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President & President Elect joint message



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Celebrating lives well lived

The WCET® was founded in 1978 by a group of people who went on to live full lives that benefited people around the world.

“The purpose of life is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well” – Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Whether we are titled enterostomal therapist (ET), wound, ostomy and continence (WOC) nurse, or stoma care nurse (SCN), we all have something in common besides a passion for our specialty – we have all chosen to live to serve others, to be “useful... honourable... compassionate”. It is no wonder then, that when we lose a WCET® member, there is an outpouring of stories of a ‘life well lived’, footprints left behind for others to learn from and follow.

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Judy Chamberlain, a WCET® Life Member from South Africa, who passed away suddenly in December 2022. Judy was well known to members attending Congress, she attended the first WCET® Congress in 1978 in Milan and went on to hold several positions including International Delegate and member and Chairperson of the Communications and Publications Committee. We also grieved the passing of Marylyn McManus, also a WCET® Life Member from South Africa, who passed away in February. Marylyn was not only the generous founder of the Marylyn McManus WCET® Scholarship for Africa but was considered a stoma therapy pioneer and icon; she was a founding member of the WCET® and the South African Stoma Association. We send our heartfelt condolences to Judy’s and Marylyn’s family, friends and associates. May they both rest



in peace. We also again thank those who have sent remembrances for Suzanne Montandon.

We send our deepest sympathy to members who had loved ones lost or injured in the earthquakes in Indonesia, Turkey and Syria, as well as the flash floods in Brazil and Saudi Arabia, and the recent tornados in the USA. We also send our deepest gratitude to those involved in caring for victims and those who donated funds.

It is very important that we celebrate our members' achievements during life, and we have a lot to celebrate. We congratulate: Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello (USA), who was awarded the 2023 JoAnn Maklebust Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP) at their annual conference; Widasari Sri Gitarja (Indonesia), for WOCARE, who accepted the Gold Award for Most Progressive Society at the 2023 *Journal of Wound Care (JWC)* Awards; Dr Linda Beskin (USA) who was recently awarded for innovation for her RCT of available technology dressings in remote and conflict areas at the Association of the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC) 2023 Conference; and Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello and Dr Gary R. Sibbald (Canada) who both received awards in March in Abu Dhabi from the International Interprofessional Wound Care Group (IIWCG) for their work and dedication to education and mentoring in the Gulf region.

As a charitable organisation we very much rely on the generosity of individuals or groups who donate their time and funds. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the family of Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello for their very much appreciated financial support in the creation of a new WCET® scholarship named the Joseph and Betty Garafalo: Cutrofello Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship aims to support nurses who want to train via a WCET® recognised ETNEP program. There is no restriction on the country of origin of the recipient. Anyone who would like to donate to a very good cause we encourage you to donate at: <https://wcetn.org/page/JoandBettyGarofaloCutrofelloMemorialScholarship>.

All recipients of the scholarship will receive a certificate which will state the scholarship name, they will also be listed in the *Bulletin* Roll of Honour. Please remember that only members can benefit from scholarships and other resources, and so we encourage you to renew your membership.

We would like to appreciate our Executive Board Members and support team for their hard work, in particular Melissa and Susan from our management company for developing the slides explaining how to update your profile, which is important to receiving communication and your *WCET® Journal*. You can

find this information here: https://cdn.ymaws.com/wcetn.org/resource/resmgr/membership/How_to_Complete_Member_Profi.pdf. This will also be made available in different languages, and so we also thank those who help with translations. If you need it available in your own language and would like to translate it, please contact our Central Office (admin@wcetn.org). We would also like to welcome Diana Gallagher and Alison Crawshaw back to their positions after serious illnesses. Despite being away, they have maintained communication with us to keep the organisation moving forward, and we greatly appreciate their dedication.

The Executive Board 2024–2028 call for nominations is open. Please review the criteria for each position before application by contacting the current chairpersons. Members will be asked to vote in June 2023.

We would like to thank all members who have completed the members' survey for 2023 – your feedback is critical to developing our strategic plans for the coming years. We are currently receiving translations on your answers from volunteers, Michelle Lee, Heidi Campos, Vera Santos and Laurent Chabal – thank you so much for supporting this important task. We will, as we have done in previous years, report the most relevant results in an article published in the *WCET® Journal*.

We have also kept ourselves busy since we last 'spoke'. We have recorded a message for the Anhui ETNEP graduation in China, and Laurent attended the Swiss Stoma Association in February and presented at the IIWCG in Abu Dhabi in March. There is much more to come in 2023 so please stay tuned.

Going back to our theme of 'lives well lived', Norma Gill is the epitome of this quote. We take this opportunity to wish you, in advance, wonderful WCET® Norma N Gill Day® birthday celebrations for the 26th June 2023. We would love to receive your stories for publication in the next issue of the *Bulletin*. Please send us your stories, let your voice be heard and your work and achievements be visible. The Education Committee are preparing a webinar to be launched on the 26th June 2023 in celebration of the day.

We are also very excited to be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the *WCET® Bulletin* in 2023. We will be publishing a 20th anniversary issue and would love to hear from anyone who has memories of their stories from the first issue. Looking forward, as always, to hearing from you.

Sincerely
Denise & Laurent



主席和当选主席联合致辞

(Translated into Chinese by Michelle Lee)

庆祝“生命活得美好”

WCET® 于 1978 年由一群人创立，他们怀着生命需要过得充实的理念，造福了世界各地的人们。

“生活的目的是有意义，值得尊敬，富有同情心，让你的生活有所不同和生活得美好。” – 拉尔夫沃尔多爱默生

无论我们的称谓是造口治疗师 (ET)、伤口、造口和失禁 (WOC) 护士，还是造口护理护士 (SCN)，除了对我们的专业充满热情之外，我们都有一些共同点，我们都选择为他人服务，成为“有用的、可敬的和富有同情心的人”。难怪当我们失去一名 WCET® 成员时，自然会涌现出“生命活得美好”的故事，留下足迹供其他人学习和追随。

听到来自南非的 WCET® 终身会员，Judy Chamberlain 于 2022 年 12 月突然去世的消息，我们感到非常遗憾。Judy 在参加大会的会员中众所周知，她参加了 1978 年在米兰举行的第一届 WCET® 大会，并继续担任多个职位，包括国际代表、通讯和出版委员会成员和主席。我们还对来自南非的 WCET® 终身会员，Marylyn McManus 的逝世感到悲痛，她于 2 月离世。Marylyn 不仅是 Marylyn McManus WCET® 非洲奖学金的创始人，而且被认为是造口治疗的先驱和偶像；她是 WCET® 和南非造口协会的创始成员。

我们向Judy和Marylyn的家人、朋友和同事表示衷心的哀悼，愿他们安息。

我們再次感謝那些為 Suzanne Montandon 送去紀念的人。

我们向在印度尼西亚、土耳其和叙利亚的地震、巴西和沙特阿拉伯的山洪暴发，以及在美国最近的龙卷风中，失去或受伤的亲人表示最深切的同情。我们也向那些参与照顾受害者和捐助资金的人，表示最深切的感谢。

祝贺我们的会员在生命中所取得的成就是非常重要，我们有很多值得庆祝的事情。我们祝贺 Elizabeth A. Ayello 博士，被国家压力性损伤咨询小组 (NPIAP) 授予 2023 年 JoAnn Maklebust 终身成就奖。Widasari Sri Gitarja，印尼 WOCARE，获得 2023 年伤口护理杂志的最进步社会金奖。琳达·贝斯基 (Linda Beskin) 博士，最近在伤口护理促进协会 (AAWC) 2023 年会议上，因她在偏远和冲突地区所作的 RCT，对可用敷料的创新技术而获奖。Elizabeth A. Ayello 博士和 Gary R. Sibbald 博士均于 3 月在阿布扎比获得国际跨专业伤口护理小组 (IIWCG) 颁发的奖项，以表彰他们的工作和奉献精神。

作为一个慈善组织，我们非常依赖个人或团体，慷慨捐助他们的时间和资金。我们想借此机会衷心感谢 Elizabeth A. Ayello 博士的家人，感谢他们在设立名为“Joseph and Betty Garafalo: Cutrofello Memorial Scholarship Fund”的新 WCET® 奖学金，所提供的经济支持。该奖学金旨在支持希望通过 ETNEP 计划，而接受培训的护士。此奖学金对受助人的国籍没有限制。任何愿意为此项目捐献的人，我们鼓励您在以下网址捐款：

<https://wctn.org/page/JoeandBettyGarofaloCutrofelloMemorialScholarship>

所有奖学金获得者，都将获得一份证书，上面注明奖学金的名称，他们也将被列入 BULLETin 荣誉榜。请记住，只有会员才能受益于奖学金和其他资源，因此我们鼓励您更新您的会员资格。

我们向在印度尼西亚、土耳其和叙利亚的地震、巴西和沙特阿拉伯的山洪暴发，以及在美国最近的龙卷风中，失去或受伤的亲人表示最深切的同情。我们也向那些参与照顾受害者和捐助资金的人，表示最深切的感谢。

我们要感谢我们的执行委员会成员和支持团队的辛勤工作，特别是我们管理公司的 Melissa 和 Susan 所制作的幻灯片，解释如何更新您的个人资料。这对于接收通讯和您的 WCET® 期刊很重要。您可以在此处找到这些信息：https://cdn.ymaws.com/wctn.org/resource/resmgr/membership/How_to_Complete_Member_Profi.pdf 这也将提供不同的语言，因此，我们也感谢那些曾经帮助翻译的人。如果您需要以您自己的语言并希望进行翻译，请联系我们的中心办公室 (admin@wctn.org)。

我们欢迎 Diana Gallagher 和 Alison Crawshaw，在重病后返回岗位。尽管不在，他们仍与我们保持沟通，以推动组织向前发展，我们非常感谢他们的奉献精神。

执行委员会 2024–2028 提名征集活动现已开始。请在申请前联系现任主席，查看每个职位的标准规范。成员将被要求在 2023 年 6 月投票。

我们要感谢所有完成 2023 年会员调查的会员，您的反馈对于我们制定未来几年的战略计划至关重要。我们目前正收到志愿者 Michelle Lee、Heidi Campos、Vera Santos 和 Laurent Chabal 对您的回答的翻译。非常感谢您支持这重要的事项。与往年一样，我们将在 WCET® 期刊中发表相关的结果。

自上次发言以来，我们一直很忙碌。我们为安徽 ETNEP 毕业礼上，录制了一项信息。Laurent 于 2 月参加了瑞士造口协会会议，并于 3 月在阿布扎比举行的 IIWCG 上发表了演讲。2023 年还会有更多的内容，敬请期待。



回到我们的主题“生命活得美好”，Norma Gill 就是这句话的缩影。我们借此机会提前祝愿您在 2023 年 6 月 26 日举行精彩的 WCET® Norma N Gill Day® 生日庆祝活动。我们很乐意收到您的故事，以便在下一期 BULLETin 中发表。教育委员会正在准备于 2023 年 6 月 26 日启动网络研讨会，以庆祝这一天。请将您的故事发送给我们，让我们听到您的声音，让您的工作和成就可展现出来。

我们很高兴会在 2023 年庆祝 WCET® BULLETin 成立 20 周年。我们将出版 20 周年纪念刊，并希望听到任何对第一期故事有所记忆的人的来稿。一如既往地期待您的信息。

真挚地

丹妮丝和洛朗

Célébrons des vies bien vécues

(Translated into French by Laurent Chabal)

Le WCET® a été créé en 1978 par un groupe de personnes qui ont vécu des vies bien remplies et dont ont bénéficié à d'autres tout autour du monde.

«Le but de la vie est d'être utile, honorable, empathique et de faire une différence qui démontre que vous avez bien vécu» – Ralph Waldo Emerson (traduction libre).

Quel que soit notre titre, Enterostoma-Thérapeutes (ET), Stomathérapeute, Stomothérapeute, infirmier-e spécialisé-e en soins de plaies, stomies et continence (WOC), nous avons tous en commun la passion pour notre spécialisation. Nous avons tous choisi de vivre au service d'autrui, d'être «utile, honorable et empathique». Il n'y a pas de doute que lorsque nous devenons un membre du WCET®, il a une effusion de ces «vies bien remplies» et que leurs empreintes laissées vont aider d'autres à apprendre et les suivre.

C'est avec beaucoup de tristesse que nous avons appris la disparition de Judy Chamberlain, membre à vie du WCET® venant d'Afrique du Sud, qui est soudainement décédée en décembre dernier. Judy était connue de nos membres suite à leur participation à un de nos congrès. Elle a participé au tout premier, à Milan en 1978, et a eu différents rôles au sein de l'association: de Déléguée Internationale, membre, à responsable de la Commission Publications et Communications. Nous avons aussi pleuré le décès de Marylyn McManus, également membre à vie du WCET® et venant aussi d'Afrique du Sud. Marylyn nous a quitté en février dernier. Elle n'était pas seulement la généreuse fondatrice de la bourse du WCET® Marylyn McManus pour l'Afrique, mais était aussi considérée comme une pionnière et une icône en Stomathérapie. Elle a été

membre fondatrice du WCET® comme de l'association Sud-Africaine de Stomathérapie. Nous adressons toutes nos condoléances à la famille, aux amis et collaborateurs de Judy et de Marylyn. Puissent-elles reposer en paix. Nous remercions encore ceux qui ont envoyé des souvenirs en l'honneur de Suzanne Montandon.

Nous envoyons également nos plus sincères condoléances aux membres qui ont perdu un être cher, ou qui a été blessé, lors des derniers tremblements de terre qui ont eu lieu en Indonésie, en Turquie et en Espagne, lors des crues et inondations qui se sont déroulées au Brésil et en Arabie Saoudite, comme lors des tornades dernièrement survenues aux États Unis d'Amérique. Nous adressons notre profonde gratitude à tous celles et ceux qui prennent soins des victimes et à celles et ceux qui ont envoyé des dons.

Il est très important de pouvoir célébrer les réalisations de nos membres durant leur vie, et nous avons beaucoup à célébrer. Nous félicitons: la Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello des USA, pour le prix 2023 JoAnn Maklebust pour l'ensemble de sa carrière attribué par l'association nationale de soins d'escarres (NPIAP); Madame Widasari Sri Gitarja et l'association Indonésienne WOCARE pour la médaille d'or de la société la plus progressiste, attribué par le *Journal des soins de plaies (JWC)* en 2023; La Doctoresse Linda Beskin des USA pour son prix pour l'innovation suite à son étude randomisée contrôlée sur les pansements et technologies disponibles dans les zones éloignées et en conflits. Ce dernier lui a été remis lors du congrès 2023 de l'association pour l'avancement des soins de plaies (AAWC). Les Docteurs Elizabeth A. Ayello et Gary R. Sibbald du Canada pour leur prix reçu en mars dernier à Abu Dhabi, par le groupe international et interprofessionnel en soins de plaies (IIWCG) pour leur travail et engagement.

Comme organisation caritative nous dépendons de la générosité d'individus ou de groupes qui donnent de leur temps et de leur argent. Nous prenons l'opportunité données pour remercier chaleureusement la famille de la Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello pour leur soutien financier très apprécié par la création d'une nouvelle bourse du WCET® appelée le fond commémoratif Joseph et Betty Garafalo: Cutrofello. Cette bourse a pour but de soutenir les infirmier-e-s qui souhaitent suivre une formation de stomathérapeute (ETNEP), sans restriction de leur pays de provenance. Nous encourageons quiconque qui souhaite contribuer à cette noble cause à faire un don via: <https://wacetn.org/page/JoandBettyGarafaloCutrofelloMemorialScholarship>.

