

CONGRESS REPORT



The 6th EfCCNa Congress was successfully held on January 29 – 31, 2015 at the Palacio des Congresos in Valencia, Spain.

The congress was well supported by the Spanish Critical Care Nursing Organisation SEEUIC.



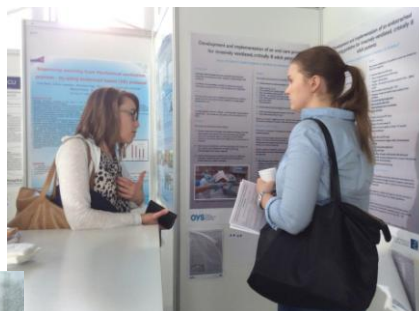
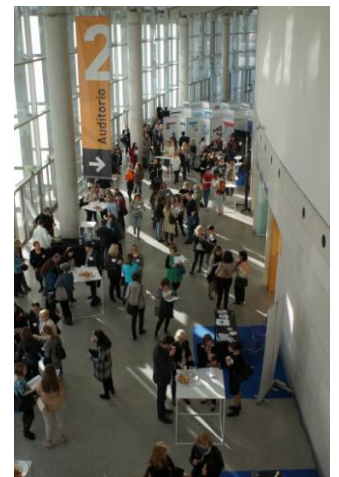
First time with professional help from Babette and Ronald from Global Conference Support PCO the congress days were perfectly organised under the motto:

Expanding Horizons in Critical Care Nursing in Europe

The International Scientific Committee has received more than 180 abstracts, resulting in a programme that consists of 189 presentations, divided in posters, workshops, symposia, plenaries and knowledge café rounds, able to provoke lively discussions between the more than 400 delegates from 26 European countries.

EfCCNa was very fortunate to get three excellent key note speakers confirmed. Kay Mitchell is a member of the Xtrem Everest expeditions that explore the effects of hypoxia to develop treatment to improve outcomes in critically ill patients. With impressive film and picture material she took us with her on her last expedition to the Mount Everest.

Dr. Louise Rose from Toronto shared her experiences in the care of critically ill in limited settings and Marc van den Boogaard from the Netherlands spoke about Delirium in critically ill patients – the detection, impact, prediction and prevention of ICU delirium. EfCCNa is happy to announce that these lectures will be presented on the website soon.



Read some personal reports from the delegates

My impression on the 6th EfCCNa congress in Valencia

ICU nurses with various backgrounds, level of education and job descriptions and with differences in healthcare systems met and had the opportunity to exchange their research and clinical knowledge.

My reflection is that the meeting focused mainly on the scientific part, research, studies, not finished studies and some of them not done by nurses. The research and posters presented was interesting and inspiring though I would have appreciated some more about research leading to new evidence based clinical practice and have had the opportunity exchange know-how.

I'm impressed of the well organized and executed meeting. Well done to all in the organization committee and scientific committee that put a lot of their time, professionalism and enthusiasm to make this an interesting and educational meeting for ICU nurses all over Europe.

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We, the Israeli group representing the Israeli Society for Cardiology and Critical Care Nursing, would like to thank EfCCNa for this important congress for critical care nurses. We enjoyed the congress as a work group for exchanging knowledge in critical care and took the opportunity to make new friends and renew old acquaintances and to have discussion and exchange of many experiences, suggestions and opinions with decisions makers, practitioners and researchers from all over Europe.

Our objectives for this conference were to share knowledge and learn from others about their achievements in different subjects such as research, education, workforce, patient's quality of care and safety. We were also fortunate enough to learn and get exposed to other nurses' clinical successes and failures in order to improve our health care system and workplace environment and atmosphere.

We enjoyed the variety of lectures and speakers in the conference that were able to skilfully guide each of participants during the keynotes, different sessions and group meetings such as the knowledge café. Furthermore, the social gatherings were also a great place for exchanging a social knowledge and mingling. Thank you and hope to see you again in EfCCNa 7th congress.

Dana Arad and the Israeli participants from the
Israeli Society for Cardiology and Critical Care Nursing

