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## **17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cancer Nursing (ICCN)**

**Hilton Prague Hotel  
Prague, Czech Republic  
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**Post Conference Report**



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) partnered with the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS), Czech Nurses Association and Czech Oncology Nursing Society to host the 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cancer Nursing (ICCN) on September 9 – 13, 2012 at the Hilton Prague Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic. The conference attracted a total of 605 attendees from 53 countries to learn and discuss the latest development and educational resources in the field of cancer nursing. The conference offered the unique opportunity for international cancer nurse leaders to meet from all over the world, in one place at one time. The theme for this year's conference was 'Enhancing Patient Safety through Quality Cancer Nursing Practice'. The conference was supported by 11 corporate supporters and 14 exhibitors.

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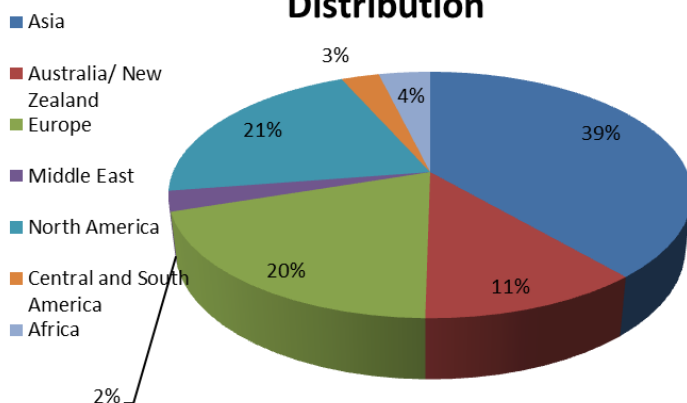
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## PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

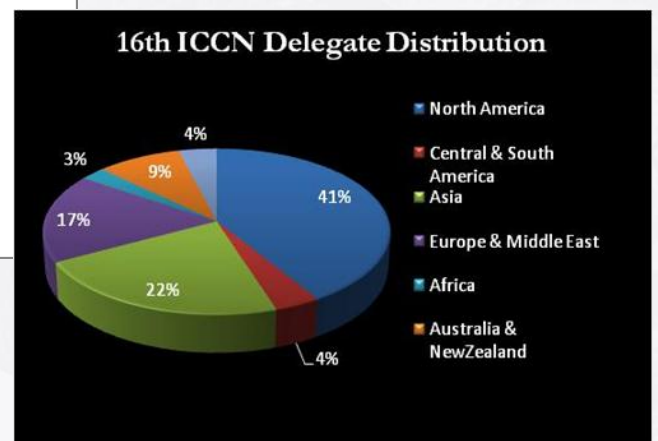
The 17<sup>th</sup> ICCN attracted over 605 attendees from 53 countries. The majority of the attendees came from Asia (composing 38.7% of total attendance), followed by North America (20.8%), Europe (19.7%) and Australia/New Zealand (11.5%). Africa, Central and South America and the Middle East composed of less than 1% attendance.

The chart below represents the participants' geographic distribution at the 17<sup>th</sup> ICCN, as compared to the 16<sup>th</sup> ICCN.

### 17th ICCN Participants' Geographic Distribution



### 16th ICCN Delegate Distribution





When comparing with figures from the 16<sup>th</sup> ICCN, the majority of delegates shifted from North America to Asia. This is likely due to the fact that the 16<sup>th</sup> ICCN was held in Atlanta, USA and the 17<sup>th</sup> ICCN was held in Prague, Czech Republic, which may be easier for Asian attendees to access. Nevertheless, North Americans and Asians continued to make up over half of the attendance at the conference. The number of attendees is relatively consistent between the 16<sup>th</sup> ICCN and 17<sup>th</sup> ICCN.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The below topics and speakers were confirmed by the Scientific Planning Committee.

