

THE FIRST APETNA CONGRESS : THREE YEARS OF WAITING AND A STEP FORWARD

After the cancellation of the 1st APETNA congress in 2002, ET nurses in Asia Pacific region had been waiting for another APETNA congress with great expectation. Finally the First Asia-Pacific Enterostomal Therapist Nurses Association Congress in Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia was finished with great success.

Photos of APETNA activities



Over 350 attendants plus 150 student nurses from various hospitals had attended this congress with surprisingly good response when only 200 attendants were first estimated. It is the first time in the history that nurses and ET from Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand had their own meeting in their own context. It was also a very memorable time when all these countries joined together and shared their experience within the two days program.

Something you should know about APETNA

- Asia-Pacific Enterostomal Therapist Nurses Association (APETNA), although is not an affiliated association of WCET, it serves a group of ET nurses who are interested in developing the ET services in the Asia Pacific region.
- By 2005, Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand had joined the APETNA.
- A meeting of APETNA countries will be held every two years during the APETNA congress.
- The profit gained from APEINA congress should be kept by the organizing country. Donation to NNGF or transfer to the next organizing country would be up to the individual country's decision.
- The structure of APEINA is simple but effective, the convenor of past congress organizing country of APEINA congress would be the president of APEINA for the coming 2 years. The title is "Chairperson". The Chairperson is responsible to help the coming organizing country to arrange the next APETNA congress.
- The next APETNA congress will be held in early November of 2007 in Mumbai, India.

Promotion of WCET congress

Hong Kong as the organizing country of the 16th Biennial WCET congress, had made use of the opportunity to promote the congress. We had received more than 300 enquiries and a lot of positive feedbacks from the attendants of APETNA, as well as the commercial partners. The overwhelming responses had made us more confident that the congress will have good support from Asia Pacific countries. However, WCET congress as the first international congress organized by ET nurses in Hong Kong, will need your support too. Please visit our web site <http://www.wcet2006.com.hk> to register for the congress and submit your presentation abstracts.

Photos of WCET2006 promotion booth and activities



Conference information

1. The 20th Anniversary: Clinical Symposium on Advances in Skin and Wound Care. The Conference for Prevention and Healing will be held in Caesars Place, Las Vegas, Nevada. From 23-26 October 2005.
www.symposiumwoundcare.com.
2. The 6th National Australian Wound Management Association Conference-Matrix of Wound Care will be held in National Convention Centre, Canberra, Australia from 15-18 March, 2006
www.awma.com.au
3. The WCET 16th Biennial Congress will be held in Hong Kong from 2-6 July, 2006
Deadline for abstracts 30 November, 2005
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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Scientific Committee invites authors to submit abstracts of oral, poster and video presentations for consideration and inclusion in the Congress Program, Proceedings and/or the WCET Journal. Authors must submit abstracts online at www.WCET2006.com.hk. You will find detailed instruction for abstract submission on the website.

Topics

- ❖ **Advances in ET Nursing, Stoma Care – Past, Present and Future**
- ❖ **Wound Management – Multi-dimensional Approach**
- ❖ **Urinary and Fecal Incontinence – A Global View**
- ❖ **Empowerment of our Future**

**Deadline for Abstract Submission:
30th November 2005**

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