

News of The Academy of Neonatal Nursing

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Academy Considers Forming Chapters

Several nurses have contacted the Academy about information regarding how to establish a local Academy chapter. Since its formation, the Academy has focused on providing educational opportunities for its members through national and regional conferences, through online programs, and through material provided in this journal. The Academy has not established a template that members can use to develop chapters and will not do so unless you request it.

Academy membership is nearing 7,500. Before guidelines for chapters are developed, we would like to hear from you. Should the Academy be forming local chapters? What would you like chapters to provide? What role should the Academy's national office and leaders take in regards to a chapter? Please give us your feedback by clicking on the "Chapters Survey" link at academyonline.org. If we receive a positive response from you, we will try to create a simple, understandable structure that will meet your needs. We will report your comments and suggestions in this space in the next issue.

Global Unity for Neonatal Nurses

A new association, the Council of International Neonatal Nurses "COINN," has been formed. In its own words, "COINN is an exciting newly formed organization that represents nurses who specialize in the care of newborn infants and their families or have a special

interest in this area of nursing. COINN, pronounced just like the money-currency or a coin—acts much like money as a method of exchange of information among countries. COINN is part of the growing international community of nurses that represents a resource for nurses that want to form a national or local organization, create guidelines for care or professional standards, or just want advice on neonatal nursing issues."

The following nursing groups are "affiliate organizations" of COINN: Australian College of Neonatal Nurses (ACNN); Danish Neonatal Nurses; Finnish Neonatal Nurses Association; New Zealand Association of Neonatal Nurses; Scottish Neonatal Nurses Group (SNNG); Singapore Nurses Association—Paediatric and Neonatal Nurses (SNA); South African Neonate, Infant and Toddler Support Association (SANITSA); Neonatal Network* of the Swedish Paediatric Nurses Association; National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN).

The Academy has contacted COINN regarding the role of affiliate organizations. Certainly, if COINN is to act as a resource for nurses, the Academy may wish to become an affiliate member. We are waiting to hear back from COINN. We will keep you informed as to how this matter progresses.

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Editor Sought

Would you like to contribute to the nursing community in a unique way? *Neonatal Network*[®] and the Academy are seeking a nurse to act as editor for these "News of the Academy" pages. The qualified individual should have at least two years neonatal nursing experience and an interest in writing and reporting on what is new and news in neonatal nursing and medicine. This is a paid position. For more information, or to apply, please send a letter of interest and your current CV to: Suzanne Rait, Managing Editor, Neonatal Network, 2270 Northpoint Parkway, Santa Rosa, CA 95407; or srait@neonatalnetwork.com.

Membership Update

The Academy continues to grow. Our membership is nearly at 7,500! Encourage your colleagues to join you in enjoying the benefits of membership in the Academy of Neonatal Nursing, and you can earn a bonus at the same time. Check out the Recruit a Member campaign information on the Academy website.

Excellence in Neonatal Nursing Practice Award 2006

Who is your colleague who always gives excellent care, explains procedures and diagnoses to parents so they can understand, mentors "newbies," and supports other staff members by providing insight into difficult patients, and a helping hand where needed? If you know this person, or you are this person, please nominate her or him for this award. Nomination information and forms can be found on the Academy website (see p. 144). Celebrate Nursing!

Revised ROP Screening Guideline

Revised guidelines for ROP screening were recently published. Please see *Pediatrics*. 2006. Screening examination of premature infants for retinopathy of prematurity. 117 (February): 572-576.

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Membership Application

Membership available only to individuals. No membership applications for institutions or to institutional addresses accepted.

THE ACADEMY OF NEONATAL NURSING invites you to become a member of an association dedicated to quality nursing education. Membership is only \$65/year in the U.S. Membership benefits include:

Name _____
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Dues:

1 Year U.S. Membership	\$ 65.00
1 Year Canadian Membership	\$ 75.00
1 Year International Membership	\$100.00
2 Year U.S. Membership	\$125.00
3 Year U.S. Membership	\$170.00
2 Year Canadian Membership	\$140.00
3 Year Canadian Membership	\$200.00

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*If you are a current subscriber to *Neonatal Network*[®], your subscription will be extended for an additional year.

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VISA / MC (Please circle)

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

All payments must be in U.S. funds. Checks from non-U.S. banks not accepted. For convenience, all international members are encouraged to use the membership application form on The Academy website: www.academyonline.org

Make checks payable and mail to:
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Call for Poster Abstracts 6th National Neonatal Nurses Meeting Poster Submission Guidelines Las Vegas, Nevada • September 6-9, 2006

Posters will be mounted on a 4' x 8' bulletin board provided by the Academy. Posters will remain on view in the common area throughout the conference.

Instructions for Submission

Authors must use the form on the back of this page (also available at www.neonatalnetwork.com).

The information should include the following:

Research: Include a statement of problem, hypothesis or study aim, theoretical rationale, design, setting, sample, data collection procedures, analysis, results, and implications for neonatal nursing.

Clinical Practice/Education: Include the goals for the innovation/program, a description of the innovation/program, an evaluation of the innovation/program's effectiveness, and the importance of the innovation/program to neonatal nursing.

Poster information must be submitted electronically (posters@neonatalnetwork.com) or postmarked by June 15, 2006. If you are submitting your poster by mail, you must include a 3.5" disk or CD.

For additional information, call The Academy of Neonatal Nursing at 707-568-2168.

Avoidance of Commercialism

All presentations must avoid commercialism. Presentations that constitute promotion and advertising will be prohibited. This specifically includes the pervasive or inappropriate use of logos. Presentations that are merely descriptions of commercial programs or products will not be allowed. If the cost of any presentation has been underwritten to

any extent, a clear acknowledgment stating that support and identifying the source should be included. No advertising matter of any description may be distributed or displayed that in any way promotes the commercial interest of the authors or of a particular company or enterprise.

Statements made in the presentation are the sole responsibility of the author. No statement should be attributed to The Academy of Neonatal Nursing in any manner.

Review Process

All posters will be reviewed by members of the program committee. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. The Academy reserves the right to reject any submission. Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 30, 2006.

Responsibility for Expenses

Poster presenters are responsible for all expenses related to their attendance at the Academy's meeting including handouts and personal expenses such as travel and hotel. Poster presenters are required to register and pay for each conference day if they wish to attend the educational portion of the meeting.

Please return the completed forms to:
The Academy of Neonatal Nursing
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E-mail: posters@neonatalnetwork.com

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**6th National Neonatal Nurses Meeting
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Poster Presenter Information Form**

All authors' names and credentials must be included. List the names, with credentials, exactly as they should appear in published materials. If you are submitting your poster electronically only, please also fax this form to: 707-569-0786. Poster information must be submitted by June 15, 2006.

Primary Poster Presenter

Name: _____
Credentials: _____
Work Title: _____
Facility: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
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Preferred Mailing Address: ___ Work ___ Home
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Academic preparation/institution(s): _____

Coauthors' names and credentials: Please list on separate sheet.

Poster Abstract Form

Major Content Area: ___ Clinical Practice ___ Education ___ Research

Abstract Title: _____

Please submit the following on a separate sheet of paper without identifying author information.

Abstract: Should be no more than 200 words.

Objectives: Please list up to three objectives.

Agreement:

If this poster presentation is accepted for the Academy's national meeting, I agree to make the presentation and pay the conference registration fee if I wish to attend the educational portion of the meeting. As first author, I give permission for duplication of this abstract for inclusion in the conference proceedings and any other Academy publication as space permits.

Signature _____ Date _____

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