



Westward Bound
BUILDING A STRONG FUTURE

19-22 MAY
ACORN 2010

CONFERENCE UPDATE

INVITED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Professor Charlie Teo has developed an international reputation in the field of invasive neurosurgery, particularly in children, and has a passion for teaching and philanthropy. He is Director of the Centre for Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery, President of Think First Australasia for the prevention of brain and spinal cord injuries, and a Founding Board Member of V.I.N.E. (volunteers for international neurosurgical education). Charlie is also Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board and Founder of the Cure for Life Foundation, the largest charity devoted to the advancement and treatment of patients with brain tumours.

Professor Mary Chiarella is Professor of Nursing at the University of Sydney and Chair of the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council, the peak regulatory body for nursing and midwifery in Australia. Mary's research interests focus on legal, policy and ethical issues in nursing and health care delivery. In 2008 she undertook a global review of nurse-led models of primary health care for the Chief Scientific Officer, Nursing and Midwifery of the World Health Organisation and is currently following that up with a review of policy and leadership in primary health care and work on MDG 5.

Prof Bruce Barraclough AO is the eHealth Medical Director, CSIRO ICT Centre. He has had a distinguished career in medicine with a particular focus on breast and endocrine surgery, and is President of The International Society for Quality in Health Care, Chair of the Board of the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission, Medical Director of the Australian Cancer Network, a member of the NSW Health Care Advisory Council and Associate Dean (Planning) University of Western Sydney Medical School. In 2003, Bruce Barraclough was created an Officer in the Order of Australia for services to medicine as a surgeon, to medical education, particularly the development of high-level surgical training facilities, and to the community through fostering improvements in the delivery of safe, quality healthcare in Australia.

INVITATION TO REGISTER

On behalf of the organising committee I invite you to register for the Australian College of Operating Nurses (ACORN) National Conference for 2010. The theme for the Conference is "Westward Bound – Building a Strong Future" in keeping with our move to Perth for the event.

Don't miss this exciting event for Perioperative Nurses and their partners in industry including universities, public and private organisations and other allied health professionals.

Kind regards

Frances O'Brien
Conference Convenor



LOCATION AND VENUE

The Perth Convention Exhibition Centre is a leading light in Australia's convention and exhibition industry. It is Perth's window to Western Australia. It hosts international, national and local forums and provides a hub for visitors to explore a state of endless beauty and diverse attractions.

The City of Perth is the State's centre for the arts, business, government and entertainment. It has Australia's fastest growing economy and is considered one of the most exciting, vibrant, forward thinking cities in the Asia Pacific Region. Perth is a city that breeds innovative thinkers with a "can do" attitude. This same attitude applies to the meetings sector where industry and suppliers co-operate to ensure every event is successful.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

time	Wednesday 19 May	Thursday 20 May	Friday 21 May	Saturday 22 May	
9:00am	PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS includes morning tea	WELCOME	PLENARY SESSION	PANEL DISCUSSION	
9:30am		KEYNOTE	KEYNOTE		
10:00am		morning tea	morning tea	morning tea	
10:30am		CONCURRENT ONE	CONCURRENT THREE	CONCURRENT FIVE	
12:00		Newcomers Session	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION	LUNCH AND EXHIBITION
1:00pm	MOTIVATIONAL KEYNOTE				
2:00pm	AGM and Open Forum	CONCURRENT TWO	CONCURRENT FOUR	Awards and Closing	
3:00pm				close	close
3:15pm				close	close
4:00pm	afternoon tea				
4:30pm	Judith Cornell Oration				
6:30pm	WELCOME RECEPTION and Exhibition Opening	FREE EVENING	CONFERENCE DINNER		
7:00pm					

CONFERENCE TOPICS

The conference will include the following topics which a focus on the concept of SPIRIT:

STANDARDS: *utilising evidence based practice*

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: *and development in perioperative settings*

INNOVATION: *in current practice leading to improved patient outcomes*

REPRESENTATION: *of perioperative nursing at local, national and international level*

INFLUENTIAL: *in developing and improving Health Policy*

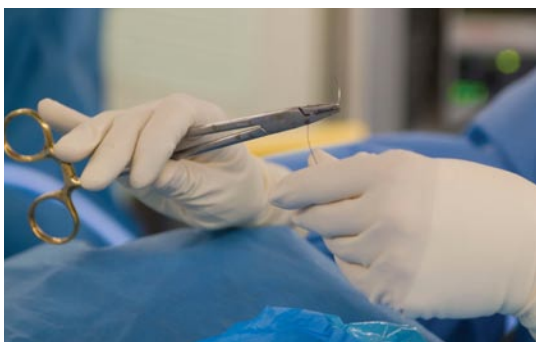
TEAMWORK: *leading to a strong future for perioperative nursing*

SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

The Conference Program will consist of a four day educational program, together with a large Trade Exhibition highlighting the latest advances in medical device technology, offering both educational and networking opportunities. The planned Social Program also offers excellent marketing opportunities.

The ACORN Conference and Exhibition is widely promoted throughout the world and we anticipate more than 500 delegates and 100 exhibitors will join us. The conference delegates will come from influential buyer groups in private and public perioperative hospital units, industry, universities and other allied health professionals.

Exhibition and sponsorship enquiries should be directed to the conference organisers below.



FURTHER INFORMATION

All enquiries should be directed to the conference organisers:

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