

# BULLETIN

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**In this issue** you find, again, information about the activities in our organisation and a selection of information which comes to us. Firstly you find information about our congress. This event is going to be very important as a lot of interest is being shown it, not just because of the programme but also as a first point of contact with key people and national representatives of your profession. We have a lot of active organisations involved already and the Bulletin will inform you about some of them. In each issue we will introduce you to more organisations. As in the first issue, we have added a hyperlink on the logo so that you can go directly to their website. Some may be difficult to understand due to the language, but it will give you an idea about what is going on. In this issue you find also information of congresses and the organising body.

Horatio's first board meeting took place in November and was given a very warm welcome by our Swedish psychiatric nursing organisation hosts. We did a lot of work and discovered that, although progress remains slow, generally huge steps are being taken. The targets of next year will be; our congress, increasing number of allied organisations, further development of the expert panel and support the initiatives towards the Horatio festival in 2008 in Malta.

This issue will not be distributed in a printed form because of the simple reason that our postal budget has been used for distributing the congress flyers. The benefit of this digital form is that you can use the internet and navigate to a huge number of internet sites. Although we have no printed copies of this issue, we do, of course, encourage you to print this out and put it on your desk, shelf, counter, library or where ever you feel it's needed and read. For practical reasons we give this an uneven number of pages. In this year we also want to lay the foundation towards a magazine. You can read more about this on page 2.

*\*\*\*\*\* We wish you all a very happy winter holiday season, a very inspiring and happy 2007 an hope to meet you all soon in Arnhem\*\*\*\*\**



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## **Congress preparations going ahead at full speed**

Currently a lot of activities are going on towards the preparations for the first Horatio congress. There is a lot of interest from International organisations, some from outside Europe (such as Canada) to give the meeting an extra impulse and we are aiming to make this event even more attractive than the first program would indicate. One of the activities is for the early birds who arrive on Wednesday. The programme of the afternoon the 21st provides opportunities to visit some of the hospitals in the region, such as the Long-term Critical Care Unit and Admission ward in Nijmegen, the Addiction Institute with a clinical unit and the Community Care facility in Arnhem. Pictured below is the Haarhuis congress facility, very close to the railway station, as well as pictures of this very vibrant, beautiful and pleasant region. You will also be able to see pictures of the city in the congress brochure and for the latest information you, visit our website, [www.horatio-web.eu](http://www.horatio-web.eu)

**Dates; Thursday 22 March, Friday 23 March**



## Campaigning for a Horatio Bulletin

For Horatio to be an effective organisation money is an important factor and we seek support of associated members. Finance not the easiest subject, especially not for us kind of professionals, to raise, but we would like you to read this part anyway. Horatio's principal income is from the contributions of the full members, which are the national organisation for psychiatric nurses. Even knowing that we have 7 to 8 members, the budget will allow us only to cover organisational costs.



But we have more on our wish list. We want to be able to finance putting the website in the professional hands of an organisation which is also able to take over the necessary secretarial and office work. Secondly, we want to create a budget to hire a professional organisation which would help us to seek funding for the non-profit sector. This will enable us to support the less fortunate organisations and enable them to be involved internationally. Thirdly, we want to be able to publish a printed version of this bulletin.

All in all we seek a budget of 10,000 euros. This seems a large sum, but if our calculations are right and that we find 75 institutions around Europe and beyond (such as colleges, libraries, universities, hospitals, institutes, nursing organisations and so on) to become associate members with an annual contribution of 150 euros, this would be a great help to our growth. Therefore, if 5 to 10 institutions in each country support us, this could be a great help. We will start this campaign on the beginning of 2007, so keep your eye on your mailbox. If you have interest to support us, contact us at any time.

## Members

The main members will be the national organisations for psychiatric nursing. This can be separate organisations or sections within more general national nursing organisations. In the association it is important that we cover all European countries and regions and have the one nation - one vote system. This is to avoid too much influence from one area. For the year 2007 the following nations have Membership status. **Finland – Sweden – Netherlands – Ireland – Norway - Czech-Republic - Croatia - Cyprus - Malta**

### **Associated members; 'FRIENDS OF HORATIO'.**



They support the organization with an annual donation and receive special benefits such as hard copies of the bulletin, get the first information by developments and have the opportunity to make them self known in the bulletin or ask attention for projects such as congresses. The mentioned fees are based on minimal amount and can be increased to any choice.

