BACCN 2009 International Conference

First Announcement & Call For Papers

An International Perspective; Cementing Alliances & Forging Success

14th - 16th September 2009, Waterfront Hall, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Abstract Deadline: 24th April 2009
Early Booking Deadline: 26th June 2009

www.baccnconference.org.uk
Welcome

On behalf of the BACCN National Board I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us for the 24th annual BACCN Conference which incorporates the prestigious 3rd International Conference, “An International Perspective; Cementing Alliances & Forging Success.” This year’s conference will take place in Northern Ireland’s capital city, Belfast.

This year we are looking forward to placing an emphasis on technology and sustainability with an extensive scientific programme, innovative exhibition, simulation area, WiFi Lounge and a bigger and better chill out zone than ever before. New for 2009 the programme will also include a Physical Assessment Master Class strand.

We are keen to encourage abstract submissions for oral presentations and poster displays.

The new and improved social events commence on Sunday evening – even more fun than previous years! The following evening there will be a drinks reception held in the exhibition area of the Waterfront Hall before the Tuesday evening where the Europa hotel will play host to the conference dinner.

It only remains for me to urge you to take advantage of the early booking registration rate, and book your place today.

I look forward to seeing you in Belfast!

Juliet Anderson
Conference Director 2009

Social Events

All delegates attending the Conference are invited to join the social programme, with inclusive tickets for full three-day delegates. This is a fun and integral part of the International BACCN Conference.

Queen’s University Belfast Welcome Reception
Sunday 13th September
Join us at the prestigious Queen’s University Belfast, the evening before the Conference begins, to meet your fellow delegates and exhibitors. Guests are then free to discover the many restaurants Belfast has to offer.

Exhibition Welcome Reception
Monday 14th September
Come and enjoy the fun immediately after Monday’s last conference session. An official opening will be held in the exhibition area, which will include a welcome from a local dignitary, some light entertainment and an opportunity to chat with exhibitors over a glass of wine. Guests are again free to discover Belfast’s restaurants.

Conference Dinner
Tuesday 15th September
The party will take place in the Europa Hotel. With a drinks reception, three course meal, lively after dinner entertainment and plenty of dancing; this is an event not to be missed!

The Host City- Belfast

Belfast has a warmth and hospitality that is quite unlike anywhere else. It has an industrial past that is fast becoming its greatest tourist attraction. There is plenty to do to get an introduction to the city such as open top bus tours through the shipyards, the Titanic and Maritime tours or visiting St Anne’s Cathedral.

The city can be divided up into quarters, each with their own stories to tell, the Queen’s Quarter, the Gaeltacht Quarter, the Titanic Quarter and the oldest quarter the Cathedral Quarter. The city boasts a huge range of pubs and restaurants that cater for every taste. Belfast is a city transformed; many visitors come from all over the world to appreciate the journey it has been on.

The Conference venue, Waterfront Hall, is ideally placed in the heart of Belfast city centre. Waterfront Hall is firmly established as one of the worlds leading conference centres and has hosted more than 2,000 national and international conferences since it’s opening in 1997.
Keynote Speakers Include:

Monday 14th September
Professor Hugh McKenna (Northern Ireland, UK)
Critical care: does profusion of evidence lead to confusion in practice?

Dr Dominique Vandijck (Belgium)
Toward excellence in nursing.

Tuesday 15th September
Professor Louise Rose (Canada)
Interprofessional collaboration in the ICU: How to define?

Professor Kate Galvin (England, UK)
Revisiting Caring Science: An integrative focus for critical care nursing

Wednesday 16th September
Professor Linda Johnston (Northern Ireland, UK)
International perspectives in neonatal nursing

Travelling to Belfast

By Air
Belfast is in easy travelling distance of two airports, Belfast International Airport and Belfast City Airport. Belfast International Airport is situated approx 17 miles north west of Belfast City Centre. George Best Belfast City Airport is situated approx three miles east of the city centre.

