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Greetings from the Chair



Dear Colleagues

Greetings and Happy New Year to all! The Council Executive has been very active in dealing with a number of matters since our last meeting in October 2006. The Executive had its first meeting for 2007 by teleconference on 11 January 2007. I have provided some information on matters of significance below for your information. All will be on the agenda for our upcoming meeting in Darwin and included in my next report to Council as Chair. This 'Message from the Chair' is a little longer than usual reflecting a commitment to having members of Council well informed on all of our work and an increasing involvement in a range of activities both national and international.

Invitation from DEST to address the Deans of Nursing in the Philippines, 17-18 October 2006

I received an invitation from DEST in September 2006 to address the Association of Deans of Philippine Colleges of Nursing Annual Convention in October 2006, in Manila, on the 'Latest Developments in Australian Nursing College Management'. Unfortunately, I was unable to accept as I had to be in Sydney for an AUQA audit of UWS at that time. However, Council was able to arrange for Lorna Moxham (CQU) to attend the convention and present a paper for Council. Thanks to Lorna for taking this on and for doing a great job.

CDNM (ANZ) Constitution

Professor Jocalyn Lawler (University of Sydney) and Professor Jan Duke (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) have progressed work on our new draft CDNM (ANZ) Constitution. This will be further considered by Council at our meeting in Darwin in March. Thanks to Jocalyn and Jan for undertaking this important work for Council. Thanks also to Emeritus Professor Dick Johnson and Professor Carol McVeigh for their earlier contributions to work on the Constitution.

Global Alliance for Nursing Education (GANE) meeting, Sydney, 18 - 19 December 2006

The GANE meeting was held in Sydney as scheduled on 18 - 19 December 2006. Council was represented at the meeting by myself, Professors Kim Usher (James Cook University), Pauline Nugent (Deakin University) and Jan Duke (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand) and Ms Linda Saunders (Flinders University). Professor Dame Jill Macleod Clark (University of Southampton, England) served as Chair of the meeting. Representatives of the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN), Council of Deans and Heads of UK University Faculties for Nursing & Health Professionals and the American Association of College of Nursing (AACN) were also in attendance. A lot of good work and progress with a number of key matters were achieved in the meeting. The group meets again by teleconference to further progress work on 23 January 2007.

From decisions taken in the meeting, I can advise that: the group will be known as the Global Alliance for Nursing Education and Scholarship (GANES); work is continuing on the group's statement of purpose and goals and a model for managing membership; GANES will be presenting a paper on its purpose, mission, goals and plans at the ICN Conference to be held in Yokohama, Japan in May 2007; GANES will be working on extending membership globally; GANES is establishing a web site; CASN will provide leadership of the group for two years from January 2007 and the GANES Secretariat followed by CDNM (ANZ). The inaugural Chair of GANES will be advised by CASN shortly. The Chair will serve a two year term. All founding members will nominate 3 representatives, who will be appointed to GANES for specified terms, by 15 January 2007. Following consideration of this matter by CDNM (ANZ) Executive on 11 January 2007, I can advise that CDNM (ANZ) will be represented initially by Professor Kim Usher (for a term of 2 years), Professor Pauline Nugent (for a term of 2

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years) and myself (for a term of 4 years. This includes 2 years as Deputy Chair/Chair Elect and 2 years as Chair).

The next face-to face meeting of GANES will be held in May 2007 in Yokohama, Japan. CDNM (ANZ) representatives will be attending this meeting.

COAG Health Working Group - Consultation on the proposed National Registration Scheme for Health Professionals and National Accreditation Scheme for Health Education and Training

Professor Elizabeth Davies (University of Queensland) and I represented Council at a COAG Health Working Group consultation meeting regarding these proposals in Canberra on 4 December 2006. We participated in the meeting and subsequently, we prepared a response to the outcomes of the meeting and the Second Consultation Paper on the proposals. The response was considered by Council Executive on 11 January 2007, approved and submitted to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet by the due date of 15 January 2007.

We received another request for a response to a new set of questions for health professions regarding the proposals from Dr Louise Morauta, Co-Chair of the COAG Health Working Group on 21 December 2006. Council's response is due by 28 February 2007. This was considered by the Executive on 11 January 2007 and a response is being prepared. Jenny Martin will circulate a copy of the letter for your information and consideration on 24 January 2007. Comments would be welcome by 9 February 2007.

On 6 February 2007, I will be attending a meeting of the Australian Peak Nursing Forum in Canberra accompanied by Professor Denise Dignam (University of Technology, Sydney) and Dr Michelle Campbell (Australian Catholic University, Melbourne). The meeting is being held to discuss responses of member organisations to the COAG proposals to date and to explore the feasibility of establishing a shared position in relation to the proposals.

World Health Organisation/Sigma Theta Tau International Consensus Meeting on Global Standards for Initial Nursing and Midwifery Education - Bangkok, Thailand, 6 - 8 December 2006

Professor Kim Usher and I represented Council at this two day meeting in December 2006. The meeting produced a draft statement on Global Standards for Initial Nursing and Midwifery Education. Twenty-eight leaders participated in the meeting including the World Health Organisation Chief Scientist, Nursing and Midwifery, Dr Jean Yan. A number of countries were represented in the meeting including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the USA, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, England, Scotland, Switzerland, the Philippines, Indonesia and Malawi.



