

News of The Academy of Neonatal Nursing

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Thank You Executive Committee Members and Applicants!

The Academy of Neonatal Nursing Executive Committee has appointed three new Committee members representing neonatal nursing care and policy from the east, west, and central U.S.: Annette Carley, RN, MS, NNP-BC, PNP-BC, from San Francisco, California; Jan Thape, RN-NIC, MSN, from Norfolk, Virginia; and Jobeth Pilcher, EdD, RNC-NIC, from Dallas, Texas. These neonatal nursing leaders have volunteered their time and expertise to represent ANN members. Thank you and congratulations!

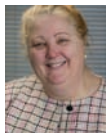
The response to the call for Executive Committee members was outstanding. The Academy of Neonatal Nursing is grateful to the dedicated neonatal nursing professionals prepared and willing to assist in ensuring quality neonatal nursing education for members. Thank you to all of the applicants!

Outgoing Executive Committee members, Joanne Ridky, RN, and Virginia McCann, RNC, MS, MA, continue to contribute their insight and guidance through their participation on ANN's Expert Panel. Thank you Ginny and Jody for commendably moving ANN forward and upward!

Executive Committee Member Appointed to ANA Council

Patricia Johnson, DNP, RN, MPH, NNP, has been appointed to represent ANN as a delegate affiliate council member of the American Nurses Association (ANA). This June, Dr. Johnson is invited to Washington, DC, and has the privilege of voting in the June session of the House of Delegates.

The Academy of Neonatal Nursing is an organizational affiliate of the ANA, which allows ANN members to join the ANA at the reduced rate of only \$25.00 per year. For more information, go to academyonline for details of all our great benefits.



Susan Ludington, CNM, PhD, FAAN

**Selected for the Sigma Theta Tau
International Hall of Fame
Nominated by the Academy
of Neonatal Nursing**

The Academy of Neonatal Nursing recognizes Dr. Ludington's revolutionary contributions to the field of neonatal nursing and, this February, nominated her to the Honor Society of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. On March 25, 2010, Karen H. Morin, RN, DSN, ANEF, President and Patricia E. Thompson, RN, EdD, FAAN, CEO of STTI notified the Academy of Dr. Ludington's selection as recipient of the 2010 Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. "Her research has made a significant impact on the nursing profession." The STTI Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame is "awarded to members who have achieved long term, broad national and/or international recognition for their work and whose research has impacted the profession and the people it serves." Dr. Ludington pioneered the field of infant stimulation and kangaroo care and continues her research to enrich the field of neonatal development. Dr. Ludington is internationally recognized for her books, *How to Have a Smarter Baby: Infant Stimulation Program for Enhancing Your Baby's Natural Development* and *Kangaroo Care: The Best You Can Do for Your Baby*.

Dr. Ludington will be honored at the closing plenary on July 16, 2010, at the Honor Society of Nursing STTI's 21st International Nursing Research Congress in Orlando, Florida. She will also be a featured speaker at the 10th Anniversary National Neonatal Nurses Conference in September in Savannah.

Susan Ludington is a champion nurse and the Academy of Neonatal Nurses is honored to have her as a member. Congratulations!



“Enhancing Excellence in Nursing Practice”

**10th Anniversary
National Neonatal Nurses Conference
Savannah, Georgia,
September 12–15, 2010**

Savannah 2010



Sponsored by Neonatal Network and the Academy of Neonatal Nursing We invite you to come join us in lovely Savannah, Georgia, named by Conde Nast *Traveler* magazine as a “Top Ten American Travel Destination.” Over 20 speakers from around North America will share their expertise and experience with pertinent up-to-date information for neonatal nurses. Don’t worry about missing any of the many great workshops offered, because registrants have privileged access to the PROLibraries website where audio recordings, PowerPoint presentations, and handouts for most sessions can be accessed for one year after the conference. Session materials, including educational objectives, will be available for downloading from PROLibraries about two weeks prior to the conference. Please print “handouts” for the conference sessions you plan to attend, or bring a laptop with the download. Alternatively, take notes in your program book, and view the complete program online after the conference.

