



## News from FEND



I wish you all a belated Happy Easter, and hope you have returned to work refreshed and invigorated. FEND continues to prosper and has a number of initiatives planned for 2008, which I would like, on behalf of the Executive Committee, to share with you in my short editorial.

### FEND ENDCUP

The FEND ENDCUP, we are very pleased to report, will go ahead this year. The first two modules, clinical management and treatment, and patient education are scheduled to take place in June in London, with the third, research module, taking place in Barcelona in July 2009. We are delighted with the response and commitment from the nurses who have applied for the course this year. The nurses represent a number of countries throughout Europe, both East and West, and appear very keen to increase their knowledge and skills with regard to diabetes. A number of the participants are planning, on completion of the course, to organise similar courses in their own countries. This is an exciting and important further development for the ENDCUP initiative and one FEND has been aiming to achieve.

### FEND conference

The Annual Conference will take place in Rome this year on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 September and plans are well underway to ensure a stimulating and interactive meeting. You are all invited to submit an abstract for the Conference, to enable you to share your ideas and highlight areas of good clinical practice. Further details are available on our website of how to register for the conference or submit an abstract.

Our membership, for a very competitive rate, is open to all nurses working in the field of diabetes, further details of how to join is available in this journal as below, and on the website. Membership of FEND entitles you to a reduced conference fee and free access to this respected and informative journal.

We are currently in discussion with a number of Universities with regard to the development of a second FEND Professorial Chair in Diabetes Nursing. Our first FEND Professor has completed her role in our organisation and is now a full-time Professor at the University of Upsala in Sweden. We look forward to appointing another FEND Professor of Diabetes Nursing, to enable us to continue to strive to reach some of our goals, of enhancing the professional status of nurses working in the field of diabetes, encouraging more research undertaken by nurses and providing a network for nurses in Europe to work on research ideas and projects together.

The journal is going from strength to strength and I am sure you will agree with me that this issue is living up to expectation. The articles, with a children, young adolescent and type 1 diabetes focus look very interesting. It is great to see a review of last years' conference, and in particular a research poster summary, to remind us of the excellent lectures, posters, ideas and clinical work carried out by our membership and other professional colleagues, which was shared and discussed in Amsterdam. Do not forget to think seriously about submitting your own ideas or projects for publication. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Deirdre Kyne-Grzebalski**  
FEND Chairman

## Membership of FEND

Membership is open to *all* nurses throughout Europe working in diabetes. All members of FEND will automatically receive, free of charge, a copy of the official journal of FEND – *European Diabetes Nursing*

### Membership fees:

1 year: 45 Euros; 3 years: 110 Euros

If you would like to join FEND, a membership application form can be downloaded from the website at [www.fend.org](http://www.fend.org) and click on Membership, or contact the Membership Secretary Deirdre Cregan. Completed forms and payment should be sent to the Membership Secretary:

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