(Left to right: Dr Kathy Fritsch, Regional Adviser, Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Professor John Daly, Chair, CDNM, Dr Jean Yan, Chief Scientist Nursing and Midwifery WHO, Professor Kim Usher, Immediate Past Chair, CDNM)

GANES prepared a response to the draft statement which was submitted by the due date of 15 January 2007. Consultation will continue on the draft statement this year until it is finalised in early 2008. Some members of Council also sent comments on the draft statement which were helpful in preparing a response.

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Preston Report - Nurse Workforce Futures - Release & Press Release

We had planned for a general release of this report with a related press release on 15 January 2007 but, we have been delayed because we are waiting for Cataloguing in Publication (CIP) data from the National Library in Canberra. We are hoping to be able to have the report released on 25 January 2007. Council released a copy of the report to all Health Ministers in States and Territories on 21 December 2006. In addition, copies of the report were sent to the Hon. Julie Bishop, Minister for DEST and the Hon. Tony Abbott, Minister for Health & Ageing in the Federal Government. Comments were invited from all. We have had some comments from Ministers to date and a request for Barbara Preston to participate in a teleconference with the Chief Nurses Group (ANZ) on 30 January 2007. I will also participate in this teleconference as Chair of Council. Once the report has its general release later this month, copies will be available to all interested parties via our Council web site.

Article on the Research Quality Framework (RQF) for Nursing Review

Council was invited to contribute a short, informative, accessible article for readers of Nursing Review for the January 2007 edition. Professor Linda Johnston, Chair of our Research Advisory Group, kindly provided this article which will be published on behalf of Council. Thanks to Linda.

Carrick Institute Disciplines-based Initiatives Scheme 2007

Council will be submitting a proposal for funding under this Scheme. This is due before April 2007. Professor Patrick Crookes (University of Wollongong) is working on a proposal for this with a number of members of Council. Thanks to Patrick for taking the lead with this for the Council Executive.

DEST Review of the Higher Education Support Act, 2003

The Hon. Julie Bishop, Federal Minister for Education, Science & Training, announced this review on 19 December 2006. Current discipline groupings and cluster funding arrangements are to be re-examined in the review. Council sent a letter regarding the review to Minister Bishop on 21 December 2006. This was copied to the Hon. Tony Abbott, Federal Minister for Health & Ageing. In the letter, we congratulated the Minister on the decision to have the review and raised our concerns regarding current cluster funding arrangements for nursing and midwifery (the impact of the cap on HECS, our inability to charge an additional 25% on HECS and the implications of this now and in the longer term, and inadequacy of funding for clinical education etc.). We encouraged the Australian Government to look favourably towards the disadvantaged position of the nursing and midwifery disciplines. In addition, we flagged our intention to make a submission to Stage 1 of the review consultation process. A discussion paper on the review can be accessed on the DEST website (www.dest.gov.au). Council Executive discussed this item at its meeting on 11 January 2007 and arrangements are in place for development of a draft submission which will be circulated for comments as soon as possible. Responses are due with DEST by Monday 26 February 2007.

New Appointments

Congratulations to Professor Sanchia Aranda who has been appointed as President of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) and to Professor Pauline Nugent who has been appointed Dean of Health Sciences and Professor of Nursing at the Australian Catholic University.

I look forward to meeting with you in Darwin!

With best wishes and regards

Professor John Daly

Chair

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Global Alliance on Nursing Education Meeting, Sydney 18—19 December 2006

The Council was represented at the GANE meeting by Professor John Daly, Professor Kim Usher, Professor Pauline Nugent, Professor Jan Duke and Ms Linda Saunders. Delegates from the UK, USA and Canada were also in attendance. GANE's objective of being a global voice for improving health and health care through nursing education and research was further strengthened at this meeting with discussions focussed on organisational development, strategic planning and

the development of strategic alliances as well as the potential broadening of its membership base. GANE members will also be considering how the Alliance can tap into the ICN Conference in Yokohama, Japan and papers on faculty shortage and presenting GANE as a new international group are being prepared for the Conference. One of the outcomes of the GANE meeting in Sydney will be prioritisation of issues and the identification of deliverables.

