

INTERNATIONAL CONTINENCE SOCIETY
Nurses Committee: Communication Subcommittee
Annual Report

Date: August 2014

Submitted by Sharon Eustice (Chair)

Members: Veronica Hagggar; Gisele R. Azevedo

Short-Term Goals for 2013/14	Outcomes/Comments
Kenes International to incorporate international nursing organizations in their standard communication mechanisms for the 2013 ICS meeting.	Updated list sent to Kenes and implemented. In place for meeting in ICS Rio 2014
Upload abstracts once presented at the Nurse Forum (or an overview document preliminary to Forum meeting).	Completed and ongoing.
Contribute an article to the ICS Newsletter.	Ongoing contribution (July 2014 submitted).
Add sub-committee reports to website following October 2012 meeting.	Completed and ongoing.
Long-Term Goals for 2013/14	Outcomes/Comments
Drive up ICS nurse membership: consider affiliated membership opportunities with existing organisations e.g. ACA, WOCN.	Affiliation flyer/information sent out to nursing organisations. No affiliations to date. Survey for lapsed members (increased) – to report on this in Rio 2014 (table 1).
Quarterly nurse committee newsletter to members.	Need to review this action.
Seek funding to sponsor fellowship and travel awards targeted to nurses (Collaborative with Research and Education Subcommittees).	Funds now used; For future activities to consider sponsorship.
Revisit website format.	We have added working groups (intra & post-partum: and care homes) and knowledge transfer.
Introduction of the Public Forum with monthly debate topics (add-in to e-news/e-flash to all members).	Ongoing and needs review – doesn't work.

Objectives for next 3 years (2013 – 2016)

1. The communications sub-committee will help the Nursing Committee achieve our overall objectives.
2. Engage effectively with other ICS committees and build strong relationships.
3. Demonstrate the success of our work and regularly showcase examples of output from the nurse membership.
4. Ensure that the nurse membership and wider ICS community understand what we do.
5. To regularly gather feedback from the nurse membership to ensure we are maintaining standards.

Table 1

Year	Valid Members Number	Lapsed members
1999	11	
2000	12	
2001	15	
2002	18	
2003	21	
2004	26	
2005	31	
2006	37	
2007	36	
2008	51	
2009	54	
2010	61	
2011	76	
2012	134	253
2013	171	289
2014	130	380