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19th South Pacific Nurses Forum

**Transforming Leadership
Nurses as Change Agents for
Non Communicable Diseases
(NCD's) in the Pacific**



**The 19th South Pacific Nurses
Forum in **Rarotonga Cook
Islands****

Oct 15 – 19 2018

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Venue: National Auditorium



19th South Pacific Nurses Forum (SPNF):

Transforming Leadership – Nurses as Change Agents for Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the Pacific – 15th – 19th October 2018

The 19th South Pacific Nurses Forum in the Cook Islands will bring together evidence, experience and innovations highlighting nursing contribution to Universal Health Coverage and demonstrating how nurses are important to ensuring access and quality of health care for all.

The theme of this year's meeting: **“Transforming Leadership – Nurses as Change Agents for Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the Pacific”** encourages nurses to take the lead and lead by example to be full partners with other health professionals in redesigning and advancing health care to address the challenge of NCDs. NCDs are the greatest challenge to Pacific people in this 21st century. Nurses need to lead the way in the prevention and management of these conditions to improve the health and reduce the mortality and morbidity of Pacific people.

The forum will provide a regional platform for nurses to disseminate knowledge and innovation from the different cultures, countries and territories of the South Pacific. The forum will feature keynote and plenary speakers as well as accepted sessions accepted through submission of abstract.

Featured plenary speakers will bring inspiration and the latest information on nursing leadership, the management, development and regulation of the nursing workforce, innovation in nursing education and advances in nursing practice

The South Pacific Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers Alliance (SPCNMOA) meeting will also convene during this time. Chief Nurses, regulators and educators will discuss the alliance action plans and strengthening the nursing profession to support health strategies of countries and territories in the region.

The main objectives of the South Pacific Nurses Forum are:

1. To promote and improve the coverage and quality of health services for the public.
2. To ensure the establishment and maintenance of the optimum standards of professional nursing practice in the South Pacific supported by appropriate nursing education and research.
3. To establish networking between nurses in the South Pacific and provide opportunities for an in-depth exchange of experience and expertise within and beyond the regional nursing community.
4. To demonstrate the nursing contribution to the health of individuals, families and communities.

South Pacific Nurses Forum

The South Pacific Nurses Forum (SPNF) was formed in 1982 by South Pacific Nurses who were attending the 1980 International Council of Nurses in Los Angeles, USA and has met in different locations in the South Pacific every two years since then.

Clinical nurses, nurse managers, nurse educators and nurse leaders from across the South Pacific attend the Forum to discuss and debate key issues of importance to nurses and nursing.

The forum provides a venue for the 14 national nursing associations representing thousands of nurses in the South Pacific to discuss nursing experiences, share knowledge and develop networking amongst the islands including Australia and New Zealand.



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Cook Island Nurses Association

The Cook Islands Nurses Association (CINA) was founded in 1969. It is an independent non-political, non-governmental organization. The goal is to represent nurses' interests at the local, national and international level. CINA assist in the promotion of the highest standard of health and Social Service in the Cook Islands and also assist in maintaining a high standard of Nursing Education and Nursing Service. CINA acts as a medium to protect, promote and further the interest of all nurses professionally, socially and economically, to provide opportunities for discussion of subjects pertaining to nursing and to encourage a pursuit of the highest standard within the nursing profession. CINA has continued to work in harmony with the Ministry of Health in ensuring best health outcomes for our people through promoting and maintaining best nursing standards



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Call for Abstracts

Key Dates

- **1st Nov 2017** : Submission of abstracts opens
- **23rd April 2018**: Deadline for submission of abstracts
- **1st March 2018**: Registration opens
- **18th May 2018**: Applicants notified of abstract acceptance
- **21st August 2018**: Deadline for registration of abstract presenters

Instructions for the submission of abstracts

The deadline for the receipt of abstracts is **23rd April 2018**:

1. The abstract text must be written in English with no more than 2,500 characters (250 words including title and authors' information and should highlight the main points the presenter/s wish to communicate.
 2. Abstracts are to be addressed to: Local Organizing Committee Ministry of Health Cook Islands and sent by email to: Ngatamariki.manea@cookislands.gov.ck and Mary.macmanus@cookislands.gov.ck
 3. Those whose abstracts are accepted must register for the Conference and pay the registration fee by **21st August 2018**. Successful candidates will be reminded to register before the deadline. Failure to register by this date may mean your session is removed from the program.
 4. The abstract can be submitted in one of the following categories:
 - **Oral**: A 15 minute presentation grouped by sub-theme.
 - **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, presentations and posters must be in English.
 6. Abstracts may be from co-authors but please indicate who will be the presenter.
 7. Applicants will be notified by **18th May 2018** if their abstract has been accepted.
 8. Successful candidates will be requested to produce a brief biography with a passport sized photo to be published in the SPNF information booklet.
- Abstracts will undergo a selection process to prevent an overloaded program.