Special Conference Events

**10th Conference Anniversary Celebration
Monday, September 13, 2010, 5:30–7:00 PM**

Neonatal Network and the Academy of Neonatal Nursing invite you to come celebrate the 10th anniversary of the National Neonatal Nurses Conference. Come for appetizers, meet up with colleagues, win great prizes, and enjoy the posters and exhibits!

**Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Choose from Two Fantastic Dinner Events**

The Savannah River boat cruise and Paula Deen’s The Lady and Sons Restaurant are opening their doors to us for dinner. The hard part is deciding which dinner event to choose!

Savannah River Boat Cruise

Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM, hop aboard the river boat located just outside the Hyatt and enjoy dinner, then retreat to the upper deck to relax or dance to live music. The dinner cruise is a great way to take in the amazing sights of this beautiful historic city.

Paula Deen’s The Lady and Sons Restaurant

Fans of Paula Deen will definitely love her restaurant. It has been over ten years since she renovated the old Sears and Roebuck building on Congress Street and opened The Lady and Sons Restaurant. Enjoy an “all-you-can-eat” buffet of Paula’s award-winning cuisine heaped with southern hospitality. The restaurant is located a short walk from all conference hotels.

Be sure to book your dinner reservations early. Reservations received after August 17, 2010, are subject to availability, and

seating is limited. Sign up as part of your online registration or select your dinner event choice on the registration form located on page 7 of the conference brochure in this issue.

Savannah Riverfront and Historic Downtown Hotel Accommodations

ANN has secured five great hotels, all located in the historic Savannah city center. The conference headquarters is adjacent to the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa; other conference hotels are just across the river. Complimentary shuttle service will run continuously from all conference hotels. Docks at the Marriott and Hyatt hotels offer a water taxi service to the conference center as well. The Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express are a short walk to either dock. See page 6 of the conference brochure for complete hotel listings, and visit the hotel websites for photos and details before making your selection.

ANN’s Excellence Award and Scholarships

(All applications available at academyonline.org)

A strong commitment to neonates. Creative. Smart. Dedicated. An unbending will to be the best. If this describes you or a colleague, recognize and honor excellence in neonatal nursing by submitting a nomination for the Excellence in Neonatal Nursing Practice Award by July 1, 2010.

Do you enjoy teaching? Would you like to attend the 10th Anniversary National Neonatal Nurses Conference in September and share conference information with your colleagues? Apply for the Academy Conference Scholarship Award by June 1, 2010, and you may be on your way to Savannah this fall!

Are you currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program related to neonatal nursing? Pursuing an advanced degree in neonatal nursing signifies dedication to learning, the heart of ANN. The closing date for the Academy of Neonatal Nursing Academic Scholarship Award is June 1, 2010.

The International Year of the Nurse (IYNurse)

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Florence Nightingale. To honor her legacy, the founders of IYNurse, Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing, the Nightingale Initiative for Global Health, and the Florence Nightingale Museum have organized worldwide activities to actively involve the world’s estimated 15 million nurses. On April 25, 2010, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM there will be a 2010 International Year of the Nurse Celebration at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. More information about the IYNurse 2010 celebration and other events can be found at 2010iynurse.net. If you plan to attend the celebration in Washington, DC, be sure to view on the north transept the six beautiful stained-glass windows depicting Florence Nightingale’s life.



National Nurses Week

Celebrating the Birth of Florence Nightingale

National Nurses Week begins on National Nurses Day, Tuesday, May 6, and ends on Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12, International Nurses Day. The theme for Nurses Week is *Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow*, and the theme for Nurses Day is *Delivering Quality, Serving Communities: Nurses Leading Care Innovations*. Treat yourself or a colleague to the ANA's nursing logo gifts, and display your nursing pride! Check out their catalog of goodies at jimcolemanltd.com/ana/.