Toutes les personnes qui en bénéficieront recevront un certificat qui stipule le nom de cette bourse, et seront



listées sur une section spécifique du tableau d'honneur qui paraît dans nos *Bulletins*. Comme ces bourses et autres ressources ne sont accessibles qu'aux membres du WCET®, nous vous encourageons à renouveler votre cotisation.

Nous tenons à remercier les membres du Comité Exécutif et de toute l'équipe de soutien pour leur travail considérable, en particulier Melissa et Susan de notre compagnie de management. Elles ont développé une présentation expliquant comment mettre à jour son profil, ce qui est crucial si vous souhaitez recevoir de l'information de notre part ainsi que votre journal du WCET®. Vous pouvez retrouver cette information sous: https://cdn.ymaws.com/wcetn.org/resource/resmgr/membership/How_to_Complete_Member_Profile.pdf. Cette présentation sera disponible en différentes langues et nous tenons à remercier celles et ceux qui nous ont aidé à obtenir ces traductions. Si vous souhaitez l'avoir dans votre propre langue et pouvez nous aider à le faire, merci de contacter notre Office Central (admin@wcetn.org). Nous aimerions également souhaiter la bienvenue à Diana Gallagher et Alison Crawshaw de retour à leurs postes après une grave maladie. Malgré leur absence, elles sont restées en contact avec nous permettant à l'association d'avancer. Nous apprécions grandement leur dévouement.

L'appel à nomination pour le Comité Exécutif 2024–2028 est maintenant ouvert. Merci de vous référer aux critères spécifiques de chaque position et de contacter au préalable les responsables des commissions concernées. Les membres seront appelés à voter en Juin prochain.

Nous remercions tous les membres qui ont complété notre enquête de satisfaction 2023. Vos retours sont très importants puisqu'ils nous aideront à développer notre plan stratégique pour les années à venir. Actuellement, nous récoltons les traductions de vos réponses. Elles sont faites bénévolement par Michelle Lee, Heidi Campos, Vera Santos et Laurent Chabal. Un grand merci de votre aide précieuse. Comme les années précédentes, nous en publierons les principaux résultats dans un article du *journal du WCET®*.

Depuis la dernière fois, nous avons été aussi occupés. Nous avons enregistré un message pour la cérémonie de remise des diplômes de l'ETNEP d'Anhui en Chine. Laurent a participé au congrès Suisse des Stomathérapeutes en février et a présenté au congrès IIWCG à Abu Dhabi en mars. D'autres sont à venir en 2023, alors restez informés.

Pour revenir sur notre thème «une vie bien vécue», Norma Gill en est l'incarnation. Par avance, nous vous souhaitons de merveilleuses célébrations de la

Journée Norma N. Gill du WCET®, ce 26 juin 2023. Nous espérons vous lire à ce propos lors du prochain numéro du *Bulletin*. La Commission Éducation nous prépare un séminaire qui sera mis en ligne ce jour-là, pour la célébrer. Merci de nous envoyer vos récits. Laissez votre voix être entendue et mettre en visibilité votre travail et vos réalisations.

Nous sommes ravis de célébrer le 20^{ème} anniversaire du *Bulletin* du WCET® cette année. Nous publierons un numéro anniversaire pour ces 20 ans et nous aimerions apprendre de chacun-e d'entre vous qui se souvient de son premier numéro. Comme toujours, nous avons hâte de vous lire.

Cordialement

Denise & Laurent

Celebrando vidas bem vividas

(Translated into Portuguese by Angela Boccara)

OWCET® foi fundado em 1978 por um grupo de pessoas que viveram vidas plenas que beneficiaram pessoas em todo o mundo.

“O propósito da vida é ser útil, ser honrado, ser compassivo, fazer alguma diferença só por você ter vivido e vivido bem” – Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Quer tenhamos o título de Estomaterapeuta (ET), Enfermeiro especialista em Feridas, Estomia e Continência (WOC) ou Enfermeira de Tratamento de Pessoas com Estomias (SCN), todos temos algo em comum além da paixão por nossa especialidade, todos escolhemos viver para para ser “útil, honrado e compassivo”. Não é de admirar, então, que quando perdemos um membro do WCET®, haja uma enxurrada de histórias de uma ‘vida bem vivida’, pegadas deixadas para outros aprenderem e seguirem.

Lamentamos muito o falecimento de Judy Chamberlain, membro vitalício do WCET® da África do Sul, que faleceu repentinamente em dezembro de 2022. Judy era bem conhecida dos membros da estomaterapia mundial, ela participou do primeiro Congresso WCET® em 1978, em Milão e passou a ocupar vários cargos, incluindo o de Delegado Internacional e membro do WCET e, posteriormente foi Presidente do Comitê de Comunicações e Publicações. Também lamentamos o falecimento de Marylyn McManus, também membro vitalício do WCET® da África do Sul, que faleceu em fevereiro. Marylyn não foi apenas a generosa fundadora da Fundação Marylyn McManus WCET® de bolsas de estudo para a África, mas foi considerada uma pioneira e ícone da Estomaterapia; ela foi membro fundador da WCET® e da Associação Sul Africana de



Estomaterapia. Enviamos nossas sinceras condolências à família e amigos de Judy e Marylyn, que descansem em paz. Nuevamente agradecemos a quienes enviaron recuerdos para Suzanne Montandon.

Também enviamos nossas mais profundas condolências aos membros que tiveram entes queridos perdidos ou feridos nos terremotos na Indonésia, Turquia e Síria, bem como nas inundações repentinas no Brasil e na Arábia Saudita e nos recentes tornados ocorridos nos EUA. Também enviamos nossa mais profunda gratidão aos envolvidos no atendimento às vítimas e aos que doaram fundos.

É muito importante celebrarmos as conquistas de nossos integrantes ao longo da vida, e temos muito a comemorar. Parabenizamos a Dra. Elizabeth A. Ayello, que recebeu o prêmio JoAnn Maklebust Lifetime Achievement Award de 2023 pelo National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP). Widasari Sri Gitarja, da WOCARE Indonésia, recebeu o Prêmio de Ouro de Sociedade Mais Progressiva, publicado no *Journal of Wound Care Awards* de 2023. A Dra. Linda Beskin foi recentemente premiada por inovação por seu RCT de curativos de tecnologia disponíveis em áreas remotas e de conflito, na Conferência de 2023 da Association of the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC). A Dra. Elizabeth A. Ayello e o Dr. Gary R. Sibbald receberam prêmios em março, em Abu Dhabi, do International Interprofessional Wound Care Group (IIWCG) por seu trabalho e dedicação.

Como organização de voluntariado, contamos muito com a generosidade de pessoas ou grupos que doam seu tempo e fundos. Gostaríamos de aproveitar esta oportunidade para agradecer sinceramente à família da Dra. Elizabeth A. Ayello, por seu apoio financeiro, que foi muito apreciado pela criação de uma nova bolsa de estudos do WCET®, denominada "Joseph and Betty Garafalo: Cutrofello Memorial Scholarship Fund". Esta bolsa visa apoiar enfermeiros que queiram formar-se por meio de um Programa ETNEP acreditado pelo WCET®. Não há restrição quanto ao país de origem do destinatário. Qualquer pessoa que queira doar para uma causa muito boa, encorajamos você a doar em: <https://wctn.org/page/JoandBettyGarafaloCutrofelloMemorialScholarship>.

Todos os beneficiários da bolsa receberão um certificado que indicará o nome da bolsa, eles também serão listados no nosso Boletim de Honra. Lembre-se de que apenas os todos os membros associados podem se beneficiar de bolsas de estudo e outros recursos e, portanto, incentivamos você a renovar sua associação.

Gostaríamos de agradecer aos nossos membros do Conselho Executivo e equipe de suporte por seu

trabalho árduo, em particular Melissa e Susan, de nossa empresa de gerenciamento, por prepararem os slides explicando como atualizar seu perfil, o que é importante para receber comunicações e seu diário WCET®. Você pode encontrar essas informações aqui: https://cdn.ymaws.com/wctn.org/resource/resmgr/membership/How_to_Complete_Member_Profi.pdf Este também será disponibilizado em diferentes idiomas, por isso também agradecemos a todos que nos ajudarem com as traduções. Se você precisar dele em seu próprio idioma e quiser traduzi-lo, entre em contato com nosso Escritório Central (admin@wctn.org). Também gostaria de dar boas-vindas a Diana Gallagher e Alison Crawshaw de volta aos seus cargos após se recuperarem de uma doença grave. Apesar de estarem ausentes, eles mantiveram a comunicação conosco para manter os seguimentos da organização e agradecemos imensamente a sua dedicação

Está aberta a convocação para nomeação da Diretoria Executiva 2024–2028. Por favor, revise os critérios para cada posição antes da inscrição, entrando em contato com os presidentes atuais. Os membros serão convidados a votar em junho de 2023.

Gostaríamos de agradecer a todos os membros que completaram a pesquisa de membros para 2023, seu feedback é fundamental para desenvolver nossos planos estratégicos para os próximos anos. No momento, estamos recebendo traduções de suas respostas de voluntários, Michelle Lee, Heidi Campos, Vera Santos e Laurent Chabal, muito obrigado por apoiar esta importante tarefa. Iremos, como já fizemos em anos anteriores, relatar os resultados mais relevantes em artigo publicado no *WCET® Journal*.

Da nossa parte, mantivemo-nos ocupados desde a última vez que nos falamos. Gravamos uma mensagem para a formatura do Anhui ETNEP na China. Laurent participou do evento da Associação Suiça de Estomaterapia em fevereiro e fez uma apresentação no IIWCG em Abu Dhabi em março. Muito mais está por vir em 2023, portanto, fiquem atentos.

Voltando ao nosso tema de 'vidas bem vividas', Norma Gill é o epitome desta citação. Aproveitamos esta oportunidade para desejar a você, antecipadamente, maravilhosas comemorações do aniversário do WCET® Norma N Gill Day® no dia 26 de junho de 2023. Adoraríamos receber suas histórias para publicação na próxima edição do Boletim. A Comissão de Educação está preparando um webinar a ser lançado no dia 26 de junho de 2023, em comemoração a este dia tão importante para a estomaterapia mundial. Por favor, envie-nos suas histórias, deixe sua voz ser ouvida e seu trabalho e realizações visíveis.



También estamos muito entusiasmados por celebrar o 20º aniversário do Boletim WCET® em 2023. Estaremos publicando uma edição do 20º aniversário e gostaríamos de ouvir qualquer pessoa que tenha memórias de suas histórias desta 1ª edição. Ansiosos, como sempre, para ouvir de você.

Sinceramente
Denise e Laurent

Celebrando vidas bien vividas

(Translated into Spanish by Angela Cain and Heidi Hevia Campos)

El WCET® fue fundado en 1978 por un grupo de personas que luego llevaron vidas plenas que beneficiaron a personas de todo el mundo.

“El propósito de la vida es ser útil, ser honorable, ser compasivo, hacer alguna diferencia en el mundo y vivir bien” – Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Ya sea que tengamos el título de Terapeuta Enterostomal (ET), Enfermero de Heridas, Ostomía y Continencia (WOC) o Enfermero de Cuidado de Estomas (SCN), todos tenemos algo en común además de una pasión por nuestra especialidad, hemos elegido vivir para servir a los demás, ser “útiles, honorables y compasivos”. No llama la atención, entonces, que cuando perdemos a un miembro del WCET®, haya una avalancha de historias de “vida bien vivida”, huellas dejadas para que otros aprendan y sigan.

Nos entristeció mucho saber del fallecimiento de Judy Chamberlain, miembro vitalicio del WCET® de Sudáfrica, que falleció repentinamente en diciembre de 2022. Judy era bien conocida por los miembros que asistían al Congreso, asistió al primer Congreso del WCET® en 1978 en Milán y ocupó varios cargos, incluyendo Delegado Internacional y miembro y Presidente del Comité de Comunicaciones y Publicaciones. También lamentamos la muerte de Marylyn McManus, otra miembro vitalicio del WCET® de Sudáfrica, que falleció en febrero. Marylyn no solo fue la generosa fundadora de la Beca Marylyn McManus del WCET® para África, sino que también fue considerada una pionera e ícono de la Terapia de Estomas; fue miembro fundador del WCET® y de la Asociación de Estomas de Sudáfrica. Enviamos nuestras más sinceras condolencias a las familias, amigos y colaboradores de Judy y Marylyn, que descansen en paz. Agradecemos nuevamente aquellos que enviaron lembranças para Suzanne Montandon.

También enviamos nuestras más profundas condolencias a los miembros que perdieron a sus seres queridos o resultaron heridos en los terremotos en

Indonesia, Turquía y Siria, así como en las inundaciones repentinas en Brasil y Arabia Saudita, y los recientes tornados en los Estados Unidos. También enviamos nuestro más profundo agradecimiento a aquellos que participaron en el cuidado de las víctimas y a aquellos que donaron fondos.

Es muy importante que celebremos los logros de nuestros miembros durante su vida, y tenemos mucho que celebrar. Felicitamos a la Dra. Elizabeth A. Ayello, quien recibió el Premio JoAnn Maklebust Lifetime Achievement 2023 de National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP). Widasari Sri Gitarja, de WOCARE Indonesia, recibió el Premio Oro a la Sociedad Más Progresista en los Premios *Journal of Wound Care Awards* 2023. La Dra. Linda Beskin fue galardonada recientemente por su innovación en su ensayo controlado aleatorio de apósitos de tecnología disponible en áreas remotas y de conflicto, en la Conferencia 2023 de la Association of the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC). La Dra. Elizabeth A. Ayello y el Dr. Gary R. Sibbald recibieron ambos premios en marzo en Abu Dhabi, de International Interprofessional Wound Care Group (IIWCG) por su trabajo y dedicación.

Como organización benéfica, dependemos mucho de la generosidad de las personas o grupos que donan su tiempo y fondos. Nos gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para agradecer sinceramente a la familia de la Dra. Elizabeth A. Ayello por su muy apreciado apoyo financiero en la creación de una nueva beca de WCET® llamada “Joseph and Betty Garafalo: Cutrofello Memorial Scholarship Fund”. Esta beca tiene como objetivo apoyar a las enfermeras que deseen capacitarse a través de un Programa ETNEP. No hay restricción en el país de origen del beneficiario. Si desea donar a una muy buena causa, lo alentamos a que done en: <https://wcetn.org/page/JoeandBettyGarofaloCutrofelloMemorialScholarship> Todos los beneficiarios de la beca recibirán un certificado que indicará el nombre de la beca, y también se incluirán en el *BULLETin* Roll of Honour. Recuerde que solo los miembros pueden beneficiarse de las becas y otros recursos, por lo que lo alentamos a que renueven sus membresías.

Apreciamos mucho el arduo trabajo de nuestro equipo ejecutivo y de apoyo, en particular de Melissa y Susan de nuestra empresa de gestión, por desarrollar las diapositivas que explican cómo actualizar su perfil, lo que es importante para recibir comunicaciones y su revista WCET®. Puede encontrar esta información aquí: https://cdn.ymaws.com/wcetn.org/resource/resmgr/membership/How_to_Complete_Member_Profi.pdf.

