INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES CONGRESS 2019
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
BEYOND HEALTHCARE TO HEALTH

The International Council of Nurses is delighted to invite you to submit an abstract for the ICN Congress 2019 to be held in Singapore from 27 June to 1 July 2019. Hosted by the Singapore Nurses Association, this international gathering of thousands of nurses will explore the many ways in which nurses work to achieve universal access to health, not only providing health care but also addressing the social determinants of health, such as education, gender equality, poverty, etc. The Congress will provide opportunities for nurses to build relationships and to disseminate nursing and health-related knowledge.

The Council of National Nursing Association Representatives, ICN’s global governing body, will convene from 25-27 June 2019. Congress participants who are members of ICN member associations will be able to observe global nursing leaders, identify the profession’s priorities and future directions.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE CONGRESS ARE:
1. To demonstrate and advance the nursing contribution to universal health coverage and health for all.
2. To support nursing’s contribution to people-centred healthcare and to encourage problem-solving approaches to health priority needs.
3. To provide opportunities for an in-depth exchange of experience and expertise within and beyond the international nursing community.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND EXPERTISE!

ICN’s Congresses and Conferences are renowned as the largest international forums for nurses. The 2017 ICN Congress in Barcelona, Spain brought together more than 8,000 nurse leaders from across the globe to explore the importance of cross-cultural understanding and global cooperation in nursing. The 2019 Congress aims at a similar number.

You are invited to submit an abstract for a concurrent session, a symposium or a poster. The on-line submission system will be open from 1 September to 31 October 2018.

Further information and regular updates on the Congress programme will be posted on the ICN website at www.icn.ch/events/ICN-Congress-Singapore-June-2019
### ABSTRACT THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

**PATIENT CARE & NURSING PRACTICE**
- Direct care
- Patient safety
- Health promotion & education
- Elderly/older people care
- Mental health
- Prevention & control of infectious diseases
- NCDs – prevention & management
- Disasters & conflicts – preparedness & response
- Multidisciplinary team working
- Rehabilitation

**NURSING EDUCATION & LEARNING**
- Advanced practice
- Public & community engagement
- Access & coverage
- Equality
- Ethics
- Human Rights
- Social determinants of health
- Pre & Post registration education
- Student + novice nurses
- Preceptorship
- Continuing professional development
  - Lifelong learning
  - Career development
  - Faculty
  - Innovative teaching methods
  - Team-based learning
  - Interprofessional education

**LEADERSHIP & HEALTH SYSTEMS**
- Clinical leadership
- Political leadership
- Policy leadership
- Quality improvement
- Models of care
- Role expansion & new roles
- Community/primary health care
- People-centred care

**NURSING WORKFORCE**
- Pay & conditions
- Working environment & workplace
- Safe staffing
- Recruitment & retention

**HEALTH & SAFETY**
- Violence & bullying
- Culture & diversity
- Image of nursing

**REGULATION**
- Entry to register
- Regulating advanced practice
- Standards & competencies
- Code of Ethics
- Requirements for continuing practice
- Regulatory models

**INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION**
- Electronic health records
- Telehealth/Telemedicine
- Clinical information systems
- Virtual healthcare
- Mobile health
- Clinical terminology
- Confidentiality, privacy & cybersecurity
- Digital health competencies
- Emerging technologies
- Data & information

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The deadline for the receipt of abstracts is midnight Central European Time (CET) 31 October 2018.

1. The abstract text must be no more than 2'500 characters (about 250 words including title and authors’ information) and should highlight the main points the presenter/s wish to communicate. Until the abstract fits these requirements, it will not be considered as final and will be saved as a draft.
3. Those whose abstracts are accepted must register for the Congress by midnight CET, 13 February 2019. Accepted abstracts will be eliminated from the programme on this date if registration and fee payment have not been received.
4. The abstract can be submitted in ONLY ONE of the following categories:
   - **Concurrent session**: A 10-minute presentation grouped by theme.
   - **Symposium**: A 60-minute session with a minimum of three speakers presenting on a single theme from different perspectives on a sub-theme. Speakers presenting a symposium must submit a single joint abstract.
   - **Poster**: A visual presentation of research with an academic or professional focus by an individual or representatives of research teams for display on a poster board.
5. Abstracts can be submitted in English, French or Spanish.
6. Only fully completed presenter profiles and abstract submissions (marked as final) will be reviewed.
7. Abstracts that have previously been published or presented will not be accepted.
8. A person who is not a member of an ICN member organisation may only submit an abstract as a joint author/presenter with a person who is a member of an ICN member organisation.
9. A maximum of six co-authors may submit a joint abstract.
10. Applicants will be notified by 10 January 2019 if their abstract has been accepted.
11. All decisions on abstract acceptance are final. Once the decision has been rendered on an abstract, no further correspondence will be undertaken on the selection process.
Factors that will be considered during selection are:
- Interest to an international audience.
- Relevance to both the Congress 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.

CONGRESS FEES
The early registration fee structure is available at:
www.icn.ch/events/ICN-Congress-Singapore-June-2019
The registration deadline for abstract presenters is 13 February 2019.

KEY DATES
1 September 2018: Online submission of abstracts opens
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31 October 2018: Online submission of abstracts closes [midnight CET]
10 January 2019: Applicants notified of abstract acceptance
13 February 2019: Deadline for registration of abstract presenters

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.

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