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 the Pacific regional audience.
- Relevance to both the 2018 SPNF theme and one of the six abstract sub-themes (see below).
- Scientific and/or professional merit.
- Contribution to knowledge, practice, policies or programs of nursing and/or health in the Pacific.
- Clarity of abstract.

Note: All abstracts must be original work. An abstract should not be submitted if the work is to be presented at a national or international meeting prior to SPNF 2016 Conference. Abstracts already published as an abstract or full manuscript or that will be published prior to 1stOctober 2018 cannot be submitted.

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Abstract sub-themes

1. Advancement and Innovations in Nursing/Midwifery Practice

There is nothing more constant in nursing practice than change. This theme will focus on changes within nursing and midwifery practice especially innovations that seek to improve the care given to our patients.

We would like to hear from nurses in small Island nations who are required to be especially innovative to provide quality care with limited personnel and resources that are available in richer country.

At the same time advances in nursing and midwifery practice that will offer ideas and expertise to our Pacific nurses are welcome

2. Breaking the cycle: Advancements in the prevention and management of NCDs

Non communicable diseases (NCDs) kills 40 million people each year, equivalent to 70% of all deaths globally. This is a crisis in the Pacific – as the leading causes of death in this region. Leaders in the Pacific have committed to addressing the NCD crisis and governments and communities are taking action (WPRO 2017).

This is a call for nurses to present their ideas and discuss their responses to the burden of these diseases. In particular what is needed to change healthcare practices so it can address the primary health challenge required to break the obesity and NCD cycle in Pacific families and children. We would especially like to hear the success stories.

3. Collaboration and partnership – a way forward

This is a theme to discuss and celebrate the examples of collaboration and partnership within the Pacific which build; clinical advances, collegial relationship and advancement in knowledge and practice. This may be in any area of nursing or midwifery practice, education, management or

research. It is through mutual partnerships that small Island nations can grow and prosper in the provision of health care

4. Development and regulation for the health workforce

As technology and knowledge of health care develops so the complexity of nursing and midwifery practice increases. In Australia and New Zealand the health workforce is now more diverse with new disciplines and practices. However that is not always possible or practical for small Pacific nations to have such a diverse workforce so it is often required of nurses to take on extended roles. The nurse/midwife role in the Pacific is an example of this. Whether or not countries introduce new roles, the workforce and in particular the regulation of the health workforce will be affected.

This theme invites abstracts on workforce changes and development and the impact this has on regulatory processes

5. Extending the boundaries: - Nursing and Midwifery Leadership, Management and Education

In order to address the challenges for health care in Pacific Countries we need to extend the boundaries of our current practice and change the roles and the traditional way we practice. Nurses are today taking on extended and advanced practice role often as the sole health provider in rural areas or islands with limited communication and isolated from tertiary centers.

This theme will explore changes and developments of nursing and midwifery practice, how we work in partnership with other health workers and the innovated ways countries are attempting to address the challenges of isolation, dispersed population, financial costs and lack of medical expertise to provide the health care required for its people

6. Health response to climate change and disasters

With pending global warming and annual threats of cyclones and other disasters health services must continually build and strengthen partnerships, resources, data and evidence to better equip nurses, and health workers, to respond promptly and effectively. Nurses are required to coordinate, lead, and prepare communities for climate change and disasters to protect the safety and health of communities.

This theme invites abstracts on how managers, regulators, educators and practitioners are dealing with climate change and disasters including the innovated ways countries are attempting to address the challenges of isolation, dispersed population, financial costs and lack of medical expertise to provide the health care required for its people

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORMAT

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Brief Biography (Please also include a passport sized photo)

Abstract Summary

i) Search Methods/ Experience

ii) Result/ Achievement

iii) Conclusion

iv) Keywords

Certificate of Attendance

Conference participants will receive Certificates of Attendance at the end of the conference