Esto también estará disponible en diferentes idiomas, y agradecemos a aquellos que ayudan con las



traducciones. Si necesitan que esté disponible en su propio idioma y desea traducirlo, por favor, pónganse en contacto con nuestra Oficina Central (admin@wccetn.org). También nos gustaría dar la bienvenida de nuevo a Diana Gallagher y Alison Crawshaw a sus posiciones después de una grave enfermedad. A pesar de estar ausentes, han mantenido la comunicación con nosotros para hacer avanzar la organización, y apreciamos enormemente su dedicación.

La convocatoria de nominaciones para la Junta Ejecutiva 2024–2028 está abierta. Por favor, revise los criterios de cada posición antes de presentar su solicitud poniéndose en contacto con los presidentes actuales. Se pedirá a los miembros que voten en junio de 2023.

Queremos agradecer a todos los miembros que han completado la encuesta de miembros para 2023, sus comentarios son críticos para el desarrollo de nuestros planes estratégicos para los próximos años. Actualmente estamos recibiendo traducciones de sus respuestas de voluntarios, Michelle Lee, Heidi Campos, Vera Santos y Laurent Chabal, muchas gracias por apoyar esta importante tarea. Como hemos hecho en años anteriores, informaremos los resultados más relevantes en un artículo publicado en el *Journal de WCET®*.

Desde nuestro lado, nos hemos mantenido ocupados desde la última vez que hablamos. Hemos grabado un mensaje para la graduación de Anhui ETNEP en China. Laurent asistió a la Asociación Suiza de Estomas en febrero y presentó en la IIWCG en Abu Dhabi en marzo. Hay mucho más por venir en 2023, así que por favor manténganse atentos.

Volviendo a nuestro tema de ‘vidas bien vividas’, Norma Gill es la personificación de esta cita. Aprovechamos esta oportunidad para desearles, de antemano, maravillosas celebraciones de cumpleaños de WCET® Norma N Gill Day® el 26 de junio de 2023. Nos encantaría recibir sus historias para su publicación en el próximo número de *Bulletin*. El Comité de Educación está preparando un seminario web que se lanzará el 26 de junio de 2023, en celebración del día. Por favor envíenos sus historias, deje que su voz se escuche y que su trabajo y logros sean visibles.

También estamos muy emocionados de celebrar el 20 aniversario del WCET® *Bulletin* en 2023. Publicaremos un número de aniversario y nos encantaría escuchar a cualquiera que tenga recuerdos de sus historias en este primer número. Esperamos, como siempre, saber de usted.

Atentamente,
Denise y Laurent

Call for nominations to the WCET® Executive Board

The Mission of WCET® is to lead the global advancement of specialised professional nursing care for people with ostomy, wound, or continence needs.

WCET® is seeking nominations for the following leadership positions for the 2024 election:

Term of Office: 2024–2028

- Treasurer
- Chairperson Education Committee
- Chairperson NNGF® Committee

Members nominated for election to the Executive Board (EB) must:

- Have been a Full or Life members of the WCET® in good standing for a minimum of two (2) years
- Be able to perform within the responsibilities of the position.
- Have no conflicts of interest as specified in the Policy & Procedure Manual.
- Before the term begins, be able to participate in 2023 EB (Executive Board) online meetings as a non-voting member.

- Be present at the Biennial Congress** and during the subsequent term of office.
- Assume office immediately following the conclusion of the WCET® Congress.
- Have consented to serve in writing.

Election to the EB is a time-consuming and rewarding experience, allowing both professional and personal growth. A description of the Roles and Responsibilities can be found in the [Policy & Procedure Manual here](#). If you wish to make a nomination for office and have questions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Executive Board for more information.

In addition, members nominated for Committee Chairperson must:

- Be nominated from the relevant Standing Committee.
- Be an active committee member in good standing for at least two (2) years prior to the election to the relevant Chairperson position.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 31st May 2023



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A tribute to WCET® Life Member Judy Chamberlain



December 2022

Dear WCET® members,

WCET® is saddened to learn of the sudden passing this week of Judy Chamberlain of South Africa. Judy was involved in WCET® from its start as she attended the first WCET® Congress in 1978, Milan, Italy. Before becoming a WCET® Life Member, Judy held several positions with WCET®, including WCET® International Delegate, Committee member, and Chairperson of Communications and Publications.

It is not always easy to put into words expressions of sympathy. Our deepest condolence to her family, colleagues and friends for their loss. We send our wishes for comfort to all who mourn her. May she rest in peace and her memory be a blessing.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Executive Board and all WCET® members,

Laurent Chabal
WCET® President

Denise Hibbert
WCET® President Elect

Dear colleagues,

My condolences to Judy's family, friends and colleagues. What a wonderful legacy she left.

Katie (Kathleen Capitulo PhD RN FAAN FNYAM IIWCC)

Although heart-breaking, thank you for letting us know of Judy's death, yet another of the "old guard" passes, and with that news many memories flit through my mind. My sympathy and condolences go out to her family, close friends and to anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Judy. Vale, dear Judy.

Heather (Hill), Australia

I was sad to hear of the sudden death of my South African friend and colleague Judy Chamberlain. We worked together on the WCET® Executive Board, Judy as Publication Chairperson from 1998–2000 while I was Education Committee Chair, and again from 2000–2002 when she continued in the publication role, and I was Vice President. During that time Judy was absolutely dedicated to her role and responsibilities with WCET®



*Judy Chamberlain,
WCET® Life Member
Photo courtesy of
Len Davies*

publications, developing a strong relationship with Greg Paull, the Journal publisher.

Judy was a happy soul, always ready with a laugh, a joke or cheeky comment. It was one of my final duties in 2010 as President of WCET® to write to Judy to inform her that the WCET® Executive Board had unanimously agreed to appoint her as a WCET® Life Member. Judy was

absolutely thrilled to have received this honour. It was to be officially presented at the WCET® congress in 2012, in Adelaide South Australia, and Judy immediately began plans to travel to Australia with her daughter for the occasion. A WCET® Life Member is a member who "has shown distinction and eminence in the field of Enterostomal Therapy Nursing". With Judy's dedication and passion, her long standing commitment to the WCET®, the roles she had held in her local association, and her zeal, humour and hard work in promoting stoma care, showed she was a worthy recipient of the award. A tribute to Judy written by Dee Waugh was published in the *WCET® Journal*.

Judy was a wonderful, generous host when I visited South Africa. She was so proud of her heritage and the country's spectacular scenery. She had planned activities and places to visit every day. I have many happy memories of the fun times we spent together.

Judy was always passionate about life and her stoma patients and was a warm and caring friend.

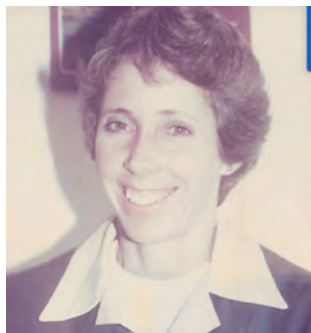
I know she will be sadly missed by friends and family. Vale, dear Jude.

Elizabeth English, Australia (Life Member WCET®)



*Judy with Mary Jo Kroeber and Heather Mary Hill
at a WCET® Congress*

In memory of Marylyn McManus: WCET® Life Member



13 February 2023

Dear WCET® members,

It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of a stomaltherapy icon, Marylyn McManus, who passed away peacefully earlier today with her family at her side. For those members who did not know Marylyn, she was a pioneer of stomaltherapy in South Africa and a founding and life member of both SASA (South African Stoma Association) and the WCET®. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her and were taught and mentored by her. May she rest in peace.

Marylyn McManus: WCET® treasurer 1980–1984, NNGF® Committee Chairperson 1984–1990. Founder of the WCET® Marylyn McManus Scholarship for Nurses from Africa 2016. On behalf of the Executive Board and all WCET® members, our deepest condolences.

Laurent Chabal
WCET® President

Denise Hibbert
WCET® President Elect

Thank you for the sad information. Let her rest in peace.

Dubravka Karlovčec, Croatia

So so sorry to hear of Marylyn's passing. She worked very hard with Prilli, myself and others to establish the WCET® and to set up education programmes and later financial assistance.

She also participated in hosting the Congress in South Africa. In addition, she helped in establishing international delegate roles in several countries who required financial assistance to participate in their

roles. We need to remember that in those early days email did not exist nor did mobile phones, iPhones, iPads etc. Defiantly not an electronic world and the majority of members were challenged financially to meet e.g. postage expenses, travel to meetings within their country. RIP Marylyn.

Mary Jo Kroeber AM, MSc, FACN (DLF)

So sorry to hear of Marylyn's death – a great pioneer in the progress of WCET®. Please extend my condolences to her family.

Mavis Watson Taylor, UK, past WCET® President

Thank you very much Laurent and Denise for the empathetic letter you circulated about our beautiful old friend Marylyn McManus' death. It was a different and wonderful world when we all worked together watching the WCET® grow around the world. Truly an amazing organisation. My first Congress was the one in the Transkei and what an eye opener that was with Marylyn et al making it an overwhelming success.

Many memories will be shared happily around the world (albeit sadly too because Marylyn is no longer with us physically). One of the happiest get-togethers Marylyn and I experienced in Sydney was when she was visiting her daughter. We had a delicious oyster lunch with an excellent white wine, laughter and the opportunity to solve all the problems, we wished it were so – of the world as well as the WCET®!

Marylyn served the WCET® loyally and strongly; I am so proud and lucky to have known and worked with her and to have been able to follow in her footsteps.

VALE dear Marylyn and my deepest sympathy to all your family and close friends.

To the WCET® membership past, present and future, we should all try and emulate the many great traits she had, not least, her humility.

Heather (Hill), Life Member

Marylyn, in common with many other dedicated pioneers of stoma caring, was herself one who had

walked the walk of debilitating ulcerative colitis and as a young mother undergone life changing surgery with little if any skilled or informed support from the nursing profession, at a time when products other than non-disposable rubber bags and no ideal skin protection were all that was available.

These tough times led her to dedicate her life to ensuring that others would never be faced with the same inadequacies. Shortly after surgery she approached her surgeon Professor Bert Myburgh at the Johannesburg hospital and offered her services to his in and outpatients as a preoperative supporter and subsequently as a practical advisor and educator. This led to her extending her completely voluntary services to Baragwanath hospital, the largest hospital in the southern hemisphere full of pathologies and cultural and social challenges! At the same time, she was employed by the Cancer Association of South Africa in their Johannesburg offices. I am sure that readers will find a close alignment to our own Norma Gill in this story!

In 1973, when I commenced a formal nursing-led stomaltherapy service at Groote Schuur Hospital in Capetown, Marylyn flew to our first symposium and invited me to speak at a cancer conference in Johannesburg on the role of a stomaltherapist. It rapidly became apparent that the two of us were the ultimate team... She the brains and facilitator and myself the trained nurse with clinical experience and the gift of the gab! Together we worked hard to formulate getting our message and expertise out to nurses throughout the country and Rhodesia. Suffice to say that the next 50 years together we succeeded in establishing formal stomaltherapy in South Africa and were pioneering members of the WCET®. Marylyn on a personal level not only raising funds for our South African stoma trust but also providing significant funding to the WCET® and the Norma N Gill Foundation. She put her entire life into supporting both these organisations and it was a delight to see her efforts rewarded and recognised by the WCET® in 2002 awarding her life membership and in 2016 naming a scholarship in her honour. I know this gave her immense pleasure and she found it very humbling.

Marylyn's husband John recalled that when she was so sick with her colitis, he was on an overseas business trip, she rang him to say she was undergoing surgery the following morning, but he mustn't worry! He had no idea of the stoma or what had taken place until he returned. But he did say that over the following years Marylyn had been amazing, conducting a very full life travelling the globe, tiger fishing on the Zambesi, hiking in the mountains, camping in the bush, going

on archeological digs, never once referring to her stoma as being an impediment in any way! He was full of admiration and just wanted everyone to know how proud he was!

It is hard to believe I am writing about someone so dynamic and indestructible as my dear friend Marylyn in THE PAST TENSE! We have travelled the world together; in fact, it was noted that we shared hotel accommodation in more delightful spots than with our husbands! We also ran up bigger phone bills than many other husbands would have tolerated, remembering that much of our work was conducted before the advent of the cell phone or cyberspace.

We had highs and lows and the rejection of South African stomaltherapists because of the apartheid nursing constitution at the Swedish WCET® meeting in 1988 was indeed shattering. However, we feel we contributed greatly to getting that racial document removed and re-written by our lobbying of the nursing association on our return. All gatherings of the WCET® were highlights and, in major part were made possible for the South African delegation by the superb organisation of our trips by Marylyn and her contributions to the meetings, by dynamic presentations and by her executive work.

There will never be another Marylyn... but she led such a worthwhile life and meant so much to so many. I am the richer for knowing her! HAMBE KHAHLE DEAR FRIEND.

Prilli Stevens, Cape Town

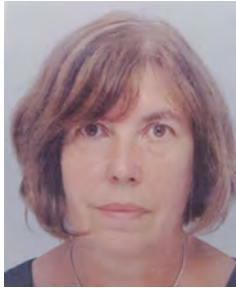


The 1978 founding of the Southern African Stomaltherapy Association.

L-R: Christian Barnard, Professor Bryan Brooke and Marylyn

In memory of Suzanne Montandon, the first enterostomal therapist in France

By *Danièle Chaumier, AFET President*



Suzanne Montandon, the first enterostomal therapist in France, a graduate of the Cleveland Clinic in the United States of America (USA), passed away on 29th June 2022. Suzanne Montandon was born in 1928 in Pontarlier (Doubs), from Paul and Alice, of Swiss origin. She was named

Suzanne Andrée. Her little sister Denise was born in 1930. Since childhood, Susanne distinguished herself by a strong character, even rebellious, and sometimes abrupt, in any case infinitely sensitive to injustice. She was always boldly committed to asserting her position. At the age of 16, during the war, she was part of a group of scouts and worked with resistance fighters as a rescuer. Always moving forward, as a good visionary, but with a healthy reflection on the risks involved, that is how we knew her. To take care of others, to learn and to pass on, that was her credo.

Her early life was not a path lined with roses; her mother was rather rude towards her. Just after the war, she became an au pair in German Switzerland, then a factory worker at the calibration of watches. This was certainly not her vocation: she trained at the Cours Pigier and became an accountant's assistant at a notary, which proved to be very useful to her when she ran her own company. She was unable to realise her dream of becoming a teacher, because although she was naturalised French, her Swiss origins prevented her from enrolling in a teacher training college. Her experience as a first-aid worker led her to turn to the nursing profession, to the great displeasure of her parents who refused to fund her training. She studied as a scholarship holder at Chalon-sur-Saône. After a year without any way to repay her scholarship, she decided with two friends, Monette and Gaby, to go to work in Morocco. Fifteen years in a Muslim hospital in Casablanca. What a journey! She told it in her book *Mon kaleidoscope*: she worked in medical services, with patients with tuberculosis, leprosy and burns, and also in intensive care units. Everywhere her rigor, her sense of organisation and her clinical thinking worked wonders, including after the Agadir earthquake with its many wounded admitted for dialysis.