By Sea
Regular scheduled ferry services operate between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. From Stranraer, Troon & Cairnryan in Scotland, and Fleetwood & Liverpool in England - bringing both foot passengers, cars and other vehicles into the area through the ferry port of Belfast. There are also ferry services available from Holyhead in Wales, and Liverpool in England to Dublin Port.

Further Travel Information
For further information on travelling to Belfast please visit this website: www.discovernorthernireland.com/information/travel.aspx

Accommodation
Accommodation has been reserved for delegates at a range of hotels. For further hotel information and to book please visit www.baccnconference.org.uk. Please note hotels are limited in rooms available and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Programme Highlights
(see website for programme details)

The Conference will cover a wide range of International current topics including:

- Collaborative and Interprofessional Working
- Research & Development
- Excellence in Practice
- Education & Training
- Patient & Carer Experience

Who Should Attend

The Conference welcomes all professionals within the Critical Care field regardless of profession, or level of experience we have got something to suit your needs. We encourage greater participation of delegates in the programme by the invitation of abstract submissions. The British Association of Critical Care Nurses is one of the largest Critical Care organisations in the UK. The BACCN Conferences have a reputation for delivering imaginative conference programmes that are educationally stimulating and informative.

Delegate Registrations
Early Booking Deadline – 26th June 2009

If you would like to attend the 3rd International Conference please visit the Conference website at www.baccnconference.org.uk.

Registration Fees
(all prices include VAT)

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Late Booking Fees (After 26th June)

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Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts
Submission of Abstracts Deadline - 24th April 2009

The BACCN 2009 Conference Committee welcomes abstract submissions that address clinical, educational and professional issues at the leading edge of Critical Care Nursing. The international scientific committee are particularly interested to receive abstracts submitted on the following five themes:

• Collaborative and Inter-professional Working
• Research & Development
• Excellence in Practice
• Education & Training
• Patient & Carer Experience

Please visit the Conference website at www.baccnconference.org.uk for full details of online submission of abstracts.

• Click on abstracts
• Complete the online abstract submission form
• Abstracts must be a maximum of 300 words in length
• All abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by the International Scientific Committee

Travel Scholarships

BACCN is offering two travel scholarship awards worth a maximum of £400 each. The awards aim to support travel, accommodation and registration costs only. Individuals submitting an abstract will be eligible to apply under two categories: (a) Young Scientist, or (b) Best practice or educational innovation. You may only choose one option and costs will only be available for the lead presenter.

Membership to the BACCN

Take advantage by joining to get the discounted BACCN member delegate rates for this year’s Conference. Members benefit from a wide range of discounts, activities and updates throughout the year, annual membership is £42, European membership is £52.50 and International membership is £63.

Please contact the BACCN Administration Executive on 0844 800 8843 if you would like more details regarding membership.

International Scientific Committee for BACCN International Conference 2009

Dr John Albarran & Dr Bronagh Blackwood
Co-Chairs of International Scientific Committee (UK)

Dr Tom Andrews - Lecturer in Nursing (Ireland)

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Assistant Professor in Nursing (Turkey)

Dr Ingrid Egerod – Associate Professor & Senior Researcher (Denmark)

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Associate Professor in Nursing (USA)

Jos Latour - Clinical Nurse Scientist & Doctoral Student (The Netherlands)

Fiona Lynch - PICU Nurse Consultant (UK)

Jennifer McGaughey - Nurse Lecturer & Doctoral Student (Northern Ireland, UK)

Dr Elizabeth Papathanassoglou
Assistant Professor (Greece)

Dr Julie Scholes - Professor in Nursing (UK)

Dr Dominique Vandijck
Doctor-Assistant (Belgium)

Sponsorship & Exhibition Opportunities

The BACCN Conference includes one of the largest UK exhibitions in Critical Care. With this year’s International Conference demand for exhibition space and sponsorship will be high. Discounts are available to BACCN corporate partners. An example of some of the companies you can expect to meet at the Conference include:

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If you would like further information about the sponsorship or exhibition opportunities available please go to www.baccnconference.org.uk or contact Olivia Cooney on +44 (0)191 244 2836, olivia@benchcom.co.uk

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