### Keynote Address



Global Issues on Quality Cancer Nursing Practice to Ensure Patient Safety

Dr. Sultan Kav  
Immediate Past-President of the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS)  
Associate Professor at Baskent University, Department of Nursing  
Turkey

### Plenary Sessions

#### *Plenary I – Education*



Education of Oncology Patients in the Czech Republic and Slovakia  
Marie Zvoníčková  
Czech Republic



Oncology Nursing Education in Brazil  
Dalete Delalibera Correa de Faria Mota  
Brazil

#### *Plenary II - European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) and ISNCC Collaborative Session*



How do we as Cancer Organizations Prepare Ourselves for the Challenges?  
Birgitte Grube  
Denmark

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Professional Communication for Safer Cancer Care  
Lena Sharp  
Sweden

*Plenary III – Quality and Patient Safety*



Releasing Time to Care - A Case Study  
Wendy Wood  
Australia



Hospital Accreditation in Oncology in Brazil  
Marise Dutra Souto  
Brazil



*Plenary IV - USA Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) and ISNCC Collaborative Session*



Medication Administration Safety: Averting the Perfect Storm  
Mary Magee Gullatte  
USA

*Plenary V - Innovation in Practice and Roles*



Making a Difference: Nurse-Led Services and their Contribution to Cancer Care  
Trish Joyce  
Australia



Ensuring Young People with Cancer Have a Safe Transition into Adult Care  
Helen Langton  
UK

*Plenary VI - Workforce and Healthy Workplace Issues*



Challenges and Opportunities of Delivering Cancer Care Services  
Carenx Wai Yee Leung  
Hong Kong, China



Challenges and Opportunities of Delivering Cancer Care Services  
Suzanne So Shan Mak  
Hong Kong, China



*Plenary VII - Politics, Policy Makers and Economics*



The Challenge of Personalized Care In the Current Economic Climate  
Shelley Dolan  
UK



Cancer Control, Palliative Care and Health Inequities  
Julia Downing  
Uganda

**PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS**

Five preconference workshops were held on Sunday September 9, 2012. All workshops were complimentary to all ICCN attendees and ran from 9:00am – 5:00pm.

*Enhancing Patient and Nurse Safety through Vascular Access Best Practices  
Hosted by AVA and Bard Access Systems*

This full day workshop offered participants an in-depth review of best practices for insertion, care and maintenance of peripheral, peripherally-inserted central catheters, implanted ports, and other forms of central vascular access. Planned teaching methods include didactic and practical instruction and preceptor-guided clinical simulation. Faculty included recognized leaders in vascular access, clinical experts, instructors, and mentors from a variety of U.S. practice settings. The program was planned and coordinated by the multidisciplinary Association for Vascular Access (AVA), with the support of an unrestricted educational grant from Bard Access Systems. A total of 29 delegates attended the workshop.

*Bringing Evidence Based Care into Oncology Nursing Practice Across Regional, National and International Boundaries – the de Souza Experience  
Hosted by the De Souza Institute*

This workshop provided an overview of the de Souza programs, its structure and on the new “de Souza Designation”. The workshop leaders facilitated dialogue on potential partnerships with other international groups to explore opportunities for enhancing the expertise of cancer nurses, collaborating on initiatives and supporting nurses in advanced knowledge and clinical practice wherever they work. A total of 15 delegates attended the workshop.

*ISNCC Tobacco Cessation Workshop  
Supported by Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation*



This full day workshop addressed the epidemic of tobacco use and the resulting cancer burden. In the Czech Republic, engaged nurses in the fight against tobacco and cancer prevention and built capacity among nurses in the Czech Republic to continue working on smoking cessation and cancer prevention initiatives. The project seeks to educate nurses on advances in tobacco control, cancer prevention, treatment and care. The workshop attracted a total of 21 participants.