Back in France in 1968, she joined the Hospices Civils de Lyon (HCL), the Croix-Rousse then the Hôtel-Dieu,

in the service of Professor Georges Guillemin. All the interns and assistants, nurses and staff who worked with her remember her with esteem and affection. It is there that she inherited the nickname of "Suzon", which was meant to be demeaning with regard to the former expatriate, but which she carried high and far, by her intelligence, her audacity, and her humour.

1976 saw the creation of the Stoma Associations, and Suzon's departure for Cleveland (Ohio – USA) to train at the Cleveland Clinic, birthplace of stomatherapy, with Professor Turnbull and Norma Gill, who had an ileostomy. Suzon became the first French nurse to graduate in stomatherapy, which was in English of course: an outstanding experience!

Immediately upon her return Suzon was requested by the surgeons to care for their stoma and wound patients. With the support of Professor Guillemin and Professor Philippe Bérard, she organised consultations for people with stomas and wounds. Renée Bonnin, a young woman with an ileostomy, who had been providing help and sharing her own experience with patients with a stoma, started to work with Suzon and later became a stoma therapist herself.

In 1978, thanks to Professor Guillemin and his many colleagues from all over France, and with the help of Catherine Mordacq, Director of the International School at HCL, Suzon created the first stomatherapy school in France. The school also hosted nurses from various European countries, and even more distant countries. At the end of this first training program, she created the French Association of Enterostomal Therapists, to bring together ETs in a permanent professional group. In parallel, she actively participated in the research of new materials with the laboratories, both in stomatherapy and in wound care, notably with the pharmacist Didier Chedorge, on hydrocolloids.

In 1984, it was time for retirement, and Michelle Guyot-Pomathios took over the Hôtel-Dieu consultations services and the training for the Clinical Certificate in Stomatherapy. But they still worked together until 2015.

Retired, free certainly, but so dissatisfied, she was not meant to stay at home: she was full of energy and ideas and always motivated by the desire to share her knowledge and help the sick people. She then decided to create a stomatherapy school in Paris. It was not an easy task for a woman from Lyon to teach in Paris! Thanks

to a few surgeons and nursing executive Michelle Conge, this school proved to be a great success.

In 1988, wanting to fly on her own, as usual, she created a training organisation, ESFORD, (ESpace de Formation Recherche et Développement) (French private WOC Nursing school in Lyon (HCL) and Paris) with two associates. Others then joined her. Many training programs are now set up throughout France, with a great team of trainers.

Her personal health problems, her insatiable curiosity, and her benevolence to suffering people pushed her to train again and again and to participate in research on senology, AIDS, education of the patient, organisation of care, and here too she was a pioneer.

In parallel, she valued her personal development: she completed a 2-year university degree in psychology, transactional analysis, symbolisation, and even Chinese animals and Bach's flowers. Her Chinese zodiac sign was Dragon/Tiger: she claimed this aspect of her personality!

Her spiritual investigation into the meaning of life was born very early in her life, and she was very open to all cultures and religions, while maintaining her attachment to the Protestantism from her origins.

Her political and social commitments also benefited from her energy: she created several professional associations to share knowledge and to publish. Of course, her desire to share her knowledge also involved writing. She could write easily and with her personal style, fluid and pleasant. She was involved in numerous articles and fundamental works, particularly about stomatherapy and wound care.

In 1992, the WCET® World Congress was organised in Lyon: it was a huge success, ET colleagues from all countries who attended the meeting have great memories, and still tell us about it today! Testimonials of sympathy received from around the world since the announcement of her departure prove this.

All of her work, and especially her major contribution to stomatherapy, deserve to be recognised for its full value. In 2008, she received the distinction of Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honour, and she dedicated this sign of gratitude to all those who made it possible to establish this competency for the sick people.

Her private life was rich in sharing and affection. Single without children, yet hundreds of people considered her as their spiritual mother, especially the ETs. Because of her ability to connect with others, we can no longer count the number of her friends who today mourn her all over the world. More than her professional activity,

her entrepreneurial spirit has spread to several places in the world: Mauritius, where she promoted a store and brought her generous help to a family (Jinnah considers her as his mother); Algeria with Hayet, ET, who she considered as her granddaughter; and Morocco in 2015, with the creation of Dar Taliba: she brought her help to this association with Bernadette Bracq; led by Fatima Zohra, it aims to educate Berber girls and help women through work.

Knowing the world and sharing her discoveries motivated her to travel, by all means of transport and also on foot. Sporty, she discovered target hunting archery and became passionate about this demanding discipline. Alongside Raoul, her companion for half a century, she took an active part in the activities of the Compagnie du Sagittaire, of which she was captain for two years. The title of senior vice-champion of France crowned her career in this field.

She loved playing games, among others bridge and tarot. What memorable evenings with her friends of the Erables building! Her closest friends allowed her to stay at home until the end, thanks to their dedication.

Her library is full and eclectic: from essays to crime novels, from novels to poetry, from esotericism to religions, from history to beautiful books, not to mention professional writings. The newspaper kiosk lost their best customer!

She left without physical suffering, fully aware that her end was near. She fell asleep and left us slowly, like a candle going out.

Dear Suzon, thank you and not farewell, but goodbye!

"Life demands that we move forward, that by keeping from the past what is precious, we persevere in the effort towards the future, more beautiful because we know how to illuminate it with the lights that have shone on the road. They are not extinguished: those who wore them preceded the march... they are waiting for us" – Léonie Chaptal, RN.

Suzanne Montandon, 1ère stomathérapeute en France, diplômée à la Cleveland Clinic aux Etats-Unis nous a quittés le 29 juin 2022

Suzanne Montandon est née le en 1928 à Pontarlier (Doubs) au foyer de Paul et Alice, d'origine suisse. Elle fut nommée Suzanne Andrée. Sa petite sœur Denise naquit en 1930.

Dès l'enfance, elle se distingue par un caractère bien trempé, voire rebelle, et même parfois abrupt, en tout cas infiniment sensible à l'injustice. Elle s'engage toujours hardiment pour affirmer ses positions. A 16 ans,

durant la guerre, elle fait partie d'un groupe de scouts et intervient avec des résistants comme secouriste.

Aller de l'avant, en bonne visionnaire, mais avec une saine réflexion sur les risques encourus, c'est ainsi que nous l'avons connue. Prendre soin des autres, apprendre et transmettre, ce fut son credo.

Ses débuts dans la vie ne sont pas un sentier bordé de roses, et sa mère est plutôt rude à son égard. Juste après la guerre, la voilà jeune fille au pair en Suisse allemande, puis ouvrière d'usine au calibrage de verres de montres. Ce n'est certes pas sa vocation: elle suit une formation au Cours Pigier, et devient aide-comptable chez un notaire, ce qui lui sera bien utile lorsqu'elle dirigera sa propre société. Elle ne peut réaliser son rêve de devenir institutrice, car bien que naturalisée française, ses origines suisses sont un empêchement à l'entrée à l'École normale. Son expérience de secouriste l'incite à se tourner vers la profession d'infirmière, au grand dam de ses parents qui refusent de financer cette formation. Elle fait ses études comme boursière à Chalon-sur-Saône. Après une année sans salaire pour rendre sa bourse, elle décide avec deux amies, Monette et Gaby, de partir travailler au Maroc. Quinze années en hôpital musulman à Casablanca. Que d'aventures: elle les a contées dans son ouvrage «Mon kaléidoscope»: services de médecine, des tuberculeux, des lépreux, des grands brûlés, en réanimation. Partout sa rigueur, son organisation et son sens clinique firent merveille... y compris lors du tremblement de terre d'Agadir avec ses nombreux blessés à dialyser.

De retour en France en 1968, elle intègre les Hospices Civils de Lyon (HCL), la Croix-Rousse puis l'Hôtel-Dieu, dans le service du Professeur Georges Guillemin. Tous les internes et assistants, les infirmières et tous les personnels qui l'ont côtoyée se souviennent d'elle avec estime et affection. C'est là qu'elle hérite du surnom de «Suzon», qui se voulait dévalorisant à l'égard de l'ancienne expatriée, mais qu'elle porte haut et loin, par son intelligence, son audace et son humour.

1976 voit la création des Associations de stomisés, et son départ pour Cleveland (Ohio – USA): la Cleveland Clinic est le berceau de la Stomathérapie avec le professeur Turnbull et Norma Gill, iléostomisée. Elle va ainsi être la première infirmière française diplômée en Stomathérapie, et le tout en anglais évidemment: une expérience marquante!

Immédiatement sollicitée par les chirurgiens, avec l'appui du Professeur Guillemin, puis du Professeur Philippe Bérard, elle organise des consultations pour les personnes stomisées, et déjà pour les porteurs de plaies. Renée Bonnin, jeune iléostomisée, qui apportait son aide et son expérience aux stomisés depuis

quelques temps, travaillera à ses côtés et deviendra même Stomathérapeute.

En 1978, grâce au Professeur Guillemin et à ses nombreux collègues de toute la France, et avec l'aide de Catherine Mordacq, Directrice de l'École Internationale aux HCL, elle crée la première école de Stomathérapie en France, qui accueille également des infirmières de divers pays européens ou plus lointains. A l'issue de cette première formation, elle crée l'Association Française d'Entérostoma Thérapeutes, afin de rassembler les ET dans un groupe professionnel pérenne. En parallèle, elle participe activement à la recherche de nouveaux matériels avec les Laboratoires, tant en Stomathérapie qu'en cicatrisation, notamment avec le pharmacien Didier Chedorge sur les hydrocolloïdes.

En 1984, l'heure de la retraite sonne, et Michelle Guyot-Pomathios prend sa succession à la consultation de l'Hôtel-Dieu et à la formation au Certificat Clinique en Stomathérapie. Mais elles œuvrent toujours de concert, et ce jusqu'en 2015.

Retraitée, libre certes... mais tellement insatisfaite: elle n'est pas faite pour rester à la maison: elle déborde d'énergie et d'idées et est toujours animée par ce désir de transmettre et d'aider les malades. Elle décide alors de créer une école de stomathérapie à Paris. La tâche est rude pour une Lyonnaise qui veut enseigner à Paris! Grâce à quelques chirurgiens et à Michelle Conge, cadre infirmier, cette école connaît un grand succès.

En 1988, désirent voler de ses propres ailes, comme d'habitude, elle crée un organisme de formation, ESFORD, (école privée de Stomathérapie à Lyon et Paris) avec deux associées. D'autres viendront ensuite la rejoindre. De nombreux thèmes de formation sont mis en place partout en France, avec une belle équipe de formateurs.

Ses propres problèmes de santé, son insatiable curiosité et son attention aux personnes souffrantes la poussent à se former encore et encore et à participer à des recherches sur la sénologie, le SIDA, l'éducation du malade, l'organisation des soins... et là-aussi elle fut une pionnière.

En parallèle, elle valorise son développement personnel: DEUG de psychologie à l'Université, Analyse transactionnelle, Symbolisation, et même Animaux chinois et Fleurs de Bach. Dragon/Tigre au calendrier chinois: elle revendique cet aspect de sa personnalité!

Sa recherche spirituelle sur le sens de la vie naît très tôt chez elle, et elle est très ouverte à toutes les cultures et religions, tout en gardant son attachement au protestantisme de ses origines.

Ses engagements politique et social bénéficient aussi de son énergie: création de plusieurs associations professionnelles dans le but de partager les connaissances et de publier. Evidemment, son désir de transmettre passe aussi par l'écriture. Elle rédige aisément et avec son style, fluide et bien agréable. Elle participe à la rédaction de nombreux articles et ouvrages fondamentaux particulièrement sur la Stomathérapie et la cicatrisation.

En 1992, le congrès mondial du WCET® est organisé à Lyon: ce fut un immense succès, et les collègues ET de tous les pays en gardent un formidable souvenir et nous en parlent encore ! En témoignent les nombreux messages de sympathie reçus des quatre coins du monde depuis l'annonce de son départ.

Tout son travail, et particulièrement la Stomathérapie, son grand œuvre, se devait d'être reconnu à sa juste valeur. En 2008, elle reçoit la distinction de Chevalier dans l'Ordre de la Légion d'Honneur, et elle dédie ce signe de reconnaissance à tous ceux qui ont permis d'instaurer cette compétence pour les malades.

Sa vie privée fut riche de partage et d'affection. Célibataire sans enfant, et pourtant des centaines de personnes la considèrent comme leur mère spirituelle, en particulier les ET. Par son aisance à entrer en relation avec les autres, on ne compte plus le nombre de ses amis qui aujourd'hui la pleurent partout dans le monde. Elle ne s'est pas contentée de son activité professionnelle, son esprit d'entreprise s'est étendu à plusieurs lieux du monde: l'île Maurice, où elle met en valeur un magasin et apporte son aide généreuse à une famille (Jinnah la considère comme sa mère); l'Algérie avec Hayet, ET, qui elle, se considère comme sa petite-fille; et le Maroc en 2015, avec la création de Dar Taliba: elle apporte son aide à cette association avec Bernadette Bracq; animée par Fatima Zohra elle a pour but l'éducation des jeunes filles berbères et l'aide aux femmes par le travail.

Connaître le monde et partager ses découvertes l'incite à voyager, par tous moyens de transport et beaucoup à pied. Sportive, elle découvre le tir à l'arc de chasse sur cibles, et se passionne pour cette discipline exigeante. Aux côtés de Raoul, son compagnon durant un demi-siècle, elle participe activement aux activités de la Compagnie du Sagittaire, dont elle sera pendant deux ans Capitaine. Le titre de vice-championne de France senior couronnera sa carrière dans ce domaine.

Elle aimait le jeu, entre autres bridge et tarot. Que de soirées mémorables avec ses amis de l'immeuble les Erables. Les plus proches lui permirent de rester à domicile jusqu'au bout, grâce à leur dévouement.

Sa bibliothèque est bien remplie et éclectique: des essais aux polars, des romans à la poésie, de l'ésotérisme aux religions, de l'histoire aux beaux livres, sans oublier les écrits professionnels. Le kiosque à journaux perd avec elle sa meilleure cliente!

Elle est partie sans souffrance physique, pleinement consciente que sa fin était proche. Elle s'est endormie et nous a quittés doucement, comme une bougie qui s'éteint.

Chère Suzon, merci et pas Adieu, mais Au revoir!

«La vie exige qu'on aille de l'avant, qu'en gardant du passé ce qu'il a de précieux, on persévère dans l'effort vers l'avenir, plus beau parce qu'on sait l'illuminer des lumières qui ont brillé sur la route. Elles ne sont pas éteintes: ceux qui les portaient ont devancé la marche... ils nous attendent» – Léonie Chaptal, IDE.



Suzanne Montandon



L-R: Marylyn Spencer, Michelle Conge, Suzanne Montandon and Michelle Guyot-Pomathios



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Congratulations:

Dr Elizabeth A Ayello honoured by the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP) with the 2023 JoAnn Maklebust Lifetime Achievement Award



Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello, PhD, MS, BSN, ETN, RN, CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN, awarded the NPIAP JoAnn Maklebust Lifetime Achievement Award, in honour and in memory of NPIAP alumna JoAnn Maklebust



Dr. Elizabeth A Ayello, Immediate WCET® Past President, Executive Editor Emeritus WCET® Journal was awarded by the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP) with the 2023 JoAnn Maklebust Lifetime Achievement Award. Barbara Delmore, who nominated Dr Ayello, stated that “she is an outstanding leader regarding skin

and wounds, especially pressure injuries... with a litany of significant contributions as she is an internationally known editor, prolific author, researcher, and educator”. We congratulate Dr Ayello on her significant achievement in this important area of our specialty.

