midwives to showcase their contribution to improving the health and wellbeing of citizens of the Commonwealth. Further information about the conference is available from [here](#).

Women Deliver 4th Global Conference

Dates: 16-19 May, 2016

Location: Copenhagen,

The conference will be the largest gathering on girls' and women's health, rights, and wellbeing in more than a decade, and one of the first major global conferences following the launch of the SDGs. The focus of the conference will be on how to implement the SDGs so they matter most for girls and women, with a specific focus on health - in particular maternal, sexual, and reproductive health and rights - and on gender equality, education, environment, and economic empowerment.

Further information about the conference is available from [here](#).

Optimizing Healthcare Quality: Teamwork in Education, Research, and Practise

Dates: 22-24 June, 2016

Location: Chiang Mai, Thailand

The three-day international conference will focus on ways to improve teamwork within healthcare services. It will serve as an opportunity for healthcare practitioners to gather and share experiences, lessons learned, successes and challenges in order to create more efficient and coordinated interprofessional healthcare teams.

More information about this conferece, registration and key dates can be

found [here](#).

Global Health Economics Summit

Dates: 25-26 July, 2016

Location: Berlin, Germany

This conference play a leading role in optimizing scarce resources to improve health outcomes. It provides a foundation for the understanding of health economics as applied in the wider context of health services research. For more information about this conference, please click [here](#)

11th Biennial Conference of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery: 'Strategic Conversations: The Nursing and Midwifery Contribution towards Global Health 2030'

Dates: 27-29 July, 2016

Location: Glasgow, UK

This high level strategic conference will bring together global healthcare leaders and practitioners to debate future directions and challenges for Nursing & Midwifery as we move towards 2030. International leaders will present keynote papers and plenary discussions on the strategic directions for sustainable healthcare and health workforce development, highlighting the contribution of nurses and midwives.

For more information about this conference, please click [here](#).

18th South Pacific Nurses Forum and SPCNMOA Biennial Meeting

Dates: 10-14 October, 2016

Location: Honiara, Solomon Islands

This forum will provide an opportunity for discussion regarding evidence, experience and innovations in the nursing contribution to Universal Health Coverage. To find out more about the forum and its objectives, [click here](#). The Facebook page for the event can be [found here](#), and the [official website here](#).

The abstract submission for the event is now open until 8 February 2016.

[Click here](#).

[Click here for the flyer](#), which contains key dates for the forum.

The South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers' Alliance (SPCNMOA) will also be meeting during the forum, from 11-13 October 2016. The SPCNMOA now has a website at www.spcnmoa.com

Royal College of Nursing International Centenary Conference

Dates: 22-23 November, 2016

Location: London, UK

This conference will focus on the progress of nursing and how it has improved health outcomes for patients and families, where nursing is now and its future direction whilst celebrating the Royal College of Nursing's centenary. Further information about the Conference is available from [here](#).

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