*ONS and ISNCC Pre-Conference Workshop, Clinical Trials Awareness on a Global Level  
Supported by Pfizer*

This full day workshop helped to educate nurses through a collaborative Clinical Trials Awareness on a Global Level Preconference Workshop. The learning objectives of this workshop were to: (1) Discuss how clinical trials have contributed to major improvements in cancer treatment. (2) Describe the process of new treatment development, focusing on the components of clinical trials. (3) Describe the role and responsibilities of the direct care nurse in the care of people eligible for or enrolled in clinical trials. (4) Outline the essential content to include in patient and family education related to clinical trials. (5) Provide leadership and education about clinical trials to nurses and other healthcare professionals in their communities. The workshop attracted a total of 22 participants.

*Cancer Patient Safety Framework Workshop  
Supported by Novartis*

The objectives of this workshop were to: (1) Gain an understanding of the impact of oral therapies in oncology care; (2) Discuss the risk factors associated with over and under adherence to therapy; and (3) Implement tools within their practice to promote adherence. The workshop was conducted in English with simultaneous translation to Czech, Hungarian and Polish. Nurse Champions from Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland presented the latest research on adherence to oral therapies. Following the workshop, delegates evaluated the potential for international synthesis and launch of an online version of the Cancer Patient Safety Framework Program for broader distribution and use by cancer nurses all over the world. By attending this workshop, oncology nurses were equipped with the knowledge and tools to promote adherence to oral therapies, therefore improving quality of life and providing cost effective, safe, and quality care to promote positive patient outcomes. The workshop attracted a total of 29 attendances.

*ISNCC and Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Grantee Summit  
Supported by Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation*

ISNCC was pleased to partner with the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation to host the 2012 Grantee Summit – Addressing Cancer Disparities in Central and Eastern Europe – at the Hilton Prague Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic, from September 7 – 9, 2012. The conference provided a platform to support an audience of experienced cancer healthcare professionals from across Eastern Europe, including the 2010 and 2011 Bridging Cancer Care grantees, to learn from leaders in addressing cancer disparities, and collaborate with others to build increased capacity for healthcare professionals and their communities. The overarching goal for the conference was to



encourage delegates to build capacity by learning from both leaders and each other via collaboration. The total attendance for this conference was 36.

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### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

A total of 494 abstracts were submitted. A total of 156 abstracts were selected for the 39 oral concurrent sessions representing 26 countries. 316 abstracts were accepted for the 3 poster presentations. The abstracts were submitted based on the following categories:

- Prevention, Genetics and Screening
- Cancer Across Life Span
- Education (e.g. Nurse and Patient)
- Models of Care Delivery
- Quality and Patient Safety
- Supportive and Palliative Care
- Survivorship
- Cultural and Spiritual Care
- Innovation in Practice and Roles
- Treatment Development
- Ethics, Informed Consent and Clinical Trials
- Workforce and Healthy Workplace Issues
- Politics, Policy Makers and Economics

The number of submitted abstracts was consistent with records from previous years. The number of accepted oral presentations decreased from 300 to 156 due to venue limitations for concurrent sessions.

### **SOCIETY AWARDS**

ISNCC was proud to award the following individuals for their excellent contributions in the field of cancer nursing.

#### Robert Tiffany Lectureship

Meinir Krishnasamy  
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre  
Victoria, Australia

#### Distinguished Merit Award

Stella Bialous  
Tobacco Policy International  
San Francisco, USA

Virginia Gumley

Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre  
Lahore, Pakistan

#### Past President's Award



David Makumi and Breast Health Nurses  
Aga Khai University Hospital  
Nairobi, Kenya

Travel Scholarship

Charlotte Lamptey  
National Centre for Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine, Ghana  
*Scholarship supported by Peter MacCallum Cancer Center*

Retno Purwanti  
Dharmas National Cancer Centre (DNCC), Indonesia  
*Scholarship supported by Princess Margaret Hospital*

Mesfin Anley  
TikurAnbessa Specialized Hospital, Ethiopia  
*Scholarship supported by Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre*

