

# ADF NURSES INFORMATION

## NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2002

*It is a busy but exciting time in the Directorate of the DDFN, plans are progressing well for the First Annual ADF Nurses Forum, however to make it successful we need ADF nurses to present papers or poster presentations. A call for abstracts went out some weeks ago, the closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> July 02.*

*The first draft of the Advanced and Specialist Competencies for ADF Nurses has also been sent out for comment, apart from a few amendments they seem to have been generally well accepted.*

*The role of the Military Nurse Practitioner (MNP) is being further explored with meetings scheduled with both the Nurses Board of South Australia and the New South Wales Nurses Registration Board to discuss options and a way ahead for the MNP.*

*We hope to make this newsletter a monthly publication on the ADF Nurses Bulletin Board to communicate the progress of current events within the Defence Force Nursing Directorate, contributions are welcome and indeed encouraged.*

### COMPETENCY STANDARDS

The draft of the Advanced and Specialist Competencies for ADF Nursing Officers has been sent to the participants of the expert workshop held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2002, and to the individual category sponsors for comment. Once all feedback has been addressed, these competencies will then be sent for endorsement prior to publication.

Existing competency standards of the relevant peak nursing bodies have been adopted and augmented with additional military specific competencies within each area of specialty.

Assessment criteria and guidelines for the Core Competencies for ADF Nursing Officers are being developed.

## CONFERENCES AND NURSING EXPOS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TITLE</i>	<i>VENUE</i>
<p>Sunday 30 June  <b>New Venue!</b>            Nursing Careers,            Education and            Employment Expo -            Sydney            Open from 10am - 4pm and entry is            FREE!</p>	<p>Nursing Careers,            Education and            Employment Expo -            Sydney            Open from 10am - 4pm and entry is            FREE!</p>	<p>Star City            80 Pyrmont St            Pyrmont Sydney            NSW            AUSTRALIA</p>
<p>24-26 July</p>	<p>RCNA and STTI present            the 13th International            Research Conference:            The adventures of nursing            practice through research:            How far have we come?</p>	<p>Brisbane Sheraton            249 Turbot Street            Brisbane            QLD            AUSTRALIA</p>
<p>26 &amp; 27 July</p>	<p>Rural Critical Care 2nd            Conference            This Rural Critical Care Conference            has been organised            by Clinical Nurse Consultants for            Rural Emergency Services NSW for            the benefit of hospital and pre-            hospital clinicians working in rural            and remote areas.</p>	<p>The Commercial Club            Dean St            Albury NSW            AUSTRALIA</p>
<p>Sunday 28 July</p>	<p>Nursing Careers,            Education and            Employment Expo -            Brisbane            Open from 10am - 4pm and entry is            FREE</p>	<p>Brisbane Sheraton            249 Turbot Street            Brisbane            QLD            AUSTRALIA</p>
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1- 4 September	Title of the conference is "Health Care in Focus - Best Practice, Best Management, Best Measurement (Incorporating the 14th Casemix Conference)" Conference Secretariat: Conference Logistics Tel 02 6281 6624 Fax 02 6285 1336	Hotel Sofitel 25 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria
31 October - 2 November	International Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network Conference - Making the future: Practice, policy and partnerships	Venue: Hilton Adelaide, Victoria Square, Adelaide Adelaide SA AUSTRALIA

Call: 1800 061 660 or email: [conf@rcna.org.au](mailto:conf@rcna.org.au) for more information on the Conferences and Expos listed above, or visit the Royal College of Nursing Web site at [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au).

**7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2002**

**FIRST ANNUAL ADF NURSES FORUM**

***"LEADERSHIP - NO BARRIERS, NO BOUNDS"***

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS, CLOSING DATE 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2002**

**VENUE: MILITARY THEATRE,**

**AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY**

**CAMPBELL ACT 2600**

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Further details to be published as they become available.

## *Defence Health Symposium*

A progressive initiative of the Defence Health Service (DHS) will provide for the first time a forum to present, discuss and debate the topical issues and complex challenges facing military and civilian health professionals from across the globe.

The Defence Health Symposium, coordinated by the DHS and co-hosted by the Australian Disaster Medicine Group, the Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health and the Australian Military Medicine Association will be held in Sydney from 25-28 July 2002. The Symposium will focus on a wide range of issues including disaster medicine, mental health, prevention medicine and general military medicine. Papers will also be presented on clinical governance issues and on future directions.

The program will be delivered by a wide range of Australian and overseas speakers who are experts within their respective fields. The Symposium should be of interest to all Australian health care providers regardless of their current area of employment.

Due to the depth and breadth of topics on the Symposium agenda, it is not possible to list all sessions here but a sample includes:

- Emergency Preparedness - looking at the Sydney 2000 Olympics case study
- The Nature of Bioterrorism
- Predicting Casualties at Large Gatherings
- Promoting Leadership in Nursing
- Safe Participation in Physical Activity in the ADF
- Obesity: the New Epidemic

For further information, to access the registration brochure and/or register on-line go to [www.defence.gov.au/dpe/dhs](http://www.defence.gov.au/dpe/dhs)

or e-mail the conference secretariat at: [defencehealth@con-sol.com](mailto:defencehealth@con-sol.com)

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### **ADF NURSES BULLETIN BOARD:**

An upgrade of the ADF Nurses Bulletin Board is planned for the coming months, included in these plans is to have a section dedicated to publishing papers written by ADF nursing officers as well as continuing a monthly newsletter. If you have, or know of someone who has written a paper that may be of interest to your colleagues, and you would like it placed on the ADF Nurses Bulletin Board, or you have an item for the newsletter, please forward an electronic copy to:

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### **WEB SITES OF INTEREST:**

Try [www.findarticles.com](http://www.findarticles.com) for a huge selection of information on lots of subjects, click on Health and Fitness, more... to find access to all kinds of health related journals and articles.

[www.hapgeneva.org](http://www.hapgeneva.org)

The HAP was devised at a meeting in March 2000 that brought together some 50 senior representatives from humanitarian organizations to discuss the findings of the [Humanitarian Ombudsman Project](#) (an inter-agency initiative originating from the evaluation of the international response to the Rwandan genocide). The meeting sought to investigate and test the feasibility of creating an Ombudsman for the humanitarian sector. Participants recognized a clear need to improve accountability in the context of humanitarian operations and that this objective would be best served by a variety of mechanisms rather than relying on just one. An international Steering Committee was then set up which oversaw the project proposal and the setting up of the Humanitarian Accountability Project.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2002 The Senate Community Affairs Committee released:

### **THE PATIENT PROFESSION: TIME FOR ACTION**

#### **Report on the Inquiry into Nursing**

This is quite a large document but worth taking the time to look through, it can be found on the Parliament of Australia Senate web site:

[www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac\\_ctte/nursing/](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/nursing/)