## **Congress**



ACENDIO  
The Association  
for Common  
European Nursing  
Diagnoses,  
Interventions and  
Outcomes  
19 - 21 April 2007  
Congress Centre  
"Meervaart"  
Amsterdam  
The Netherlands

### **Study of Specialist Nurses in Europe 2000.**



Sometimes old news can be relevant to a present process and you can find information on a recent study on the internet. This report is roughly 800 pages long and you can go directly to it by clicking on the EU logo at the right.

The first part of the report introduces the nursing professions across Europe and makes general observations about the structure and characteristics of the profession and the types of nurses within it. There follows a description of how the EC mobility rules apply in principle to the main types of nurses outlined. This is followed by nine general mobility flow charts which illustrate the parts of EC law which apply to particular situations. There then follows a summary of the position in each Member State. This explains the types of nurse that are trained both at the branch level and the post-basic specialised level, the main rules for the take-up and the pursuit of nursing courses and the modes of pursuit of the profession in that country. This is followed by an analysis of the level of training in terms of both domestic and EC law. Finally there are charts which illustrate for each Member State the basic categories of nurses and their specialities as well as the level of training required under domestic and EC law. The next part of the report comprises the bulk of the report. Each country has a chapter which details the types of nurses that are currently being trained. The next fifteen chapters are collectively 615 pages long. They explain for each country:

- the basic characteristics of the nursing profession
- which titles are protected and how they are protected
- the fields of activity of the various types of nurses if all of these fields are protected and how
- the rules dealing with the practice of nursing
- the rules for taking up nursing
- the type of institution for the training of nurses
- the educational level of those institutions
- Charts detailing the training requirements for the specialist areas.

The full report is available at [http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/qualifications/nurses/nurses-study-2000\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/nurses/nurses-study-2000_en.htm)

**Hamlet**, "Horatio, you're as steady a man as I've ever talked to", "...-you have been the sort of man who has accustomed himself to suffering, having suffered to much; a man who tolerates both good luck and bad: and blessed are they whose temper and self-control are so well balanced that they aren't at Fortune's mercy, doing her bidding. Give me the man who isn't a slave of his emotions, and I'll take him in to my heart, the very centre of it, as I do you..."  
*Shakespeare, Hamlet. Act 3, Scene 2. Published by Barron's, USA, translator Alan Durband, modern English version*

## Short items.

French speaking nursing organisation	Hyperlinks	Horatio E-mail
<p>see at:</p>  <p><a href="http://www.institutdesinfirmieres.com">www.institutdesinfirmieres.com</a></p>	<p>Sometime we receive requests to add links to organisations on the Horatio website. We are reluctant to do this because we are not an information resource on the vast range of issues on nursing and mental health.</p>	<p>Initially, Beer Omen's personal email was used as the mailbox for Horatio. However, please use the email address below as this is the official address of the organisation  <a href="mailto:info@horatio-web.eu">info@horatio-web.eu</a></p>

### ESNO

We participate in the ESNO on a very active way by attending its meetings and by helping to make this organisation an effective and efficient one. The ESNO is currently occupied in establishing its internal structure and seeking to extend itself as much as nursing specialist organisations aim to do. At the same time the ESNO is involved in work in areas such as education standards at a speciality level and Horatio will provide our own experts from our expert panel to this process.



## Section Organisations

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#### Psychiatric nurses society PNS Croatia.

Our society is a branch of The Croatian Nurses Association (CNA) and was created in 1963. The CNA consists of 23 speciality societies and membership is voluntary. PNS has the special protocol for leadership.

The centre of the society transfers every four years in a regular order to various State Psychiatric institutions in Zagreb, the capital. For the next four year period the chair is based at the psychiatric hospital in Vrapce, which has existed for 127 years.

In Croatia there are approximately 1500 psychiatric nurses in employment. Nearly 20% of them are the members of the CNA and automatically of the PNS. Our goal is to increase our society's membership to 100% of employed nurses in psychiatry. In 2007 The 13th Annual Meeting of PNS will be from 7th to 9th of June and our board is planning to invite the representative of HORATIO to give a presentation on the public mental health organizations in various European states, middle or north. The web site language of the CNA and PNS is Croat. Visitor can see some interesting pictures and reports.