Job Wekesa Wamukaya  
Ampath Oncology, Kenya  
*Scholarship supported by MacMillan Cancer Support*

Peter Kamau  
Kenya Methodist University, Kenya  
*Non-exclusive scholarship support provided by Cancer Nurses Society of Australia, Hunter Regional of Cancer Nurses Society of Australia, Japanese Society of Cancer Nursing, Oncology Nursing Society, and Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive*

**CONFERENCE AWARDS**

Poster Awards

P-35 'Enhancing Patient Safety by Exploring the Psychological Needs of Patients Undergoing Testing for Suspected BREAST Cancer in a One-Stop Diagnostic Clinic' - Bridgette Lord, Canada

P-122 'Development and Validation of the Chemotherapy-Induced Taste Alterations Scale For Daily Life' - Taro Kano, Japan

P-203 'Chemotherapy in the Home' - Regina Padman, Australia

P-326 'Staff Rotation for Cancer Nurses In A Tertiary Health Organisation: An Evaluation' - Catherine Barratt, Australia

People's Choice Poster Awards

P-27 'Promotive Interaction between Medical Personnel and Cancer Patients Spanning the Process from the Breaking of Bad News to Decision-Making' - Yoshiko Teramachi, Japan



P-40 'Outcomes of Applying the Case Management Model for Patients with Oral Cancer in Taiwan.' - Chen-Lin Lin, Taiwan

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P-112 'Survivors Experiences on Completion of Chemotherapy' - Violet Platt, Australia

P-252 'Identifying Readiness for Discharge: The Patients' Perspective' - Mary Glavassevich, Canada

### SUPPORTERS AND EXHIBITORS

#### *Symposia Supporters*



#### *Preconference Workshop Supporters*



#### *Focus Group Supporter*



#### *Marketing and Advertising Supporters*





*Exhibitors*

- Hospira
- Dale Medical Products
- BD PhaSeal
- De Souza Institute
- ICU Medical

*Tabletop Exhibitors*

- European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS)
- Czech Nurses Association
- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)
- Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)
- Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation
- Bard Access Systems
- Amgen
- Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC)
- Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA)

**SYMPOSIA AND LUNCH TUTORIALS**

Symposium

*Nurse-Led Small Molecule Patient Education Program Lunch Session*

This Lunch Session was the official launch of the online ISNCC Nurse-Led Small Molecule Chemotherapy Patient Education Program. The online program was developed to address the international need for evidence-based patient education materials that are developed and distributed by nurses and enhance both adherence and self-care capacity of patients receiving small molecule therapies. ISNCC Leaders conducted a live demonstration of the online learning modules and patient education print materials programs. Materials on the program were distributed during the session and nurses were taught to use this important resource and referred it to their colleagues.

Faculty: Maryanne Hargraves, BSc, MBA, General Manager Clinical Services, Haematology and Oncology Clinics of Australia, AUSTRALIA

Lunch Tutorials

*New Models for Elevating the Practice and Status of Community-Based Nursing across the Spectrum of Cancer Care in Central and Eastern Europe  
Supported by Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation*

Learning Objectives:

- Increased awareness of new models elevating the role of community-based nurses in providing care to cancer patients in central and eastern Europe



- Developed strategies for engaging nurses to help improve cancer outcomes through community-based interventions

Moderators: Catharine Grimes, Director, Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation and Birgitte Grube, President, European Oncology Nursing Society

Panel:

Engaging Oncology Nurses in Community-Based Prevention Strategies for Tobacco Cessation - Linda Sarna, DNSc, RN, AOCN, FAAN, Professor and Lulu Wolf Hassenplug Endowed Chair, UCLA School of Nursing

Utilizing General Practice Nurses to Help Improve Early Detection Rates for Pediatric Cancer - Dorota Kuchna, Executive Director, Project HOPE Poland

