Call for Abstracts

Nurses: A Voice to Lead -
Ensuring access to healthcare through leadership, innovation and collaborative practice

The International Council of Nurses is delighted to invite you to submit an abstract for the 2018 Regional Conference to be held at the **Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from 25-27 September 2018**, co-hosted by the Emirates Nursing Association (ENA), in collaboration with the SEHA International Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health conference**.**

This regional gathering of nurses will focus on "Ensuring access to healthcare through leadership, innovation and collaborative practice", a global topic of interest that calls for a strong answer in the GCC and Middle-East region. The Regional Conference will provide opportunities for dynamic exchange of experiences and expertise among nurses, and to build relationships and to disseminate nursing knowledge and leadership across specialities, cultures and countries.

Featured plenary and main session speakers will bring inspiration and the latest information on ICN's strategic direction, the Nursing Now campaign, regional challenges of non-communicable diseases and patient safety; innovative models of patient care; transition from acute to community care; global updates on infection control and prevention; mental health challenges in the region; migration and workforce development; evidence-based nursing practice; and artificial intelligence and healthcare informatics.

As well as concurrent sessions and posters on 15 different themes (see below), you will have the opportunity to attend workshops on nurse sensitive indicators, research and publication; wound care, continuous renal replacement therapy, and infection control & prevention.

Further information and regular updates on the Regional Conference programme will be posted on the ICN website at http://www.icn.ch/events/Regional-Conference-UAE-September-2018/

Abstract themes and sub themes

GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP	CLINICAL OUTCOME & IMPACT	COST EFFECTIVENESS	COMMUNITY HEALTH	MOTHER & CHILD HEALTH
• Policy development • Strategic planning • Collaborative care • Professional regulation • Public-Private partnerships	• Clinical management • Evidence-based practice • Quality indicators • Outcome / impact assessment • Magnet hospitals	• Costing of nursing services & care • Models of nursing delivery • Preparing nurses in financial management	• Regional experiences: sucess stories • Eldery health • Care of refugees & displaced persons • Adolescent health • Universal health coverage	• Breastfeeding & infant health • Issues related to mother & child health • Child nutrition • Immunisation & the role of nurses • Traditional practices in mother & child health

MIDWIFERY PRACTICE IN THE REGION	DISASTER & EMERGENCY NURSING CARE	CRITICAL CARE	INFECTION CONTROL & PREVENTION	MENTAL HEALTH
• Regional experiences in midwifery care & education • Models of midwifery care delivery • Regional challenges in midwifery practice • Effective family planning methods	• Disaster preparedness, migration & response • Disaster & emergency nurses education • Regional experiences in provision of ATLS/ ACLS/ BLS/ NALS/ PALS	• Advanced nursing practice • Collaborative practice (assessment/ provision of care) • End of life care • Respiratory care • Fluid balance • Human care & technology	• Evidences related to hand washing • Emerging infections and care management • Hospital acquired infectious diseases	• Depression: assessment & care • Medication compliance & awareness • Community mental health nursing • Mental health nursing worforce • Mental health humanitarian actions

EMERGING TRENDS IN EDUCATION	WORK LIFE BALANCE	CULTURAL DIVERSITY	PATIENT SAFETY	MERGING TRENDS IN HEALTH INFORMATICS & TECHNOLOGY
• Transformation of nursing/ midwifery education • Accreditation & quality education • Contemporary models in education • Inter professional education • Utilization of simulation in nursing / midwifery education • Closing the gap between nursing and education	• Staffing models, skill mix and support • Workforce planning • Caring for the carers • Migration & emigration • Ethical recruitment • Positive practice environments	• Development of cultural competence • Challenges & opportunities of diverse workforce • Models of care in a culturally diverse environment	• Enforcing a culture of safety • Assessment of patient safety • Prevention of adverse events • Experiences / case studies of safety issues	• Artificial intelligence: implication for nursing • Utilization of technology in nursing & midwifery management & practice • Telenursing: opportunities & challenges

Share your ideas and expertise! ICN's Congresses and Conferences are renowned as the largest international forums for nurses. The 2018 Regional Conference will focus on challenges that nurses are facing in the Middle East region.

To submit an abstract, click **here**!
The on-line submission system will be open from
10 April to 31 May 2018.

Abstracts selection criteria

Factors that will be considered during selection are:
- Interest to a regional nursing audience.
- Relevance to both the Conference theme and one abstract sub-theme.
- Scientific and/or professional merit.
- Contribution to knowledge, practice, policies or programmes of nursing and/or health.
- Clarity of abstract.

Key dates

10 April 2018	Online submission of abstracts opens
10 April 2018	Registration opens
31 May 2018	Online submission of abstracts closes (midnight CET)
05 June 2018	Reviewing process starts
24 June 2018	Reviewing process ends
28 June 2018	Early bird registration closes (all participants)
29 June 2018	Applicants notified of abstract acceptance
12 July 2018	Early bird registration closes (accepted abstract authors only)
24 September 2018	Pre-registration closes

Conference webpage: http://www.icn.ch/events/Regional-Conference-UAE-September-2018/

The **International Council of Nurses (ICN)** is a federation of over 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all and sound health policies globally.

If you have any questions about the Regional Conference, please contact the Conference Secretariat at: **abudhabisecretariat@icn.ch** or on: +49 30 24603313

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