Online abstract submission now open for the 2013 ICN Congress

Geneva, Switzerland, 16 April 2012 - The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is pleased to announce the opening of online abstract submission for its 25th Quadrennial Congress and CNR in Melbourne, Australia. Equity and access to health care is the theme of the conference, which will take place from 18-23 May 2013. Instructions for the submission of abstracts and details on the themes to be addressed can be accessed at www.icn2013.ch. ICN invites nurses and others around the world to share their ideas, research and expertise by submitting abstracts for the scientific programme. The deadline for abstract submission is 14 September 2012.

ICN is in the final stages of developing a rich four-day scientific programme, offering four plenary sessions, including a debate, and 18 main sessions with 54 international speakers confirmed to date. Key subjects for plenary and main sessions include gender equity, the epidemic of non-communicable diseases, the tension between personal and societal responsibility for health, wellness and prevention, the nursing workforce, ethics/human rights, clinical care and patient safety. The Council of National Representatives, ICN’s global governing body, will also convene in Melbourne just prior to the Congress, from 16-19 May 2013.

Key dates for the ICN 25th Quadrennial Congress and CNR

- 16 April 2012 - Online submission of abstracts opens
- 14 September 2012 - Online abstract submission closes (midnight CET)
- 14 September 2012 - Registration opens
- 1 December 2012 – Notification of abstract acceptance
- 11 January 2013 – Registration deadline for abstract presenters
- 14 February 2013 - Early bird registration closes (midnight CET).

To keep up with all the latest information on the Congress programme and related events, visit the Congress website at www.icn2013.ch

Note for Editors:
The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

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