Dr Linda Benskin awarded Innovation Award at Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC) 2023

We congratulate Dr Linda Benskin on receiving an award from the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC), for her work in relation to wound dressings in remote and conflict areas of tropical developing countries.



L–R: Barbara Bates Jenson, PhD, RN, Linda Benskin PhD, RN, SRN, CWCN, CWS & Richard Benskin

Announcing the inaugural ISTAP President’s Award recipient Sharon Baranoski

It is with great pleasure that we announce Sharon Baranoski, MSN, RN, APN, CWOCN as the recipient of the inaugural International Skin Tear Advisory Panel (ISTAP) President’s Award for 2022.

Sharon was fundamental in establishing ISTAP in 2010 alongside Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, NSWOC,



WOCC(C) FCAN. She provided exceptional leadership in her role as the first President and subsequently Past President. Sharon paved the way for the vision, mission and values which provided the foundation for ISTAP as we know it today. She provided a voice for patients and pushed forward the agenda for advocacy with regards to a world without skin tears through her presentations and publications. Sharon has been an outstanding mentor to others and continues to inspire, support and enhance the work of ISTAP.

Sharon is a master's-prepared advanced practice nurse with more than 35 years of experience in skin and wound care, and nursing management. She is a well-known lecturer, consultant, author and educator on various nursing and wound care issues, she is co-editor of the textbook *Wound Care Essentials: Practice Principles* which is now in its 5th edition. She has authored numerous book chapters and published more than 100 nursing articles. Sharon has been a peer reviewer for *Advances in Skin & Wound Care* and *World Council of Enterostomal Therapy (WCET®)* journals and several international journals.

Sharon served as the Director of the Annual Clinical Symposium on Skin & Wound Care hosted by Lippincott, William, and Wilkins for 25 years. She is a Past President and an alumnus of the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Board. She was honoured in 2009 with the Distinguished Kosiak Award from the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP). She served on the Board of Directors of the American Professional Wound Care Association, as well as being the WCET® ID and member from USA for the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® and the Wound Ostomy & Continence Association. She was a member of the American Nurses Association and is a Fellow in the prestigious American Academy of Nursing. She served on the Rasmussen College of Nursing Advisory Board and Lewis University President's Council

Many congratulations Sharon on behalf of all of the ISTAP Board Directors both past and present.

Samantha Holloway, ISTAP President

Introducing the new WCET® International Delegates

Margarete Anna Wieczorek, Germany



Margarete Anna Wieczorek, Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurse at Hospital of the Order of St John of God, Regensburg, Germany

Carol Stott, Australia



Carol Stott, from Sydney Australia, has been involved in the WCET® Education and NNG Committees for over 20 years, she is also a life member of the Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nursing (AASTN). Carol recently retired after 30 years as Enterostomal Therapy Nurse and writer, tutor and preceptor for the Graduate Certificate in Stomal Therapy Nursing, Royal College of Nursing Australia.

Kelly Jaszarowski, USA



Ms. Jaszarowski is the Program Director for the R. B. Turnbull, Jr. MD School of WOC Nursing Education. She acquired her BSN degree in 1989 from Sangamon State University (now known as University of Illinois Springfield) and earned her MSN in 1997 with a specialisation in adult primary health care. She became a CETN (now known as a CWOCN) in 1990. She has over 30 years experience in nursing and more than 30 years as a CWOCN. Ms. Jaszarowski has practised in a variety of settings

including: acute care, HHC, extended care, assisted living, and outpatient. She is currently an independent WOC consultant with mid-level provider status in local facilities as well as a legal nurse consultant. She has taught nursing and WOC nursing, spoken/lectured locally and nationally, been published, been active in numerous professional organisations, including serving on the Board of the WOCN® and the Mideast Region. She is a Past President of the Mid-East Region and the WOCN®. Ms. Jaszarowski is honoured to represent the USA as the International Delegate of WCET® and is looking forward to serving.



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The Nanchang International School of Enterostomal Therapists ETNEP recognised by the WCET®

Shuqin Wan



The Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program (ETNEP), of Nanchang International School of Enterostomal Therapists, has successfully passed the evaluation by the WCET® education committee, and has been officially recognised by the WCET® for a period of 2 years.

On 30th October 2022, Nanchang International School of Enterostomal Therapists underwent an online evaluation from the WCET® Education Committee. Weng Yajuan, Chair of the WCET® Education Committee, presided over the evaluation committee, and Hu Hongyang and Zhang Shuangshuang, members of the WCET® Education Committee, served as experts on the review committee. Mao Meiqi, President of Jiangxi Nursing Society and President of Nanchang International School of Enterostomal Therapists, Hong Jinhua, Vice President of Nanchang International School of Enterostomal Therapists, plus the responsible persons for each teaching base, and some clinical teachers and students, also attended the review meeting.

At the meeting, Mao Meiqi, on behalf of the school, sincerely thanked the WCET® Education Committee for its guidance and assistance, stating that the accreditation has far-reaching significance for the development of the wound, stoma and continence specialty in our province, which will further standardise the wound, stoma and continence care model and improve nursing's ability to better serve patients. Hong Jinhua introduced the organisation, structure, management and training methods of the school in detail.

The expert group reviewed the theoretical curriculum,

the clinical practice base, and interviewed the lead teachers, physician representatives, lecturers, clinical instructors, administrators and students. They also comprehensively evaluated the quality of Nanchang International School of Enterostomal Therapists in terms of school structure, curriculum, faculty, teaching resources, quality assurance, program evaluation and student development. The expert group unanimously agreed that the school, under the supervision of the provincial nursing society, is organised and managed very well and has very good foundations, along with strong support for future development. At the same time, the expert group also put forward valuable suggestions to enable sustainable development of the program in the future.

Mao Meiqi expressed sincere thanks to the expert group for their careful guidance. The school will develop corrective measures for the areas to be improved and expedite the implementation to align with the WCET® requirements. Through constructive evaluation, the school will enhance its reputation, allowing the disciplined development of a strong learning environment which will continuously improve the school's standing and quality.



Julie Weng and the WCET® Education Committee perform an online site visit of Nanchang ETNEP

Joe and Betty Garofalo Cutrofello Memorial WCET® Scholarship Fund

The WCET® would like to thank Dr Elizabeth A Ayello and her family for initiating the Joe and Betty Garofalo Cutrofello Memorial Scholarship Fund. This WCET® Scholarship is named in loving memory of Elizabeth A Ayello's family beloved cousin, Joe Cutrofello and Aunt

Betty Garofalo Cutrofello, to support nurses attending WCET® approved ETNEP programs to become an ET/WOC nurse. Please donate generously and keep our tri-specialty in the hands of skilled and knowledgeable nurses.

The 13th Enterostomal Therapist Graduation Ceremony in Hunan Province / Conference on New developments in stoma, wound and continence nursing and pressure injury management



Liu Huayun, ET Nurse of the Stoma and Wound Clinic of Hunan Cancer Hospital



Zhu Xiaomei, Head Nurse of the Stoma and Wound Clinic of Hunan Cancer Hospital



Chen Yongyi, Vice President of Hunan Cancer Hospital

The Hunan Nursing Association held the 13th Enterostomal Therapist (ET) Graduation Ceremony in Hunan Province from 3rd – 6th September 2022. It was held alongside a training conference on new developments in stoma, wound and continence (SWC) nursing and pressure injury management. After 3 months of hard work, including more than a dozen theoretical and practical assessments, 34 ET students successfully graduated. Additionally, the conference organisers invited senior medical and nursing experts, from inside and outside the province, to discuss the progress of the discipline and hot topics on SWC nursing. Hunan Province invited attendees to the 3rd Stoma, Wound and Continence Nursing Case Competition, attracting nearly 200 stoma, wound and continence enterostomal therapists, nursing managers and bedside nurses.



Hunan ET students with their leaders

In her special presentation on The training of clinical thinking of specialist nurses, Professor Zhu Lihui, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Hunan Cancer Hospital, explained how to develop the creativity, foresight, and rational thinking of specialised nurses by employing inertial thinking, logical thinking and critical thinking, as well as how to carry out clinical practice through wound scenarios. This article offers guidance for the training of clinical thinking of specialty nurses.

Chen Yongyi, Vice President of the Hunan Nursing Association and Professor at Hunan Cancer Hospital, gave an in-depth explanation on the construction and practice of the humanistic care ability system for ostomy wound nurses. This was aimed at promoting whole-person care, including the physical, psychological, social and spiritual aspects, during specialised nursing care for individuals with ostomy wound or continence conditions. She also proposed system construction, covering the ability of ostomy, wound and continence nurses, to better practise humanistic care as a way of advancing specialty nursing, providing patients with a more humanised and high-quality nursing service.

A lecture on *Risk assessment and prevention of pressure injury* was given by Professor Tang Xinhui, Chairman of the Stoma and Continence Committee of the Hunan Nursing Association. Professor Tang interpreted the 2019 edition of *Worldwide Guidelines on Pressure Injury*, and the most recent developments in the definition, staging, risk assessment, prevention, and treatment of



Professor Zhu Lihui, Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Hunan Cancer Hospital

pressure injury were discussed in detail. This provided good direction for the prevention and nursing management of pressure injury.

In addition to introducing the key concepts and methods of writing a nursing research paper, Professor Liao Qianjin, director of the Central Laboratory of the Hunan Cancer Hospital, explained the fundamentals of writing a nursing scientific research project from the perspectives of the significance, research methods, and viability of scientific research design.

Professor Kang Zhongcheng, Deputy Director of the Department of Hepatobiliary and Intestinal Surgery, Hunan Cancer Hospital, held a lecture on nutritional management of patients with ostomy and wounds in order to advance the use of nutritional treatment and enhance the therapeutic effect. This was done in order to improve the standardised management and standards of nutrition for patients with stoma and wounds, as well as to offer direction and assistance for the nutritional management of patients.

Zhang Qijian, Head Nurse of Xiangya Hospital of Central South University, introduced the characteristics, management and treatment principles of autoimmune related ulcers. The importance of multidisciplinary

cooperation in promoting ulcer healing was also proposed.

Yang Furong, Head Nurse of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Center of Hunan Provincial People's Hospital, introduced the international guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of urinary incontinence. New nursing knowledge was presented on incontinence dermatitis in order to provide guidance for clinical nursing practice.

Yang Jing, an Enterostomal Therapist from the Second Xiangya Hospital of Central South University, gave a



Professor Liao Qianjin, Director of the Central Laboratory of the Hunan Cancer Hospital



Chen Yongyi, Vice President of Hunan Cancer Hospital awarding student certificates



Professor Kang Zhongcheng, Deputy Director of the Department of Hepatobiliary and Intestinal Surgery, Hunan Cancer Hospital



Professor Tang Xinhui, Chairman of the Stoma and Continence Committee of the Hunan Nursing Association



Zhang Qijian, Head Nurse of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Center of Xiangya Hospital of Central South University

lecture on *Those things about wound bed preparation*, and elaborated on the origin and evolution, basic framework and recommendations of the TIME principle of wound bed preparation which provided a decision-making framework for the treatment of chronic wounds.

Professor Chen Yupan, Vice-President of Hunan Enterostomal Therapist School, presented on the theme of *Clinical observation and nursing care of radiation-induced skin injury*. The causes, characteristics and treatment measures of radiation dermatitis were described in detail, and the treatment methods and effects of radiation dermatitis were demonstrated through case studies and pictures.

Professor Zhu Xiaomei, Head Nurse of the Stoma and Wound Clinic of Hunan Cancer Hospital shared the theme of *Risk factors for peristomal complications*. An article was presented expounding the research progress of peristomal skin risk, the constitution of the risk factor model and its clinical application, while providing guidance for medical staff on prevention of peristomal skin complications.



Yang Furong, Head Nurse of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing Center of Hunan Provincial People's Hospital awarding certificates



Yang Jing, an Enterostomal Therapist from the Second Xiangya Hospital of Central South University

Li Xiaofang, Director of Chenzhou First People's Hospital, gave a wonderful lecture on new progress in the treatment of common dermatological diseases, Sun Weiping, Head Nurse of the Wound Center of Zhuzhou Central Hospital, on the interpretation of nursing standards for adult enterostomy, and Zhang Xiaoling, Head Nurse of the Gastrointestinal Surgery Department of Xiangtan Central Hospital, talked about prescription decision making of ostomy nurses for convex appliances.



Professor Chen Yupan, Vice-President of Hunan Enterostomal Therapist School



Professor Zhu Xiaomei, Head Nurse of the Stoma and Wound Clinic of Hunan Cancer Hospital



Sun Weiping, Head Nurse of Wound Center of Zhuzhou Central Hospital

Professor Zhang Hua of the First Affiliated Hospital of the Chongqing Medical University was invited to give a live lecture on the clinical application of silver ion dressings in refractory wounds. A large number of clinical cases were presented to demonstrate the role of silver ion dressing in wound healing. At the same time, Professor Wu Xianrong from Sun Yixian Memorial Hospital of Sun Yat Sen University explained the



Li Xiaofang, Director
Chenzhou First People's Hospital awarding certificates



Zhang Xiaoling, Head Nurse
Gastrointestinal Surgery, Department of Xiangtan Central Hospital



Liu Zhijing, Zhang Jing, Sun Xiangming
(president of Hunan ET school)



Chen Yongyi (vice president of Hunan ET school),
Niu Yanxia, Duan Ning, Huang Zilan,
Zhou Lingling

Treatment of postoperative infectious wounds through online video, providing detailed guidance for the treatment of postoperative infected wounds.

The 3rd Stoma, Wound and Continence Nursing Case Competition was also held at the conference. The participants presented the treatment and healing process of various difficult stoma and wound complications, including pressure injuries, from history, wound evaluation, treatment, experience summary and other aspects of the case. The cases had a variety of themes, and the judges' selection was objective and fair, professional and meticulous, which was well received by nursing colleagues attending the meeting. After fierce competition, a total of two first prizes, four second prizes, and ten third prizes were awarded.

During the meeting, the 16th Stoma Association of Hunan Cancer Hospital provided a platform for exchange, support and encouragement for ostomates to help them return to their families and society and to a happy life.

This academic conference was rich in theory and closely combined with clinical experience from the world of stoma, wound and continence nursing, pressure injury prevention and treatment, scientific research and nursing management. Many well-known experts conducted wonderful presentations full of learning opportunities, imparting new knowledge, new concepts and new technology. The students gained a lot from the wonderful presentations and the case competition, which further promoted the development of specialised nursing in our province.



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15th and 16th Nanjing Enterostomal Therapists Nursing Education Program came to a successful conclusion

Ling Wu, Shirley (Min) Wei



On a beautiful September day, 30 students from all over Jiangsu gathered in Nanjing to undertake the Nanjing ETNEP. After 3 months of struggle, which had started with good original intentions, they finally ushered

in the day of their harvest. The closing ceremony of the 15th and 16th Nanjing ETNEP came to a successful conclusion on 9th December 2022.

