



# International Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurse Network

## May News Update

Greetings Colleagues:

We're getting ready for the ICN conference and the INP/APN Network meeting on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 15:00 hours (3:00 PM) in Yokohama, Japan. Will you be attending the ICN conference? If so please plan to attend the Network meeting in room 311/312 of the convention center.

The meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> will present the ICN approved International Scope of Practice, Standards and Competencies for the APN. This document has been in draft form on the website for two years. Since that time additional revisions have been made to both the framework and competencies. The framework for developing the APN competencies has been drawn from the domains which form the foundation of the generalist nurse/registered nurse. Nursing is at the core of all levels and specialties of our work. Time has been allotted during this meeting for explaining the document to the membership in attendance. In the future, sections of the News Update will be devoted to the document.

The pilot survey has been sent out and data gathered on the language used to query our global colleagues about the education, practice and regulation of the NP/APN. The findings will be discussed at this meeting by Joyce Pulcini, Chair of the Education/Practice Subgroup. The return of 54 out of 70 emailings was received for this pilot study. 16 survey requests were returned due to faulty email addresses. Once the responses have been reviewed and changes to the survey language have been corrected to clarify terminology, the Subgroup will begin planning for another more inclusive study.

The return of these emails brings a finding that is frequently encountered when attempting to communicate with the membership. We, all members, frequently have an email address change and fail to communicate this to people/organizations/ agencies in our personal communication community. If you are reading this you undoubtedly have maintained the same email address you sent to ICN when joining the Network. But if you have colleagues who do not receive this communiqué and are members of INP/APN Network perhaps they have not communicated this change of a new email address. Encourage them to send in their new email address with a request to update their profile that is stored in the ICN data base. They can go to the website, ([www.icn-apnetwork.org](http://www.icn-apnetwork.org)) click on 'About INP/APN' and then click on 'Network Steering Groups' and by clicking on my picture or David Benton's (ICN Representative) picture the new information will be sent to us and it will be correct by the ICN staff.

Please check the website for news letters from other NP/APN organizations around the globe. Also the latest News Bulletins are posted with stories of APNs development around the world. If you would like to tell your colleagues about what you are doing in your nation contact the Co-Chairs of the Communication SG by clicking on their picture to send them an email about writing an article for the publication.

I hope to see you in Yokohama for a wonderful and exciting conference and the INP/APN Network meeting.

Rosemary Goodyear, Chair  
INP/APN Network