#### PNA activity plan for 2006 to 2010

- Annual meeting in June. The theme for 2007 is 'The role of the nurse against stigma'.
- Public marking of World Mental Health Day every year.
- International collaboration with associations of neighbouring and interested states
- Handling the register of membership
- Cooperation with educational institutions and associations
- Registering the activities of members in educational programmes
- Projecting collaboration with associations of patient and their family associations
- Collaboration with the Croatian Nurses' Chamber
- The goal of our activities is to increase PNS membership to 100% of employed psychiatric nurses

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### NETHERLANDS



In the Netherlands there recently has been a change of structure in the organisation of the National Nursing Association. At the beginning of 2006 it was called the AVVV and was an alliance of nursing specialist organisation. It's now

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an association with sections of specialists and called the V&VN [www.venvn.nl](http://www.venvn.nl) . At the present time there are a lot of sections but those for mental health and psychiatry have joined forces and are working at a Chamber for Mental Health. This is not new because this alliance was formed some five years ago (see [www.fvggz.nl](http://www.fvggz.nl) ) and is in the stage of becoming more formalised. The aims of this group are

- To advocate for the interests of the psychiatric nursing associations at the level of nursing in mental health.
- Seek influence at national level on policy matters in mental health which are focussed on nursing.
- Cooperate with partners such as the national nursing association, Government, the Alliance of the Dutch mental health institutes, section research and development of the V&VN and other nursing specialist organisations. Due to recent developments, registration and continuing education and competence can be maintained through attendance at activities such as meetings and congresses. The first national congress of mental health nursing will be held in September 2007.

It was decided several years ago that working together with partners beyond our national borders is of great relevance to us. The process of making policy at a national level requires being informed about international developments and activities, especially in a European context. For this reason the V&VN has chosen to play an active role in the development of Horatio.

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**Czech National Nurses Association** The CNNA is the only nursing organisation in Czech Republic and currently has approximately 25,000 members. It is a member of ICN and PCN and was established in 2000.

The CNNA has 66 sections, recognising either specialization or region. One of them is the Section of Psychiatry which was established in 2002 and presently has about 500 members.

We want and need to optimize the system of pre and postgraduate education and training for psychiatric nurses and raise the profile and voice of psychiatric nursing in comparison to other nursing specialities.

The voice of psychiatric nurses and their professional self-confidence is not strong enough yet, but this is true for nurses in the Czech Republic generally.

Most of CNNA's current activities are focused on

- Professional development and education, such as nation-wide conferences on psychiatric nursing (twice a year) and local seminars or conferences
- The editing of the Psychiatric Nursing Textbook – the first such edition in 40 years
- The creation of a training film 'The Art of Communication In Nursing Practice'.

## IRELAND



**The Psychiatric Nurses Association of Ireland**

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During the 1960's Psychiatric Nurses in Ireland who had until then been members of two general Trade Unions started to organise themselves as pressure groups within those Unions , initially demanding a focus on professional development, postgraduate education and development of a more concentrated focus on community care. Later, the Nurses found a common bond in their sense of grievance re Pay and Terms and Conditions of Employment. The P.N.A. was founded and eventually the Government of the day granted the fledgling Union a Negotiating License in 1970. It is said that this was due to the influence of nurses who were politically active at the time.

In the beginning the Union had very few members, representing less than 700 of the 7000 nurses practicing in Psychiatric Nursing at the time. This grew to 2500 in the early 1980's but dropped to around 200 in 1989 following a prolonged dispute which saw the promotional system changed from Seniority to Promotion by 'merit'. At the time the number of Nursing posts had considerably reduced, to about 5,500 including those in the small private industry.

The 1990s proved to be a growth period for the PNA with branches established in every Hospital/Service. Today the PNA represents about 6000 Nurses and students in predominantly in psychiatry but with a growing membership in Intellectual Disability Services.

The PNA campaigns /negotiates for better Pay and Conditions for the membership. We are currently campaigning for a 35hr. week, Pay Parity with Paramedic Grades including Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists etc, a stronger career structure in clinical practice at Clinical Nurse Specialist and Advanced Nurse Practitioner level etc.

At the same time the PNA negotiates with the Governments representatives on issues like the Mental Health Act, and then on its implementation e.g. New Rules covering Seclusion, Restraint, the

Nursing role in ECT etc.

Recently, an Expert Group Report on Mental Health was published. The PNA is involved in negotiating the implementation of this Report and will seek to enhance services to patients by maximising the role of psychiatric nurses. P.N.A. General Secretary, Des Kavanagh has been nominated to represent all Health Service Unions on a Government implementation group. The PNA is also active in the area of Professional Development and has recently appointed a Research and Development Advisor, the previous Post Holder having moved to a Senior Lecturer Post in Dublin City University. This sees the Union making submissions in pursuit of better access to appropriate Post Grad Education having been very active in the past in the change of Nurse Education from Diploma to Degree level as full time Third Level Students with a 1 year pre-qualification 'internship'.

