



## EFCCNA REPORT FOR BACCN

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The last Council of Representatives met on 8<sup>th</sup> October in Florence, Italy on the day prior to our 3<sup>rd</sup> EfCCNa Congress that was held jointly with ANIARTI's 27<sup>th</sup> Congress. We welcomed two new Representatives from the European Society of Paediatric & Neonatal Intensive Care (Nursing) (ESPNIC), and from the Nurses Society of Intensive Care, Anaesthesia & Reanimation Serbia (UINARS). This brings the number of representatives on the council to 23.

The **Research & Development Committee** has a number of EfCCNa funded projects ongoing.

1. The 'Nurses' Autonomy' study: this is a questionnaire survey of participating nurses at the 2008 Congress that is exploring autonomy, moral distress and empowerment.
2. The E-Link Study (European survey of Levels of Intensive-care Nurses' Knowledge): this is a web-based questionnaire survey to determine knowledge of European critical care nurses to help inform the education strategy. It has been translated into 15 national languages & is due to begin this year.
3. The Delphi study: this is a web-based study using a Delphi research technique to identify intensive care nursing research priorities within Europe to help inform our research strategy.

EfCCNa recently responded to **DG SANCO's annual work plan for 2009** by outlining research priorities for their Health Programme. These were based on a preliminary analysis of results from the Delphi study & included:

- the quality of life of patients & families in relation to mental health problems experienced as a result of intensive care;
- injury prevention & patient safety in relation to infection & adverse events;
- effects & consequences of rehabilitation on quality of life;
- the organisation's impact on patient outcomes (staffing levels; specialist nurses).

The **Exchange Committee** has been busy promoting European exchange of ICU nurses between countries. Flyers & a promotional banner were developed & the programme was promoted widely at the Congress.

Since the EfCCNa 2004 position statement on post-registration critical care nursing education in Europe, the **Education Committee** has been actively

seeking to promote post-registration education. It conducted a survey of ICU education across Europe & found that the level of critical care education ranges from none to Master's level. There are 6 countries in Europe with no critical care education. Participants outlined what EfCCNa could do to help and the Committee are working towards supporting these countries.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> EfCCNa & 27<sup>th</sup> ANIARTI Congress** was a magnificent success & was hailed as the largest critical care event in Europe. There were 2022 delegates (1555 from Italy; 459 from 23 European countries; 8 from Australia; 2 from USA & 1 from India). There were 115 oral papers & 101 posters. We awarded 6 travel scholarships for participants for 'Best Practice'; 'Young Scientist'; & 'Educational Innovation'. In addition, we awarded 3 EfCCNa Fellowships for outstanding scholarship, achievement & commitment to EfCCNa over many years to Wouter de Graaf; Birte Baktoft & Jos Latour.

EfCCNa funds are secure and money is mainly invested in educational and research projects.

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Picture: EfCCNa Council Representatives outside the Congress venue.

