

International Council of Nurses calls for Late-Breaking Abstracts for ICN 2021 Congress

Geneva, Switzerland; 28 June 2021 – The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is calling for [submission](#) of late breaking abstracts for concurrent sessions and E-poster presentations at the ICN Congress 2021, *Nursing Around the World*, which will take place virtually on 2-4 November 2021. The on-line submission system opened today, 28 June, and will close on **16 July 2021**.

The call is for late-breaking abstracts that present high impact, groundbreaking, innovative, and newsworthy data, and should contain new information that was not yet known or fully available by the original abstract submission deadline in March. The submission should not be a revision of an abstract submitted in the original submission process.

Howard Catton, ICN Chief Executive Officer said:

“Events around the world are constantly and rapidly changing. These late breaking submissions will allow the most recent findings and developments to be included in the Congress programme so it is as up to date and contemporary as possible. ICN is committed to bringing together nurses and health experts from around the world to exchange information and ideas about the latest research, share experiences and showcase innovations during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Instructions for the submission of abstracts and details on the themes to be addressed can be accessed at www.icncongress2021.org.

Abstracts can be submitted under the following themes:

1. Nursing Leadership
2. Epidemics and Pandemics: Nurses’ Experiences, Responses, and Policy Recommendations
3. Nursing Regulation and Education
4. Quality and Safety
5. Nursing Care and Advanced Practice Nursing
6. Nursing Workforce
7. Global Health Challenges
8. Digital Health and Innovation

Please see the [Call for Abstracts](#) for further details.

Spread over three days, the ICN Congress will be the largest gathering of nurses from across the world in 2021. ICN 2021 will be a fully virtual event where delegates can actively participate and network. This highly interactive meeting will provide a vast array of content which includes

plenary, main and concurrent sessions, e-poster displays, symposia and policy cafés. Using the theme “Nursing Around the World”, we will pass the nursing baton across different regions in a series of live and interactive events. The Congress programme will be packed full of the latest research, trends and priorities in nursing and will look ahead to the future of healthcare and a post-COVID-19 world. Multidisciplinary plenary sessions and symposiums will cater to an international audience and bring together nurses from all regions.

Keynote speakers include Mr Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary General; Her Royal Highness Princess Muna al-Hussein, WHO Patron for Nursing and Midwifery in the Eastern Mediterranean Region; Rt. Hon. Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand; Representative Lauren Underwood, a nurse and US Congresswoman; and Ms Peggy Vito, a nurse and Minister of Health of the Seychelles.

Key dates for the ICN 2021 Congress

- ✓ 28 June 2021 - Online submission of late-breaking abstracts opens
- ✓ 16 July 2021 - Online abstract submission closes (midnight CET)
- ✓ August 2021 - Applicants notified of acceptance
- ✓ 10 September 2021 - Deadline for registration of abstract presenters
- ✓ 2 November 2021 - ICN 2021 opens

Further information and regular updates on the Congress programme will be posted on the Congress website: www.icncongress2021.org

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Note to Editors

The **International Council of Nurses** (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

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