Evolving and Increasing the Role of Nurses Caring for Cancer Patients in their Communities - Sarah Archer, BSN, MSN, Interim Administrative Director, Gundersen Lutheran Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, Gundersen Lutheran Health System, La Crosse, USA

Educating and Developing Oncology Nursing Leaders in Palliative Care - Pam Malloy, RN, MN, FPCN, ELNEC Project Director, American Association of Colleges of Nursing

*Managing Skeletal Complications: The Role of the Oncology Nurse*  
*Supported by Skeletal Care Academy and Amgen*

This tutorial focused on how to optimise the care of patients with cancer therapy-induced bone loss (CTIBL) and cancer-induced bone loss (CIBL). Key concepts were explored in depth, and patient case studies illustrated management strategies for the assessment and treatment of bone loss and skeletal complications.

Learning objectives:

- Raised awareness of CTIBL and CIBL, and their impact on patient lives
- Describe the key principles and practices involved in the assessment of patients with bone loss
- Highlighted nursing strategies for maintaining bone health and improving patient outcomes in cancer care

Speakers: Lawrence Drudge-Coates and Kay Leonard

*Breaking the Stigma and Silence: Training Healthcare Professionals in LMICs to Address Cancer Stigma, Myths, and Misconceptions*  
*Supported by Lance Armstrong Foundation*

This tutorial explored this issue of cancer stigma and how training healthcare providers and empowering them to become trainers in their own communities could raise awareness, reduced impacts of stigma, and improved quality of life for patients and their families.

Learning Objectives:



- Explained the concept of cancer stigma, differentiating between enacted and perceived stigmas
- Described the patient perspective in dealing with cancer stigma at the individual, family and community levels through participation in an interactive module from the Lance Armstrong Foundation's Train-the-Trainer curriculum
- Assessed the opportunity to adapt this training model for your own communities

Speakers: Analuisa Ramirez, Community Coordinator, Comparte tu Historia, Rebekkah Schear, Program Manager, International Programs, Lance Armstrong Foundation, Christine Claypoole, Deputy Director, International Division, John Snow, Inc.

*ICU Medical Lunch Tutorial Session  
Supported by ICU Medical*

This tutorial examined the risk for exposure, exposure prevention, facility assessment for contamination and contamination management.

Learning Objectives:

- Summarized recent and historical evidence for healthcare worker exposure to hazardous drugs
- Identified work practices that present a risk to exposure to hazardous drugs
- Outlined interventions, including proper use of equipment and devices
- Described technological advances that include CSTD that may reduce the exposure and practical considerations such as cost and ease of use when selecting a device

Faculty: Seth Eisenberg, RN OCN® Professional Practice Coordinator, Infusion Services, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

Other

*The Care of Cancer Patients Treated with Oral Target Agents Dinner Workshop  
Supported by Bayer HealthCare*

The workshop aimed at nurses and nurse practitioners who care for patients with cancer receiving oral targeted therapies. The objective of the workshop was to provide the delegates with the confidence to return to their clinics and train their colleagues in how best to manage patients receiving these therapies.

This invitation-only workshop was led by three international experts: Dr Tomas Buchler, a Consultant Medical Oncologist at the Thomayer Hospital and Charles University in Prague, Ms Gillian Al-Kadhimi, clinical nurse specialist at the Liver Unit at Kings College Hospital, London and Ms Catherine Markham, clinical nurse specialist at the University Hospitals Birmingham.



## OVERALL CONFERENCE EVALUATION

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A total of 248 individuals completed the online post-conference evaluation form. Considering all aspects of the meeting, the overall conference was rated 'excellent' by approximately 50% of the responses and 'good' by approximately 30% of the responses. Results from the evaluation indicated that the majority of attendees worked at 'Outpatient/ Ambulatory' and 'University/ College/ Education' – which made up a total of approximately 60% of responses. Approximately 30% of the responses indicated that the area of expertise/patient population was from 'Medical Oncology' and 'Others'. Results from the evaluation indicated that the majority of attendees came from Asia and North America – making up over 50% of the overall responses. Attendees were in general satisfied with the conference venue, communications and experiences provided by the ISNCC Head Office.\*

### *Speaker Evaluation*

Attendees were in general very satisfied with all of the invited plenary speakers. The responses ranged from High Quality (4) to Highest Quality (5).