The development of a strong research base is seen as an essential element of our future development as a Profession/discipline. The PNA sees a role for the Union in encouraging and fostering Research.

In conclusion, the PNA is involved in all Health Service negotiations, debates and reviews in Ireland. The Union's role is to raise consciousness of the needs of Mental Health (E.G. in Primary Care Development), of Intellectual Disability Nurses in the Review of their Role and Practice and the rights of all Nurses to better Pay and Conditions.

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The network of mental health nurses in Finland is a subgroup of the Finnish Nursing Association, which has about 50,000 members. Anyone interested in psychiatric nursing within the FNA is welcome to take part in our activities.

We have an email list with about 100 addresses. We give information about our activities by this list, our website (in Finnish) and by the Nursing Magazine, which goes to every member.

There is a board of 9 members which runs our network with the help of people from FNA's central office. Members on the board represent practice, education and research. Our network is quite new- only about 1 year old- and we held our first conference recently in Kuopio with 130 delegates from all over Finland.

Our next meeting is in Helsinki in March 2007, which will run alongside FNA's Annual Conference of Nursing. It will be a two-day event- 10-15 sessions from mental health nursing area.

On our website there is a discussion area, as well as a place where members can give hints to colleagues about good articles, researches or education.

We have regularly been asked to help the general association on mental health issues and each year on volume of our nursing magazine is on the theme of mental health.

International cooperation with Horatio and with our Nordic colleagues is important to us, as well as supporting psychiatric nursing research and education, and co-operation with all organisations involved in mental health work in Finland.

## HUNGARY



The Hungarian Nursing Association is a voluntary, non-profit making and non-governmental civil organisation which has a mission statement based on ICN and WHO definitions.

The members of the Association are nurses in Primary Health Care, Outpatient Clinics and Hospitals or any other field of health service. They obtained their nursing certificate from either basic level nursing schools or from the College of

Health Sciences, or they are studying in nursing programmes. They may also be a member if they have retired or they are honorary or supportive members.

### The Hungarian Nursing Association aims to

- Develop nursing profession both in theory and practice
- Participate in the health care policy shaping
- Improve and maintain public health by nursing (prevention, care and cure)
- Promote a healthy life-style
- Represent the professional and ethical interest of nurses in national and international level
- Ensure a proper appreciation of nursing in society

### The function of the Nursing Association are to

- Improve the quality and effectiveness of nursing services by means of education, management and research
- Promote evidence based and outcome oriented nursing practice
- Increase the accessibility of quality nursing care
- Organise and support education programmes, conferences, seminars, study tours at national and

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international level

- Provide information and publish 'Ápolásügy', the Association's journal
- Recruit and retain members
- Strengthen and support the activities of regional organisations and of professional sections.

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### **Structure of the Hungarian Nursing Association**

The Association is divided into regions, counties and local branches whose activities are autonomous. The Presidency Board and the National Board is working within on the structure of Association.

The Association is divided into 18 autonomous sections according to members' professional speciality and interests and Psychiatric Nursing is one of them. The Hungarian Nursing Association has been a member of the International Council of Nurses since 1981 and as member is actively engaged in various collaborative activities internationally. The Hungarian Nursing Association is also a member of the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN), the World Health Organization European Forum of National Nursing and Midwifery Associations (WHO EFNNMA); the Workgroup of European Nurse Researchers (WENR). It is also involved with international research work, such as the Leonardo da Vinci Project II. (2001-2004)

The project 'Toward Active Old Age' is an initiative including scientists, care-providers, and educational institutions and nursing associations from Finland, Hungary, The Netherlands and Poland, supported by the European Union, to explore the European view on future care for elderly. The results will be presented during a European conference in Pori, Finland on 23-24 April, 2004.

Since 2001 one member of the Hungarian Nursing Association has been working at the Health Professional Accreditation Board of the National Accreditation Committee. The Board helps the quality improvement of health care providers. Our association is invited to the Health Committee of the National Institute of Professional Education. One member of the Hungarian Nursing Association is working on the development of health professionals' education system and the development of a National Professional List.

### **Other National Activities**

Some of HNA's members will be taking part in the final examinations of the first and second level specialist training courses.

