



News from FEND



It is all change in the FEND Executive Committee as mentioned by Anne-Marie Felton in the last issue. I have taken over the role of Chairman of FEND; Vivien Aldridge has taken over as Treasurer and Anne-Marie Felton as President. We will also sadly, say goodbye to some of our committee members who are retiring in September; Els Denis, Bep Bakker-Verschoor, Malgorzata Gasiorowska, Claudia Huber, Sari Rodriquez and Gunnel Wiklund, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for all their hard work and commitment to FEND.

It is both an honour and a challenge for me to be embarking on such an exciting adventure, as the Chair of this successful organisation. I am taking over this role from Anne-Marie, who you all know, and who has been an inspiration to us all in FEND. She has worked tirelessly since the beginning, to promote the role of the Specialist Nurse in the care and management of people with diabetes, and ensured that FEND has had the opportunity to influence key decisions, policies and health strategies within the EU and beyond. I am sure she will continue to be influential in her new role as President.

I hope to continue the good work and I welcome the opportunity of meeting and sharing ideas with you all, through our various activities. Please spread the word about FEND, encourage your colleagues to become members, attend our conferences and help us to progress your ideas further.

I am currently working as the Clinical Nurse Leader, Diabetes, in the north of England at the Newcastle Diabetes Centre. As a qualified Nurse Prescriber, I undertake nurse-led clinics, which give me the

opportunity to both extend my knowledge on all aspects of diabetes and give more comprehensive care to people with diabetes. I work with an excellent multi-disciplinary team and am primarily responsible for the professional development and training of our nursing team.

FEND conference

Our annual conference is being held in Amsterdam this year and should be underway when you receive this issue and I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Please do not hesitate to approach me if you have any specific ideas or developments you wish to discuss.

FEND ENDCUP

As previously mentioned we were unable to proceed with the FEND ENDCUP Programme this year, but we do have plans to organise a further course in July 2008. I will keep you informed of progress and details on how to apply as soon as they are finalised.

This issue of our journal is again an excellent example of the Editor's commitment to FEND. It consists of some very interesting, thought provoking and more importantly useful articles, in particular the 'how to...'. Can I ask you all to please seriously think about submitting articles for publication. Nurses consistently undertake excellent and exciting initiatives, but are often reluctant to put pen to paper. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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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