### *Symposia and Tutorial Sessions Evaluations*

The majority of the responses indicated that overall satisfaction was high – receiving a score 5 in general.

### *Overall Plenary Sessions Evaluations*

The quality of the plenary sessions was high - receiving a score of 5 in general. In particular, the Robert Tiffany Lectureship and Distinguished Merit Award were very well attended and highly rated.

### *Abstract Concurrent Sessions Evaluations*

The results of the evaluation indicated that sessions with 'Quality and Patient Safety' generally scored higher in attendance. Other topics that were also very popular were 'Education: Nurse and Patients', 'Innovation in Practice and Roles', 'Supportive and Palliative Care' and 'Prevention, Genetics and Screening'. Responses were positive in terms of meeting learning needs – ranging from a satisfaction rate of 60% - 90%.

It is important to note that as the conference proceeded, the attendance rates for concurrent sessions decreased. For example, more than 40% responses noted that they did not attend any of the concurrent session H on September 13, 2012. This may be due to the fact that it is the last day of the conference and many people were flying out in the morning. Individuals who did attend one of concurrent session H noted high satisfaction rates with over 60% noting that it met their learning needs.

### *Poster Session Evaluations*

The Poster Sessions were very well attended; the majority of attendees visited the Poster Hall more than 4 times throughout the meeting - ranging from 80% to 90% attendance responses with satisfaction rate ranging from 80 – 86%. In addition, approximately 70% responses indicated that they voted for the People's Choice Poster Award.



#### *Preconference Workshop Evaluations*

A total of 49 individuals completed the preconference workshop evaluation form. 30% indicated that they participated on the Cancer Patient Safety Workshop with 20% each participating in the ISNCC Tobacco Cessation Workshop and AVA and Bard Pre-Conference Workshop. The results indicated that the majority of attendees came from North America and Asia – comprising over 50% of the responses – and worked in Outpatient/ Ambulatory (40%) areas of Hematology/Oncology and Medical Oncology (over 50%). The attendees were extremely satisfied with the content of the workshop which met their learning needs – with over 73% 'excellent' scores. Overall workshop presenters were rated 82% excellent and over 95% responses noted that the workshop has remained interesting throughout the day.

#### *Other Evaluations*

Over 50% of responses rated the overall conference as 'excellent'. More than 80% of responses noted that they would be interested in attending a moderated poster session if it is to be offered in the future. 40% of responses noted they will be attending 18<sup>th</sup> ICCN while an additional 50% chose 'maybe'. Approximately 30% of responses indicated an interest to take the ICCN 2016 to Australia/New Zealand and 21% with interest to Asia. This result may be due to the fact that most individuals who filled out the survey were from North America or Asia.

*\*Complete evaluation results available upon request.*

### **MENTOR PROGRAM**

The ISNCC Member Development and Communications Committee launched the Mentor Program at the 17<sup>th</sup> ICCN. The program provided a quality orientation for first time delegates attending the conference. The Mentor was responsible for describing the meeting in general and interpreting the conference program for their assigned mentees. The Committee successfully matched 22 pairs of mentors and mentees.

### **18<sup>TH</sup> ICCN**

The 18th ICCN will be held at the Hilton Panama Hotel, from September 7 - 11th, 2014 in exotic Panama City, Panama. ISNCC is looking forward to its 18<sup>th</sup> highly successful nursing conference – the longest running international conference for our profession – that continues to offer a unique opportunity to meet with international cancer nursing leaders from all over the world. Mark your calendar – we look forward to seeing you there!