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## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES | ICN

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### BACKGROUND AND MISSION

The International Council of Nurses (ICN), founded in 1899, 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 nursing care for all and sound health policies globally.

### AREAS OF INTEREST

- solidarity and cooperation across the profession in collaboration with other stakeholders
- strategic leadership to empower nurses and nursing organizations
- antimicrobial resistance
- mental health
- immunisation
- noncommunicable diseases

### HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

ICN moves health and nursing forward in many ways, including professional development for its members, and through its Girl Child Initiative, which supports the health and education of girls in developing countries. ICN collaborates with WHO and ILO in projects related to the health and wellbeing of health care workers. In developing countries ICN works to build capacity of local nurses by providing mobile nursing libraries that allow nurses to increase their professional knowledge, along with specific professional knowledge on AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Overall, ICN promotes positive practice environments, immunisation safety, nurse leadership training, and improved socio-economic welfare for nurses globally. ICN also hosts the International Centre for Human Resources in Nursing (ICHRN), which focuses on human resources management in healthcare, healthcare management, data collection and healthcare workforce planning and policy formulation.

## **GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

ICN is governed by a board of directors containing 14 members representing all geographical areas of the world, which meets annually. The Council of National Representatives brings together representatives from all member national nurses associations every two years. Additionally, a major congress is held every four years and a smaller conference every two years. The current president of ICN is Annette Kennedy. The Chief Executive Officer is Dr Isabelle Skinner.

## **FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET**

ICN is supported financially by member associations and by project grants from partners and foundations.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

For all ICN's publications see: <http://www.icn.ch/publications/publications/>  
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