Xiaorong Huo, Director of Jiangsu Nursing Society and President of Nanjing International Ostomy Therapist School, Professor Qin Xu, Dean of the School of Nursing of Nanjing Medical University and Vice President of



Juyun Li hosting the graduation ceremony



Lifang Yang summarising the project



Honouring outstanding students

Nanjing International Ostomy Therapist School, Jinfeng Wu, Secretary-general of Jiangsu Nursing Society, Cuihua Sun, Deputy Secretary-general of Jiangsu Nursing Society and Director of Nanjing Enterostomal Therapists Nursing Education Program, Yajuan Weng, Chairman of WCET® Education Committee and Vice Chairman of WOC Professional Committee, Ling Wu, Chairman of the WOC Professional Committee of Jiangsu Nursing Society, Lifang Yang, Vice Chairman of

the WOC Professional Committee of Jiangsu Nursing Society, Jing Jia, Suping Bai, Huiyu Qian, teacher representatives of Nanjing International Ostomy Therapist School, and all the students of the 15th and 16th Nanjing ETNEP attended the closing ceremony. The graduation ceremony was presided over by Juyun Li, the secretary of the WOC Professional Committee of Jiangsu Nursing Society.



Group photo of the 16th batch of students of Nanjing International Ostomy Therapist School




Liu Beibei outstanding student representatives speaking

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15th graduates list

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16th graduates list



Director Xiaorong Huo's speech

Yajuan Weng first paid tribute to the teaching team who she praised for always seeking excellence. She pointed out that Nanjing International Ostomy Therapist School has been adhering to the rigorous teaching attitude, excellent teaching achievements, and the teaching philosophy of advancing with the times for 16 years. At the same time, she congratulated all the students who had successfully graduated, and hoped that everyone would work together to build and broaden the road ahead for the development of specialised nursing for wound, stoma and continence in China. In particular, the new ETs should strengthen their professional skills and knowledge, and make due contributions to the construction of a healthy China and the high quality development of medicine and healthcare.

"Spring sends out its splendour, and autumn harvests in fact". Then Lifang Yang made a project summary. She said that the graduation ceremony went through several twists and turns. Although we couldn't meet face to face, everyone was still excited when we gathered in the cloud. She pointed out that Nanjing International Ostomy Therapist School, under the excellent leadership of Jiangsu Nursing Society, with the academic support of the School of Nursing of Nanjing Medical University, and the support of the province's excellent specialist diagnosis and nursing resources, had overcome many difficulties under the epidemic, had officially started in September 2022. After 3 months of theoretical and practical training, through the unreserved guidance of the teachers, the students had mastered stoma care, wound treatment, continence care, etc. In the end, everyone successfully passed four theoretical exams, three product booklets,



Dean Qin Xu's speech

case studies, proposal reports and OSCE assessments, and successfully completed the 16th training program.

"All surprises come from long-term preparations, and all luck comes from unremitting efforts". Next, Secretary-General Jinfeng Wu announced the 15th and 16th excellent commendation decision of Nanjing International Ostomy Therapist School. The 15th outstanding students included Ying Chen, Xueqin Yan, Chunyan Wu, and the 16th outstanding students included Zumei Song, Wen Zhu, and Jing Zhang.

"Spring silkworms don't run out of silk until they die, and the wax torch turns into ashes and tears dry before they dry". Along the way, the teacher's kindness was the most unforgettable. The 15th and 16th monitor representatives of the closing ceremony made speeches. Yu Zeng, the 16th monitor, expressed her gratitude to the teachers for their rigorous teaching, professional enlightenment and guidance, as well as guidance and Q&A. Beibei Liu, the 15th monitor, expressed her gratitude to the Jiangsu Nursing society

and Nanjing International Ostomy Therapist School for giving everyone valuable learning opportunities. We believed they had expressed the aspirations of all the students. We met the best teachers, the best classmates, and became a better version of ourselves.

After the speeches of two outstanding student representatives, the most exciting moment ushered in. The host Juyun Li invited Cuihua Sun to read out the qualification certification decision.

In the middle of winter, another year of graduation was ushered in, Qin Xu was invited to give a graduation speech. She said that today's gathering was not only to commemorate the past 3 months, but also a promise to work hard, make progress and move forward together. One day in the future, we would be proud of ourselves for working hard now. She taught students to always maintain a strong interest in knowledge and skill exploration, be diligent in thinking, and be brave in practice. She also encouraged the students to keep questioning and dare to innovate. "When the wind is good, it is time to set sail. We must stand at a new

starting point, study hard, think hard, and constantly improve ourselves. The future is sure to look forward to".

Finally, Xiaorong Huo sent a message to the principal. First of all, she thanked all the leaders and guests for taking the time to attend the graduation ceremony, and congratulated the 61 students from the 15th and 16th phases for their successful graduation. She said that the Nanjing International Ostomy Therapist School had been successfully opened since 2007. The development and achievements of the school were inseparable from the hard work and hard work of every teacher in the team. She hoped that the teaching team would continue to maintain and continue to develop excellent young teachers. "Where the light goes, where the heart goes". She said that the society and the special committee would, as always, escort everyone's study and training. She hoped that all ETs would stick to their original intention of doing specialised nursing, and become the light that illuminated the life of specialised patients and the future of specialised nursing.

Xi'an Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program (ETNEP), 11th training session successfully concluded



Hui Fan, ET Nurse of The First Affiliated Hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University



Xianzhen Jin, ET Nurse of The First Affiliated Hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University, The Head Nurse of General Surgery Department.

The graduation ceremony of the 11th training session of Xi'an Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program (ETNEP) was successfully held in the First Affiliated Hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University on the morning of 30th September 2022. The principal of Xi'an ET School, leaders of the First Affiliated Hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University and ET teachers were in attendance.

The Head teacher, Yang Quncao, started by reporting the teaching summary of this session. There were 30 students from 15 provinces and cities, studying for 12 weeks, 6 weeks of theory and 6 weeks of clinical



Head teacher, Yang Quncao

practice; 88 outstanding national and international teachers participated, including 36 well known national medical experts, 26 senior ET experts, and 24 well-known national experts from Shaanxi province. We were honoured to have invited professor Louise Forest-Lalande and Kerlyn Carville to give lectures. During the whole study period, the students were required to pass seven theoretical examinations, including stoma theory, wound theory, continence theory, product assessment, case report, research report, production of a product book, wound and stoma care OSCE. Finally, all 30 students passed the examination and obtained

the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®) international Certificate of Recognition. In this session three students who demonstrated overall comprehensive excellence, three best research reports and three best case presentation were selected for recognition.



Zhang Tingting from the First Affiliated Hospital of Dalian Medical University



Li Yangyang from the Affiliated Cancer Hospital of Harbin Medical University

Zhang Tingting, from the First Affiliated Hospital of Dalian Medical University, and Li Yangyang, from the Affiliated Cancer Hospital of Harbin Medical University, delivered excellent speeches on behalf of the students. They expressed their sincere respect and gratitude to the teachers. During the program, they not only learned specialised knowledge, but had rich clinical experiences; they were deeply moved by these experiences and the professional spirit. They also stated that they would continue to make good efforts to provide high quality nursing services for patients with wound, ostomy continence conditions, using innovative technology. Then the students presented a traditional Chinese painting as a gift to their Alma Mater, wishing the school good fortune and prosperity day by day, and wishing that thousands of patients with wound, ostomy and continence conditions will benefit.

Professor Sun Xuejun, Director of General Surgery, highly praised the achievements of Xi'an ET School over more than 10 years. He said that he would continue to support the school, he gave his congratulations to



Professor Sun Xuejun, Director of General Surgery



Students presented a traditional Chinese painting as a gift to their Alma Mater



Professor Xin Xia, Director of the Nursing Department of The First Affiliated Hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University and President of Xi'an ET School

the students on their successful graduation, hoping that everyone will actively carry out their work after returning to their own duty. Professor Xin Xia, Director of the Nursing Department of The First Affiliated Hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University and President of Xi'an ET School, gave a speech. She hoped that all students will use what they have learned to provide professional nursing services for patients, learn new knowledge, learn new ideas, integrate with international cutting-edge knowledge, and protect and care for more patients, also she encouraged students to join the WCET® society.

Xi'an ET School, founded in 2012, has a complete, flawless management system. The committees, under the leadership of the President, include the Educational Administration Committee, Academic Committee, Student Management Office, Logistics Support and other departments. We have a head teacher attending the whole class in each session, paying attention to the students' learning, life, psychology and other aspects. After each teaching session, the school will hold a symposium for trainees and teachers respectively, listening to the opinions and suggestions of the students, then conducting satisfaction surveys. In the teachers' symposium, listening to teachers' suggestions for teaching work and feeding back students' suggestions to teachers, the excellent teacher would be invited to share teaching methods to promote quality improvement in teaching work. After 11 years

of effort, a total of 263 trainees from more than 100 hospitals located in 28 provinces and municipalities throughout the country, which has greatly promoted the development of specialised nursing care for wound, ostomy and continence in Shaanxi province or even across the country, and have made their own contribution to the promotion of specialised work in China.

In the future, Xi'an ET School will always adhere to the school tenet of "strict scholarship, pursue the excellence, keep learning, make practical use of the knowledge", and strive to cultivate more excellent specialised talents and help the public health!



Group photograph of the Xi'an ETNEP graduates

30 years of Enterostomal Therapist Training School in Slovenia

Tadeja Kriselj, University Medical Centre, Ljubljana



In November 2022 we celebrated the successful conclusion of the 8th Enterostomal Therapy Nurse Educational Program (ETNEP) in Slovenia. At the same time, we celebrated the School's 30th anniversary. The University Medical Centre Ljubljana organised the 8th ETNEP at the training School, in collaboration with the Nurses and

Midwives Association of Slovenia, from 13th September 2021 to 24th November 2022.

The educational course was divided into 4 weeks of theory and 4 weeks of practical education. The first 2 weeks of theory was organised in September and October of 2021, but due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic we had to postpone the rest of the course until March and April 2022. However, with the help of modern technology, we did manage to provide some

lectures online. The practical component was held in the University Medical Centre Ljubljana, the Institute of Oncology Ljubljana, the Community Health Care Ljubljana and the Medical Centre Iatros.

On 24th November 2022 we organised the graduation ceremony in the University Medical Centre Ljubljana. We invited Mr. Marko Jug, General Manager of UMC Ljubljana, Ms. Monika Azman, President of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, Mr. Pavle Košorok, founder of ET in Slovenia, Ms. Renata Batas, President of the ET Association in Slovenia and Ms. Irena Kalan Vice President of the Ostomate Association in Slovenia.

We were honoured by the presence of Professor Pavle Košorok MD, PhD, who had a major impact on the development of enterostomal therapy in Slovenia. He was the first to recognise the need for educating nurses in enterostomal therapy in Slovenia and in ex-Yugoslavia. He was also one of the founding members of

WCET® when he participated in the first World Congress of Enterostomal Therapists® in Milan in 1978. Meeting Mrs. Norma Gill was a turning point in his career; he became a member of the Education Committee, then in the year 1990 he participated in an ET educational course in Cleveland and became an enterostomal therapist. He took part in the congress in Toronto in



Ms. Monika Azman, President of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, Opening ceremony, September 2021 (Photo: UKCL Archive)



Practical course, May 2022 (Photo: UKCL Archive)



Practical course, May 2022 (Photo: UKCL Archive)



Organisation board of 8th ET Training School in Slovenia. L-R: Tadeja Kriselj, Bojan Veberic, Maja Medvescek Smrekar, Anita Jelar, Ljubljana 2022 (Photo: UKCL Archive)



Prof. Pavle Košorok, November 2022 (Photo: UKCL Archive)



Prof. Pavle Košorok at the WCET® Congress in Toronto, 1990 (Photo: Personal archive of Prof. Košorok)



Recognition of the first Slovenian ETNEP training School by Prilli Stevens of the WCET® Education Committee, Lyon, 1992 (Photo: Personal archive of Prof. Košorok)



First five graduated ETs in Slovenia with their teachers, Ms. Metka Zima and Mr. Pavle Košorok, Ljubljana 1992 (Photo: Personal archive of Prof. Košorok)



1990, where Yugoslavia was accepted into the WCET® as an equal member.

Prof. Pavle Košorok helped and encouraged Ms. Metka Zima to attend the Cleveland Clinic in 1981 where she studied to become the first educated enterostomal therapist in Slovenia and Yugoslavia. In 1992 they initiated the first Enterostomy Therapists Training School in Slovenia.

Despite the time extension necessary for completion of the 8th ETNEP in Slovenia, we reached a successful conclusion on the 24th November 2022, which was marked by the ceremonial awarding of diplomas to 24 participants. Participants came from primary, secondary and tertiary levels of healthcare.



Graduating ceremony at the 30th anniversary of the ET Training School in Slovenia, Ljubljana 2022 (Photo: UKCL Archive)

Training took place during difficult epidemiological conditions, which demanded constant changes and adjustments, just like enterostomal therapists – always be prepared for something new and never give up.

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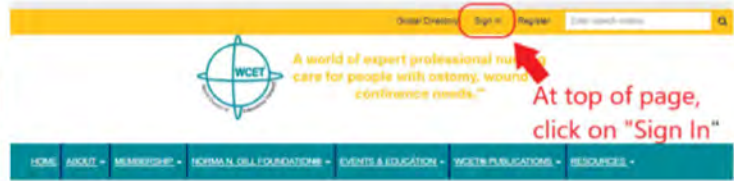
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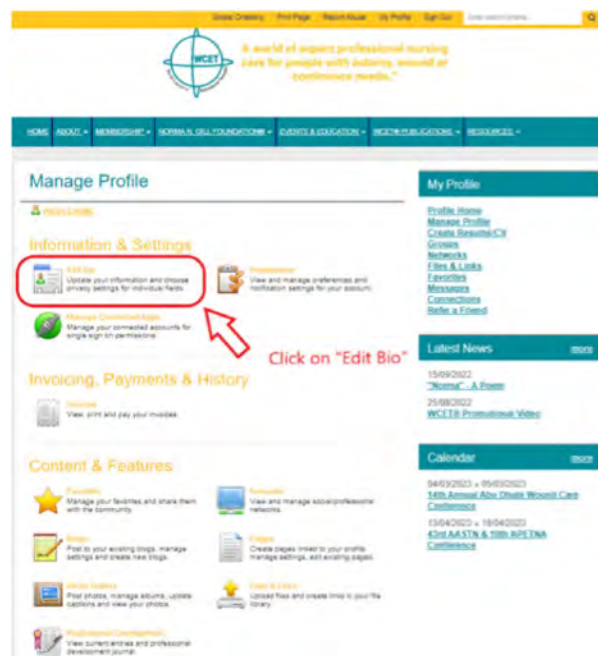
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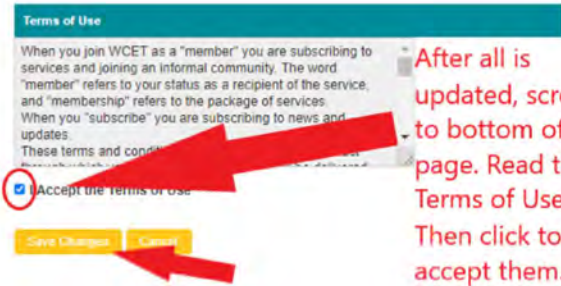
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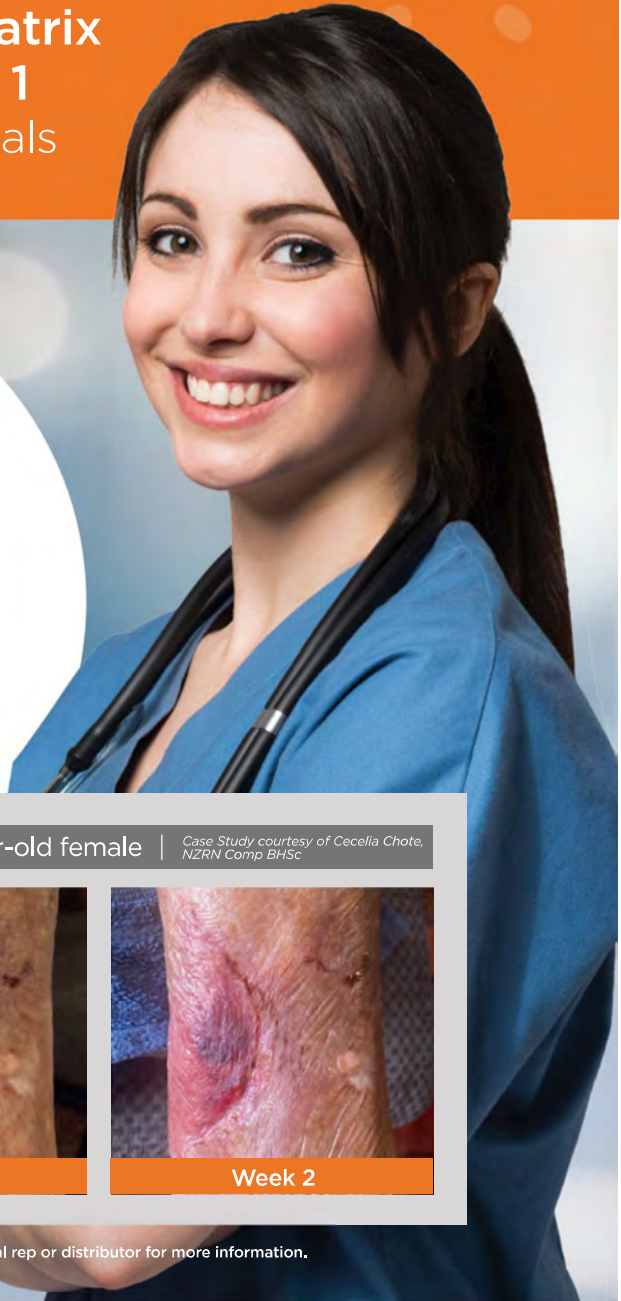
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Norma's Circle founding members