We celebrate Nurses' Day on 12<sup>th</sup> of May in each year and we organise a national conference to mark the event. Last year the president of the ICN, Christine Hancock, was invited to this ceremony. We organise local and regional conferences, seminars, workshops and meetings. National conferences are organised by our professional sections. We organise postgraduate (40 hours) training courses at local and regional level.

**Professional development: Clinical guideline development (EBN) (2000-2003)** The Hungarian Nursing Association played a pioneering role in the introduction and dissemination of Evidence Based Nursing in Hungary and in adopting it into routine clinical practice. Our projects are supported by the framework of the TUDOR project (DFID, UK).

**Ophelia**, ".... - utterly, utterly, utterly ruined! And I, the most dejected and wretched of woman, who fed upon his honeyed, pleasing words, now see that the noble and supremely excellent reason all harshly out of tune, like sweet bells ringing discordantly; that incomparable example of youth in its prime, devastated by insanity. Oh, at last that I should have seen what I have seen; that I can see what I see now!"

*From Shakespeare, Hamlet, Act three, scene 1, Published by Barron's, USA, translator Alan Durband, modern English version*

### **NEW WEBSITE**

Recently there is a website for the German Ambulant Psychiatric nurses.  
See at: [www.bapp.de](http://www.bapp.de).

### **Current Sponsors:**

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- Peter Wodicka, Vienna / Austria

**There is a special interest from several non-European organisations namely ;**  
Canada; [www.rpnc.ca](http://www.rpnc.ca), USA; [www.apna.org](http://www.apna.org) Australia; [www.anzcmhn.org](http://www.anzcmhn.org) New Zealand; [www.anzcmhn.org](http://www.anzcmhn.org)

## Special Projects

### The SIMPATIE project

This project was among the accepted proposals for co-financing in the call for proposals from the European Commission on 'Public Health – 2004' (OJ 2004/C52, 27 February 2004). The SIMPATIE project started the 15th of February 2005 and will run for two years. [www.simpatie.org](http://www.simpatie.org).



#### **General objectives**

Mobility across the EU is of benefit to citizens, who are able to obtain healthcare outside of their state. But it represents, at the same time, a challenge in relation to the quality of the services provided. Health care payers need to be assured that care purchased across borders is at least as good and as safe as at home. Patients have the right to expect safe care across the Union.

- There is still a lack of European consensus on the best way to monitor most key patient safety issues. In addition, methodology and interventions for improving safety are diverse and partially not validated. There is a clear need for a concerted European approach.
- The objective of this project is to use Europe-wide networks of organizations, experts, professionals and other stakeholders to establish, within two years, a common European set of vocabulary, indicators, internal and external instruments for improvement of safety in health care. The set will be disseminated to parties involved.
- The project is divided into 8 'work streams', all aiming for more specific objectives that together contribute to the overall project objective. These work streams, with their respective objectives, are listed below:

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#### **Nursing Research Network for Mental Health and Addiction; region Barcelona, Spain.**

1. Unitat d'Infermeria de Salut Mental. Departament d'Infermeria de Salut Publica, Salut Mental i Materno-infantil. Escola d'Infermeria. Universitat de Barcelona.
2. Escola Universitària d'Infermeria Sant Joan de Déu.
3. Serveis Assistencials Dr. Emili Mira i Lopez. Diputació de Barcelona.
4. Centres de Salut Mental. Sant Joan de Déu, Serveis de Salut Mental.
5. Centres de Salut Mental-CSM I i II. Institut Municipal de Serveis Personals. Ajuntament de Badalona.
6. Benito Menni Complex Assistencial en Salut Mental. Germanes Hospitalàries del Sagrat Cor de Jesús. Network for Mental Health and addiction

See for more information at <http://www.ub.edu/xtinfermeriasmc/>

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#### **The European Federation Nursing Regulators**



- **Position** The FEPI policy statements encourage and support public protection through the promotion of nursing regulation. FEPI positions are communicated to EU institutions as well as international organisations.
- **Networking** Networking with national and international partners in nursing regulation and public health contributes to constructive debates and exchange of good practice. FEPI collaborates with a series of national and international organisations in the field.
- **Education** The FEPI Working Group on Education Training and Competences operates as a policy laboratory and advocacy group for nursing education.
- **Register** FEPI collects and disseminates good practice for nursing registration.
- **Fitness to practice** FEPI collects and disseminates good practice for nursing registration.
- <http://www.fepi.org/>

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#### **The European Pathway Association**

The European Pathway Association is an international network of researchers, managers and clinicians who want to share knowledge on the healthcare management concept of clinical / care pathways.

