



News from FEND



It is that time of year again, mid-summer, and I hope you are all enjoying warm and sunny weather. We in the UK are hoping for improvement soon. FEND has been very busy this year as usual and I will update you on our progress.

FEND conference

The conference, in Rome this year, is drawing near and our registrar has been exceptionally busy. We have over 500 delegates registered to date, with more to come, and we have an excellent venue which I am sure will provide ideal facilities for us. The programme, with interesting topics and eminent speakers, should promote a stimulating and interactive meeting. There has been a very good response to our call for abstracts, and we look forward to hearing and reading about our members' initiatives in practice.

FEND ENDCUP

Two modules of the FEND ENDCUP programme took place in London in June this year, at Roehampton University. There were 30 participants from all over Europe, including our Eastern European colleagues from Poland, Latvia, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Turkey. All participants evaluated all aspects of the programme very highly, including the content of the programme, the speakers who presented the lectures and workshops, and the excellent information manuals provided. The staff of the University of Roehampton were particularly helpful and ensured the programme ran smoothly from beginning to end. The third research module will take place next year, venue to be decided. The success of this programme is particularly exciting for FEND, in helping us to fulfil

our aim of assisting in the development of similar courses in some of the European Countries, especially in Eastern Europe.

We are currently in discussions with a number of universities that have expressed interest in establishing a FEND Professorial Chair in Diabetes Nursing. We look forward to further negotiations, planned during the next few months, and the eventual appointment of a suitable candidate. We will keep you posted on future developments.

EDN news

The journal continues to be very popular with our members and, due to its success, it has been necessary to appoint a Co-editor to help Sarah Hills our Editor. We are very pleased that Bert Vrijhoef, PhD, agreed to take on this important role, and we look forward to his input and new ideas. However, the continued success of the journal also depends on articles and papers being submitted for publication, so please consider sending us any innovations in your current practice or new ideas you have, for possible inclusion. It is primarily a nursing journal, so it would be good to hear from more of our members.

Bert is also undertaking some research on behalf of FEND, investigating the different roles carried out by Diabetes Specialist Nurses throughout Europe. We anticipate that a report of the findings will be presented by Bert at our conference in Vienna next year.

There are a number of interesting articles in this issue which I hope you enjoy reading, and I look forward to meeting you all again at the conference.

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 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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