Aihua (Alice) Chen

WCET® NNGF® Chairperson 2020–2024



Norma's Circle is an elite WCET® fundraising program which was inaugurated on 26th June 2021, on Norma N. Gill Day®. Created by the Norma N. Gill Foundation® Committee in memory of the WCET® founder, Norma's Circle raises funds to support scholarships for specialised ostomy, wound and continence education for nurses in developing countries and towards the work of Norma N. Gill Foundation®. Open to all WCET® members, industry partners, lifetime members, International Delegates

(IDs) and anyone who supports the important work of the WCET®, membership is £200 for the first year and £100 for subsequent years.

Over the past year, Norma's Circle has expanded to include 52 members from across the globe. The WCET® is very appreciative to all those who have joined Norma's Circle, continuing to build her legacy and continue the important mission of the WCET®. Founding members are those who joined by 26th June 2022; they are recognised here.

<p>Laurent Chabal, Switzerland</p> 	<p>Dr Elizabeth A Ayello, USA</p> 	<p>Diana Gallagher, USA</p> 	<p>Diane Krasner, USA</p> 
<p>Dee Waugh, South Africa</p> 	<p>Vashti Livingston, USA</p> 	<p>Hiske Smart, Bahrain</p> 	<p>Wenzhou WOC Association, China</p> 
<p>Denise Hibbert, Saudi Arabia</p> 	<p>Kathleen Capitulo, USA</p> 	<p>Wenzhou ET School, China</p> 	<p>Jie Chen, China</p> 



<p>Aihua (Alice) Chen, China</p> 	<p>Yajuan (Julie) Weng, China</p> 
<p>Ying Piao, China</p> 	<p>Lina Qiao, China</p> 
<p>Xi'an ET School, China</p> 	<p>Sally Gill-Thompson, USA</p> 
<p>ET School of Sun Yat-Sen University, China</p> 	<p>ETs of Sun Yat-Sen University Cancer Center, China</p> 
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<p>NWA Ostomy Support Group in Honor of: Jennifer Juergan, USA</p> 	<p>Shenyang ET School of China Medical University, China</p> 

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<p>Shanghai ET school, China</p> 	<p>Arum Pratiwi, Indonesia</p> 
<p>Indonesian ETNEP in Honour of Indonesian Wound Care Clinician Association, Indonesia</p> 	<p>Australian Association of Stoma Therapy Nurses (AASTN), Australia</p> 
<p>Joy Schank, USA</p> 	<p>Cathy Milne, USA</p> 
<p>Wendy Jicman, USA</p> 	<p>Dr R Gary Sibbald, Canada</p> 



<p>Martha Kelso, USA</p> 	<p>ZhuHui, China</p> 
<p>Sichuan ET School, China</p> 	<p>Zhende Medical Co. Ltd. China</p> 
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New Norma's Circle Members

<p>Lian Lian Wang, China</p> 	<p>No.22 Class, Sun Yat-sen Cancer Center, China</p> 
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<p>Anne Hansen, Denmark</p> 	<p>Fiona Bolton, Australia</p> 
<p>Susan Stelton, USA</p> 	<p>Mary Josephine Kroeber, Australia</p> 
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Norma's Circle Founding Members 26th June 2021–2022



Members' donations 2023

The following members have very generously given donations to help fund NNGF® scholarships:

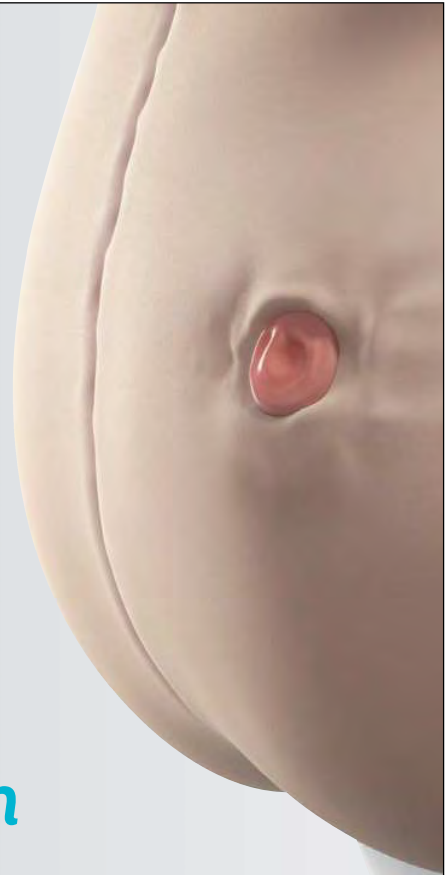
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Reports from around the world

Brazilian Association of Enterostomal Therapy (SOBEST®) update

Adriane Aparecida da Costa Faresin

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Transforming realities in Stomatherapy is about knowing the current specialty and specialists conditions in Brazil and the world and, through individual and collective actions, generate changing opportunities.

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Learn more about CBE 2023 at
www.cbe2023.com.br

We're waiting for you in Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, 21th-25th September!



Invitation to the XIV Brazilian Congress of Enterostomal Therapy (CBE 2023)

XIV Brazilian Congress of Enterostomal Therapy - CBE 2023

The city of Natal-RN awaits us, and the Brazilian Association of Enterostomal Therapy (SOBEST®), invites everyone to participate in the activities of the XIV Brazilian Congress of Stoma Therapy (CBE) 2023.

The theme *Education, creativity and innovation: transforming realities* refers to the activities of SOBEST® and Brazilian enterostomal therapy, who in these 30 years have been active in the areas of training, research and assistance in transforming the reality of care for people with stomas, wounds and incontinence.

For those of you who have already participated in the CBE, the 21st – 25th of October are certainly already on your agenda, but for those who haven't participated before, this is your opportunity!

Please access the scientific program and meet our guests.

<https://sobest.com.br/cbe2023/>

II International Symposium of Nursing on Pelvic Floor Dysfunctions – SIEDAP

An event organised by the Research Group on Enterostomal Therapy at the University of São Paulo (GPET-USP) supported by SOBEST® and the International Continence Society (ICS) which aims to develop nurses and nursing students to work in this very relevant and still neglected area.



"Assalto pélvico: O portal para a vida"

SIEDAP 2023
 II Simpósio Internacional de Enfermagem nas Disfunções do Assalto Pélvico

Speakers:

- Vera Lúcia Santos: Grupo de Pesquisa em Enterostomia - GPET, Escola de Enfermagem da Universidade de São Paulo
- Paula Nogueira: Grupo de Pesquisa em Enterostomia - GPET, Universidade de São Paulo
- Talita Rosa: Grupo de Pesquisa em Enterostomia - GPET, Universidade de São Paulo
- Gisela Assis: INSTITUTO FLUIR, Universidade Federal do Paraná

Apoio:

80th Anniversary of Enfermagem USP - EUSP, PROESA (PROGRAMA DE PÓS-GRADUAÇÃO EM ENFERMAGEM NA SAÚDE DO ADULTO), SOBEST, ICS

SIEDAP event prepared by Vera Lúcia Santos, Paula Nogueira, Talita Rosa and Gisela Assis with support from SOBEST® (https://www.instagram.com/sobest_oficial/), enterostomal therapist Research Group, GPET (https://www.instagram.com/gpet_eeusp/) and Instituto Fluir (<https://www.instagram.com/instituto.fluir/>).

In this 2nd edition, the scientific program brought innovations such as talk shows, tables, conferences, experiences, launches of educational materials and the participation of renowned national and international speakers on pelvic floor dysfunctions in all stages of life.

On this occasion, the *Pelve de Ouro Award* was awarded and the Pelvic Health *Fluir Festival* took place – <https://www.siedap.com/>

SOBEST® Open Doors

PROGRAMA EDUCACIONAL PORTAS ABERTAS
Boas práticas na prevenção de lesões de pele em neonatos e crianças
Docente: **Enfa ET Mily Constanza Ramos**
Data: 25/02/2023 Horário: 08h às 12h
Curso com Certificado SOBEST®
Inscrições através do e-mail: eventos@sobest.com.br

PROGRAMA EDUCACIONAL PORTAS ABERTAS
Raciocínio Clínico para Tratamento Conservador da Incontinência Urinária Feminina
Docente: **Gisela Assis**
Data: 18/03/2023 Horário: 08h às 12h
Curso com Certificado SOBEST®
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Portas Abertas educational program

Open Doors (Portas Abertas) is an opportunity for extension courses involving theory and practice, designed for nurses and enterostomal therapists on specific topics covering the three major areas of stomatherapy – wounds, stomas and incontinence. The activities carried out in this first quarter were *Clinical reasoning for the conservative treatment of female urinary continence* taught by Dr Gisela Assis and *Good practices in the prevention of skin lesions in newborns and children* by Dr Mily Constanza Ramos.

SOBEST® WCET® accredited courses

The courses recognised by the WCET® are the safest choice for quality professional training in enterostomal therapy. Accredited courses can be found on the SOBEST® website. <https://sobest.com.br/cursos-acreditados/>



Figure 4 – Universities that have Stomatherapy Nursing Courses accredited by SOBEST®.

Enterostomal Academy Leagues

The first enterostomal therapist league was created in 2014 and from 2019 onwards it became accredited by the SOBEST®. Today we have 17 SOBEST® accredited leagues. In March 2023 there was the inaugural class of the Liga de Estomaterapia (LAET) of the State University of Piauí (UESPI), which is in its 4th edition, with the participation of the fields of Floriano, Picos and Teresina, being the first inter campus league created in Brazil. Classes will take place in hybrid mode, with face-to-face moments and practical internships in the areas of wounds, stoma and continence. The league is coordinated by a stomatologist professor who coordinates the students and encourages participation in activities.



UESPI Enterostomal Therapist League online class

The Academic League of Nursing in Enterostomal Therapy (LAEST) has just arrived at SOBEST® and has as coordinator the nurse stomal therapist Prof. Rosana Freitas Azevedo, as President Yuri da Silva Sousa and as Vice President Bianca Santos dos Santos.

<https://sobest.com.br/ligas-academicas/>

SOBEST® sessions

The state sections of SOBEST® have already started their activities by holding scientific meetings that will bring training and knowledge to countless nursing professionals. We will be working hard to organise various scientific activities that can contribute to teaching and research for this year, 2023.



Activities of the SOBEST® Santa Catarina section in the prevention of pressure injuries

Promoting prevention is an important challenge for the nursing and multidisciplinary team. To emphasise the importance of this reflection, SOBEST® launched the campaign *Change sides: avoid pressure*, supporting the dissemination of institutional actions directed to the prevention of the complaint.

The University Hospital Polydoro Ernani of São Thiago of the Federal University of Santa Catarina (HU-EBSEH), through the Interdisciplinary Group of Skin Care (GICPel), in partnership with the Quality Management and Patient Safety Unit (UGQSP) and the Patient Safety Committee (COSEP), has developed an activity plan with educational actions for professionals, patients and families. Among these, a workshop with the professionals inside the care unit itself, during working hours, where care actions were addressed in the prevention of pressure injury, from the demonstration of care with the use of visual and auditory stimulation and perception, in the search for reflection on daily practice.

The activity had the support of the SOBEST/SC Section and the nursing students from the Academic League of Stomal Therapy of the Federal University of Santa Catarina (LAPEFE/UFSC), Larissa Vitória Gatti de Andrade and Antonio Bruno de Sousa Barbosa. Each workshop took place with an estimated time of 15 minutes, in which more than 60 healthcare professionals and students participated.

Café científico - Atualizado em 15.03
A atuação da Estomatoterapia e sua repercussão nos serviços de Saúde

Dra. Priscila Brasileiro

Dr. Carlos André

Dra. Geórgia Carvalho

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Dra. Aurilene Lima

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Programação - 11/03/2023, 21/03/2023 e 28/03/2023
Horário: 08:00 às 18:00 **Carga horária: 20 horas**

Manhã

08:00 - Abertura: Dinâmica quebra-gelo e apresentação dos objetivos de aprendizagem.
08:30 - Levantamento de conhecimento prévio através do Painel Integrado.
10:00 - Discussão de protocolos/consensos: prática baseada em evidências.
11:30 - Aplicabilidade da Técnica do Retrovisor.