Membership Update

Changes in CDNM representation

Associate Professor Robyn Aitken, Academic Coordinator BN, Faculty of Education, Health and Science, Charles Darwin University is the acting CDU member on Council replacing Professor Diane Brown

Professor Eleanor Holroyd commenced as Head, Department of Nursing and Midwifery, RMIT University replacing Associate Professor Lina Shahwan-Akl (Acting Head)

Emeritus Professor Judith Parker is the Acting Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Victoria University replacing Dr Chris Au

Dr John Stevens commenced as Head, Department of Nursing and Health Care Practices, Southern Cross University replacing Dr Tony O'Brien

Professor Lynette Stockhausen commenced as Head, School of Nursing, University of Ballarat replacing Associate Professor Hannelore Best

Professor Elaine Duffy commenced as Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Charles Sturt University replacing Associate Professor Lynette Stockhausen

New Committees on which CDNM is represented

EdCan (National Cancer Nursing Education Project)

This 4 year National Cancer Nursing Education Project aims to develop a national standard of education preparation for cancer nurses

Dr Catherine Rogers-Clark (USQ) is the Council's representative on this Project

ACMI Midwifery Practice Review Advisory Group

ACMI is currently undertaking a project to develop the Midwifery Practice Review (MPR) Program for midwives. A Midwifery Practice Review Advisory Group is being set up to facilitate effective consultation with key stakeholders and to provide expert advice, and information to the Project Management Committee to support the development of the Program

Dr Mary Carolan (VU) is the Council's representative

Mental Health in Pre-registration Nursing Courses Expert Reference Group

The Mental Health Standing Committee, a sub-Committee of AHMAC, has established an Expert Reference Group on

Mental Health in Pre-Registration Nursing Courses and representatives from Council on this Group are:

- Associate Professor Brenda Happell (UMelb)
- Dr Dianne Wynaden (Curtin)
- Associate Professor Andrew Cashin (UTS)
- Associate Professor Denise Fassett (UTas)
- Professor Kim Usher (JCU)
- Associate Professor Eimear Muir-Cochrane (UNISA)
- Professor Mike Hazelton (UNewcastle)

Steering Committee to develop a proposal for Carrick Institute funding

The Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education has initiated a Discipline-based Initiatives Scheme and Council has been invited to submit a proposal for funding. A Steering Committee will be established to develop a proposal for Council
(Council representatives to be appointed)

Chronic Disease Self Management

John Daly and Kim Usher have engaged in discussions with representatives from the Department of Health and Ageing on the best way to influence the training of the primary health care workforce in the area of Chronic Disease Self Management. Two Council representatives have been appointed to further liaise with the Department on this issue—Professor Helen Edwards (QUT) and Associate Professor Patricia Davidson (UWS)

Australian Nurse Awards 2007 Judging Panel

Dr Michelle Campbell (ACU National (VIC)) is representing Council on this Panel which is an initiative of the Australian Nursing Federation

WA Nursing & Midwifery Excellence Awards Steering Committee for 2007

Professor Cobie Rudd (ECU) is the Council's representative for 2007

ACMI CPD Reference Group

ACMI has commenced a project to develop and test a national continuing professional development (CPD) framework. The framework will form the basis of a program enabling Australian midwives to plan and engage in CPD. A Reference Group is being established to provide expert advice and feedback and the Council's representative on this Group is Professor Caroline Homer (UTS)

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Calendar of Events

7-9 March 2007

CDNM Meetings, Crowne Plaza, Darwin

- Executive Meeting (7/3)
- Research Forum (8/3)
- General Meeting (9/3)

18-19 October 2007

CDNM Meetings, Sydney

Venue is to be advised

The Executive Meeting will be held on 17 October 2007

Journal Ranking Project—Development of a ranking of refereed journals in which Australia and New Zealand nursing and midwifery researchers publish their work

The overarching aim of this research is to systematically rank all existing refereed journals that nursing and midwifery researchers publish in, by allocating these to empirically derived 'quality bands'. The following provides a brief summary of the project:

1. Generate a comprehensive list which captures all journals relevant to nursing and midwifery

We conducted a rigorous database search & identified journals relevant to nursing & midwifery. This preliminary list was circulated to peak nursing & midwifery bodies to ensure all relevant journals were included. In addition, we produced a document elaborating on the details of each journal (scope, impact factor, frequency, etc). Thank you to all who provided feedback on this list.

2. Recruitment of an expert panel to derive a framework, and specific criteria, for judging the quality of nursing or midwifery journals

a) We conducted a systematic review of 'journal ranking' literature across all disciplines. We also contacted other university departments and organisations (all disciplines) to uncover any existing ranking taxonomies/ criteria for journal ranking.

b) This literature review informed the development of a survey. An expert panel (currently in recruitment and consisting of members of peak nursing and midwifery bodies) will be surveyed through a Delphi survey process with regard to definitions of 'quality research' in nursing and midwifery, and their perspectives on 'ideal criteria' by which nursing and midwifery journals may be judged.

3. Determine 'quality bands' (with clear upper and lower limits) to accurately characterise the quality of particular nursing or midwifery journals

From the above framework, the nursing and midwifery journals will be ranked according to the quality bands. This draft list will then be distributed to peak nursing and midwifery bodies for comment. The final list, along with a full report on this process, will then be submitted to the Research Advisory Group of the CDNMM for ratification and subsequent use. This list will then be distributed to all participating nursing and midwifery bodies, and will be made available via the World Wide Web.

4. Make this criteria, list and additional information available as a tool for other researchers to use, so they may generate their own rankings for any particular journals

In this way, the proposed project will not only provide a comprehensive ranked list of existing refereed nursing and midwifery journals, but will provide a framework for the inclusion of new journals in the future; that is an empirically validated 'tool' for researchers to use in order to make their own additional judgments about journal quality.

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