The idea for a European Pathway Association was suggested by Kris Vanhaecht, Catholic University Leuven, Belgium and Massimiliano Panella, Piedmonte University, Italy, during the International Society for Quality in Healthcare ([ISQUA](http://www.isqua.org)) 2003 conference in Dallas.

The European Pathway Association (E-P-A.org) was launched on September 16 & 17, 2004, in Jesi, near Ancona (Italy).



The first Workshop on the European Focus on Clinical Pathways was organized by the Agenzia Regionale Sanitaria di Regione Marche under the supervision of Prof. Francesco Di Stanislao, director Agenzia Regionale Sanitaria and Dr. Andrea Gardini, board member of ISQUA and President of the Italian Society for Quality in Health Care. On October 20, 2004 board members met during the ISQUA Amsterdam Conference. During this meeting the E-P-A survey on the prevalence and use of clinical / care pathways was finalised.

During the Integrated Care Pathway Conference in June 2005 in London, the board members discussed the results of the EPA survey. The results of this survey were presented during this international conference and will be published internationally in 2006.

The [Yahoo group "EPA on Pathways"](#) is the official communication channel of the EPA. This group is managed by two of our board members.

In December 2005 the board members met in Ljubliana, Slovenia. During that board meeting the statutes of EPA were developed. We decided to open EPA to individual members and members will be able to join for free. Members will receive newsletters with up-to-date information on the concept and methodology of care pathways. See further under [www.e-p-a.org](http://www.e-p-a.org)

## CONGRESSES

### **RCN International Mental Health Nursing, 'International Perspectives on Mental Health Nursing'. Wednesday 7 – Thursday 8 February 2007, Cardiff, Wales.**



The world of mental health services that we work in has continued to undergo much change and we have endured the threat of financial restrictions undoing much of the good work that has been achieved over the past ten years. Yet in a world context we remain rich in resources, talent and ideas. Attend this event to share practices and to learn from each other.

Contact information, Priya Tekchandani, Conference Organiser, RCN Events, 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN, UK Tel: 020 7647 3581 Fax: 020 7647 3411 . Email: [mentalhealth@rcn.org.uk](mailto:mentalhealth@rcn.org.uk) . [www.rcn.org.uk/events](http://www.rcn.org.uk/events)

**The German speaking; Three nation's congress. Bielefeld, Germany 17 & 18 October 2007.**

See call for abstracts; [www.pflege-in-der-psychiatrie.de](http://www.pflege-in-der-psychiatrie.de)

### **10th EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON TRAUMATIC STRESS (ECOTS),**

**June 5 - 9, 2007, Opatija, Croatia**



The conference theme is "Truth and Trust After Trauma". It will bring together practitioners and leading international researchers working in trauma-related areas who work with diverse populations exposed to traumatic events such as domestic violence, sexual abuse, disasters, traffic accidents, organized violence, aid work or military service. Pre-conference workshops will provide half-day training and skills building on specific topics related to traumatic stress starting on the 5th June 2007.

See for further information at [www.ecots2007.com](http://www.ecots2007.com). The on-line abstract submission and registration is now open at [www.ecots2007.com](http://www.ecots2007.com) . The submission deadline is 15 December 2006!

#### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

#### **5th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry**

Best Evidence Based Practice "Prevention, Treatment and Management of Violence at the Individual, Institutional and Governmental Level". 25 - 27 October 2007 Congress Centre "De Meervaart" Meer en Vaart 300 Amsterdam - the Netherlands.

<http://www.oudconsultancy.nl/violenceadam/index.html>

### **Latest news**

**Call for Papers for the "13th International NPNR - Network for Psychiatric Nursing Research Conference"** Mental health nursing ... researching beyond the boundaries ... to be held on Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th September 2007 in Oxford, England, UK. Shortly available from <http://www.man.ac.uk/rcn/npnr/>

**International Council of Nurses** launches a New Centre Specialising in the Nursing Workforce. The **ICHRN** dedicated to global solutions for the worldwide challenges in nursing human resources. The International Centre for Human Resources in Nursing [www.ichrn.org](http://www.ichrn.org). This is supported by the independent charitable Burdett Trust, see at: [www.burdettnursingtrust.org.uk](http://www.burdettnursingtrust.org.uk)

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