ANN Members with Heart:

Catherine Moher, RN, BHSc

In September of last year, ANN received the following invitation from Dr. Hesham Abdel-Hady:

"This is an invitation for a neonatology staff nurse to visit Egypt for two weeks. She is expected to give training to the nursing staff in a Level 3 NICU in Mansoura University Children's Hospital. Teaching activities will include lectures, on the job



training. The idea is to improve the quality of care given by the nursing staff in our NICU. The visit is totally covered, including travelling tickets, full board accommodation in hospital facilities as well as visit to tourist attraction sites in Cairo. Priorities will be given to staff nurses in Nursing Faculties in US or European countries, fluency in English and experience in teaching nursing staff in Level 3 NICUs is a must. If you are interested to share your experience with nurses in a developing country, please send your CV to my e-mail."

After it was verified and authenticated, the invitation was published in the October 2009 Academy Connection and caught the attention of ANN member Catherine Moher, a neonatal nurse from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa, Canada. Five months later, Catherine was training neonatal nurses at the Mansoura University Children's Hospital in the city of Mansoura located on the Nile River, 70 miles/110 kilometers north of Cairo.

Mansoura University Children's Hospital (MUCH) is a publically funded regional referral center with a 25-bed neonatal intensive care unit with three levels of care. With the assistance of nursing professor Dr. Shewikar Farrag, who served as translator, Catherine worked closely with the nurses, focusing on observed and identified educational needs assessments. Examples of the educational sessions include infection control, developmentally sensitive care,

A Picture Perfect Experience in San Francisco at the 7th National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference



Giveaways Galore



Coast to Coast Networking



Learning from the Experts



The Latest Products on Display



Four hundred attendees were treated to a picture perfect conference in San Francisco. The conference had more than 20 poster presenters and a record number of exhibits! In addition, ANN's raffle raised money for the Florence Nightingale Foundation which "provides scholarships for nurses and midwives to study at home and abroad, promotes innovation in practice, and extends knowledge and skills to meet changing needs."



ventilator and surgical care, pain control, and nursing leadership. The nurses were each given a resource binder created by Catherine for use as a reference and for note taking. Catherine also organized a midterm and final evaluation as a means of identifying further educational needs and effectiveness of the first and second week of training sessions. Through the keen interest of the nursing and medical staff, Catherine initiated the Nursing Leadership Committee. The committee has planned to meet once a month to review areas for improvement, such as communication between the neonatal staff.

Dr. Abdel-Hady, associate professor of pediatrics/neonatology and the Mansoura University Children's Hospital provided Catherine with all the resources and accommodations necessary to ensure successful neonatal nursing training. Catherine "would like to thank MUCH's neonatal staff for their warm welcome, hospitality, openness, and for [an] incredible opportunity." According to Catherine, her experience "was a 10!"

Catherine Moher, RN BHS, is currently completing her masters of advanced practice nursing leadership (MN) through the University of Victoria and plans to graduate this fall. "My major project is based on my international neonatal nursing experience in Egypt this past February (2010). My project involved creating and delivering a ten-day neonatal nursing curriculum for Egyptian nurses. In response to an advertisement through the Academy of Neonatal Nursing, I was selected by Mansura University Children's Hospital to travel to Mansura, Egypt, where I conducted a needs assessment of the nursing staff, created and delivered a ten-day neonatal curriculum, and initiated a nursing leadership committee

to provide continuity and sustainability of the information shared. I will complete a major paper on knowledge translation from a cross-cultural perspective based on this experience in order to meet my course requirements for graduation this fall."

The Academy of Neonatal Nursing congratulates Catherine for her strength of character, organizational skills, and passion for education. Catherine Moher, RN, BHS, is truly an ANN Member with Heart!



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