SOBEST® scientific meetings: Ceará, Sectional President Professor Aurilene Lima



Sectional President and Scientific Council Director Juliana Balbinot Reis Girondi, and Member of the Scientific Council Cilene Fernandes Soares



Brazilian Journal of Enterostomal Therapy – Revista ESTIMA

The Brazilian Journal of Enterostomal Therapy, Revista Estima, is the only journal specialised in stomatherapy nursing in Latin America, classified as Qualis B1 by the Higher Education Personnel Improvement Commission (CAPES) and is registering new Ad Hoc evaluators for its editorial board. Discover the new articles published in full by accessing the QR code or through the link:

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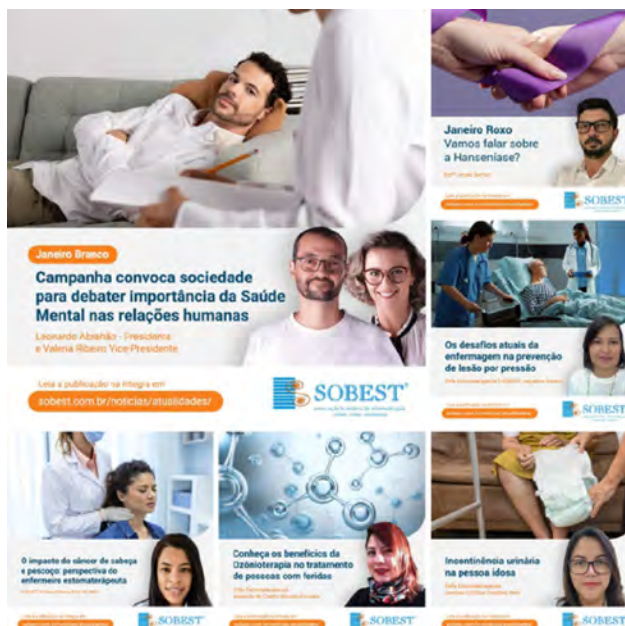
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Recent articles published by ESTIMA Journal

SOBEST® website

The SOBEST® website publishes articles on themes that seek to contribute to nursing professionals' knowledge, bringing information relevant to clinical care practices. Collaborations for these publications come from nurses associated with SOBEST® with expertise within the area addressed. The information is referenced in the literature and before publication, the texts are evaluated by the scientific department. Here are some of the published texts, to read them in full, visit: <https://sobest.com.br/noticias/atualidades/>



Publications written by SOBEST® members for the website

SOBEST® contributes monthly to the newspaper of the Association of Ostomy Patients of the State of São Paulo, AOESP by sending reports with the aim of providing guidance to people with ostomies. Get to know some of the topics published and the professionals who contribute to the association: Sandra da Costa Pereira Caovila, TiSOBEST Stomal Therapist Nurse, Márcia Domingos de O. da Silva, Stomal Therapist Nurse Full Member SOBEST®, and Adriane Aparecida da Costa Faresin, TiSOBEST Stomal Therapist Nurse. The texts can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/466923510021092>



Publications made by SOBEST® collaborators for AOESP newspaper readers

SOBEST® supports and promotes the Associação Brasileira de Enfermagem (ABen), an association that defends the consolidation of nursing education, scientific research, nursing work as a social practice, essential to social assistance and health, organisation and functioning of health services. Professor Maria Helena Santana Mandelbaum talks about this important nursing society. Access and read about ABen at <https://sobest.com.br/por-que-e-importante-se-associar-a-aben/>

Categoria	05/12/22 a 31/03/23	01/04/23 a 30/06/23	01/07/23 a 30/09/23	01/10/23 a 30/11/23
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Estudante de PG	R\$ 152,15	R\$ 145,00	R\$ 173,00	
TE e AE	R\$ 70,84	R\$ 92,00	R\$ 109,00	
Estudante TE	R\$ 38,91	R\$ 47,00	R\$ 55,00	
Estudante Graduação	R\$ 62,85	R\$ 72,00	R\$ 90,00	
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Assoc Estrang Est	R\$ 146,66	R\$ 174,00	R\$ 187,00	

Information about the Brazilian Nursing Association (ABen)

Within the SOBEST® website we now have a new page where you will have direct access to international partner societies. In this way, we want to maintain a direct link between professionals with themes, scientific events, learning opportunities, professional network, among other possibilities. Accessing <https://sobest.com.br/parceiros-internacionais/> you will be able to meet SOBEST® partners.

SOBEST® international partners

1st prize 'Recognise 2022'

On 30th November 2022, the 30th anniversary of the Association of People with Ostomy of the Federal District was celebrated in an event where the founders and important people in the Association's trajectory were awarded with the 1st prize in 'Recognise 2022', and SOBEST® was one of those honoured. Professor Maria Angela Boccara de Paula had the opportunity to represent Brazilian enterostomal therapy at this event, receiving this award. She wrote to us about it at <https://sobest.com.br/homenagem-premio-reconhecer-2022/>



The 'Recognise 2022' award received by SOBEST®

Follow in Norma Gill's footsteps

Ling Wu, Nurse, ET and Stoma Patient



I am from Nanjing in China, I am a Nurse, an enterostomal therapist (ET), and a stoma patient. In 2017, after suffering from diarrhoea for some time, with no improvement, I mustered up the courage to go for a colonoscopy, "oh my God", rectal cancer! I am

only 24 years old, how could I possibly be diagnosed with cancer? At that moment, when I received the pathology report, I was confused. I ran to the pathology department and asked if there was any possibility that the result was wrong, or I had received the wrong report, I even began to deny what had just happened. I pinched my arm, It was painful, so not a dream! At that moment, I saw death waving to me, and my life seemed as though it could be terminated at any time.

My partner and I had just bought a small house, we fought so hard to buy it together, we were preparing to decorate it, we expected to have a new home to move into at the end of the year for our wedding, we were planning to have children quickly and so were preparing for pregnancy and so on... Bang, my life pressed the pause button, God told me, this road is blocked... ah... you take this path!

As the classic Chinese saying goes: When Heaven is about to confer a great responsibility on man, it will first fill his heart with suffering, toil his sinews and bones, expose his body to hunger... Well, I've done all kinds of mental preparation for myself. God must have thought that my past life had been too smooth, so I have to suffer...

I underwent surgery, 30 rounds of radiation, 8 rounds of chemotherapy, one by one according to the doctor's treatment plan. Fear, anxiety, low self-esteem came during the period immediately after the operation, I was afraid of going out, afraid of leakage of stool and odour from my stoma appliance, and the fear of other people finding out that I have a stoma, which made me dislike, and even considered giving up my job.

However, I was lucky to meet an excellent ET who guided me step by step, this and the meticulous care from my family and encouragement from colleagues and friends, along with the affection of my two beautiful cats, I recovered and last year we had our wedding. Now, after 5 years, I have achieved clinical cure, I also get along very well with my stoma.

In 2022, I was honoured to participate in the 16th ETNEP at the Nanjing International School of Ostomy Therapists and became an ET, which was a dream that I never dreamed of. I recall that shortly after the operation I bought a book on ostomy care from the internet. It was the first time I had heard of Ms. Norma Gill. Now I have been engaged in the work of ostomy nursing, and I can say that when I face new ostomy patients, I know their pain. I also share my experience with them, the dietary precautions to ensure a normal stool consistency, helpful in avoiding leakage and dehydration, after all, I have travelled the path and know what they are going through. I hope to be a light on their road to recovery, so that they can return to a normal life earlier.

Over the years, I have known many young people who were as ill as me. Some of them have gone, recalled by God to make star in the sky. Some of them like me, have overcome difficulties and gained rebirth. No matter what the result is, we all strive to live, cherish the people in front of us, cherish every day of life we live, follow Norma Gill's footsteps, and keep walking until one day I cannot, I will go to the sky to make star to light other's way.



L-R: Julie Weng, Chairman of the WCET® Education Committee with Ling Wu

The Skin safety management academic seminar by Jiangsu Nursing Association for the 2022 World Pressure Ulcer Day

Long Sun, Nanjing Jiangning Hospital



On 15th October 2022 in Nanjing, the Wound, Stoma and Continence Nursing Professional Committee of Jiangsu Nursing Association, held the *Skin safety management academic seminar* for the 2022 World Pressure Ulcer Day. It was available in a hybrid format both online and in person.

The symposium included lectures on specialty topics followed by expert dialogue chaired by Xiaodong Dai and Juyun Li, members of the Wound, Stoma and Continence Nursing Professional Committee. Director Xiaorong Huo of Jiangsu Nursing Association attended the conference and delivered a speech. Jinfeng Wu, Secretary General of the Nursing Association, Cuihua Sun, Deputy Secretary General, Ling Wu, Chairman of the Committee, and members in Nanjing and members of the school team were invited to participate. More than 6000 students from 13 cities in Jiangsu Province, and other cities outside the province, participated in the conference online.



Director Xiaorong Huo of Jiangsu Nursing Association



Xiaodong Dai, Wound, Stoma and Continence Nursing Professional Committee



Jing Zhao, from Jiangsu Province Hospital



Ling Wu, Chairman of the Committee



Long Sun, from Nanjing Jiangning Hospital

Specialty topics

The specialty lectures were presided over by Xiaodong Dai, a member of the Wound Nursing Professional Committee. At the conference, Ling Wu and Yajuan Weng from Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital, Jing Zhao, from Jiangsu Province Hospital, and Long Sun, from Nanjing Jiangning Hospital, were invited to give a keynote speech. The speech was conducted around the overall strategy for promoting and protecting skin integrity. The speeches covered a wide range of topics, including the interpretation of the cutting-edge consensus documents and practical methods to promote skin integrity, which broadened the participants' thinking and vision.



Yajuan Weng from Nanjing Drum Tower Hospital

Expert panel discussion

The expert dialogue session was presided over by Juyun Li, Secretary of the Wound Nursing Professional Committee. Qixia Jiang, from the General Hospital of the Eastern Warfare Zone of the PLA, and Lifang Yang, from Jiangsu Cancer Hospital, were invited to attend the conference. The overall strategy of promoting and protecting skin integrity was discussed from a practical perspective, which benefited the participants greatly.



Juyun Li, Secretary of the Wound Nursing Professional Committee

At the end of the conference, Jinfeng Wu, on behalf of the Provincial Nursing Association, expressed her thanks to all the participants, the members of the Wound Nursing Professional Committee and the staff of the conference. This academic conference closely followed the international evidence, which has led the development of the province's wound, ostomy and continence profession. She believed that the profession of wound, ostomy and continence will have more in-depth research in the future.



Jinfeng Wu, closing remarks



Expert panel discussion



Qixia Jiang, from the General Hospital of the Eastern Warfare Zone of the PLA



Lifang Yang, from Jiangsu Cancer Hospital

4th ASEAN Wound Summit in Indonesia November 2022



Widasari Sri Gitarja
Indonesia



Edy Mulyadi
Indonesia



Carol Stott
Australia



Ikram Bauk S
Indonesia

I was fortunate to be asked to attend the 4th ASEAN Wound Summit in Jakarta Indonesia in November 2022. Wound management in the ASEAN region is rapidly growing due to the many patients who develop wounds mainly due to the epidemic of diabetes. These patients require health professionals dealing with wounds to be up-to-date with the knowledge and skills in order to provide quality wound management. In addition, they need to be innovative in order to rise to the challenges ahead of them. This conference shows that the multidisciplinary work that not only consists of health professionals but the government, the public, social workers and industry are working together to survive one of the most unimaginable health crises in the 21st century, namely diabetes foot disease. Over 600 delegates, including 100 international delegates, attended this conference

The ASEAN Wound Council was the brainchild of Prof Dato' Dr Harikrishna K. R Nair and was formed in Kuching, Sarawak, in 2018. Professor Harikrishna organised the inaugural Conference of the ASEAN Wound Council. Members were the key opinion leaders in wound management from ten countries under the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) – Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Myanmar, Thailand, Philippines,

Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and Brunei. The first meeting culminated in the signing of the Kuching Declaration, whereby all member countries will cooperate and collaborate in terms of education, conferences, courses, knowledge and technology transfer.

Professor Harikrishna brought his usual humour and knowledge to the conference. He spoke about *Advances made in wound care* and new modalities currently being used globally, including maggot therapy which has seen a resurgence in interest in recent years. The conferences were held in Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam prior to Indonesia in 2022. The next ASEAN conference will be held in 2023 in the Philippines and in Singapore in 2024.

Widasari Sri Gitarja and her team at WOCARE did a magnificent job of organising the 2022 ASEAN Wound Summit in Jakarta. This is the first ASEAN conference organised by a registered nurse not a doctor. There were many renowned national and international speakers as part of the program. Widasari was involved in many of the workshops, including maggot therapy and wound debridement, as well as giving several talks, including *The future of wound care in Indonesia*. We must remember that Devi Sahputra, who died far too soon, was heavily involved in the organisation of the Wound Summit prior to his untimely death.



The opening ceremony by Mr. Edy Wuryanto, the Indonesian House Representative, IX commission of healthcare as a representative of the Ministry of Health, Republic of Indonesia



The ASEAN Wound Summit: representatives from 14 countries – 10 ASEAN countries, Australia, United Emirates, India and Saudi Arabia

The Indonesian Nurses Association showed their support of the ASEAN Wound Summit with keynote speaker Ns Jajang Rahmat Salihin, Chairperson of DPW Indonesian Nurses Association, DKI Jakarta, who stated, "this congress will allow us to embrace the new ideas to improve future innovation in wound management, empowering us to care for those who need special care professionally". Another well-known Indonesian enterostomal therapist and WOCN who was chairperson of the 2022 Wound Summit, Ikram Bauk, was involved in the organisation of this wonderful conference and gave several talks including the use of antimicrobials for non-healing wounds.

Professor Keryln Carville was involved in delivering some excellent workshops and lectures, including conservative sharp wound debridement, wound cleansing and *Involving the caregiver in the continuum of care*. Keryln was very innovative in dressing for formal functions, using clothes she bought at the hotel shop when her luggage went astray, only to turn up in time for her to ship it back to Australia.

Edy Mulyadi is the President of the Indonesian Wound Care Clinicians' Association. He brought his inimitable humour and knowledge to the conference, whether he was running workshops, introducing speakers or giving talks including *Disaster wound management* and the *Home care model of nursing*. This was very important at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and relevant both in Indonesia and elsewhere. For example, just before



Ms Carol Stott with the participants – networking and sharing experiences at the conference



Prof Keryln Carville in the cleansing workshop – there was a lot of enthusiasm among participants during the program

the ASEAN Wound Summit, there were earthquakes not far from Jakarta in East Java, and WOCARE sent supplies and personnel to help with wounds sustained by people in the earthquake.

Gulnaz Tariq from the United Arab Emirates and current President of the World Union of Wound Healing Society gave some memorable talks about *The importance of professional practice in wound care* and *The prevention of diabetic foot ulcers*. It is good to see a nurse as president of this prestigious organisation.

There were several workshops and talks about negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) during the Wound Summit. Carol Stott from Australia did an overview, Dr Harikrishna conducted a workshop, and several others presented case studies. This was reflected in the new machines shown in the trade displays. NPWT is now becoming more available and affordable in SE Asia. Many people spoke about diabetic foot ulcers, including Dr Nizam Ali Husein from Malaysia and Prof Aziz Nather from Singapore. As there are a huge amount of diabetic foot ulcer wounds in Indonesia, it is good to see that doctors and wound care clinicians are interested in providing optimal care for this group of patients.



Ms Gulnaz was impressed by the ET nurses & WOC nurses in Indonesia as future leaders in wound care



Disaster wound management workshop – introducing the 7-steps

There were also several presentations about pressure injury prevention by many renowned speakers, including Mariam Mohd Nasir from Malaysia. Cancer and palliative care wound management had its symposium. Speakers included Endang Murwaningsih and Dr Christantie Effendy. A symposium in ET nursing had Dr Benny Philippi from Indonesia speaking about the importance of stoma siting, Vijay Kumar from India gave a talk on standardised ostomy management. Essiah Abbas from Saudi Arabia spoke about managing

stomal and peristomal complications, and WOCARE did a workshop on the management of complications.

Marina Ruran from WOCARE introduced many sessions and gave presentations, including pressure injury management and continence management. Professor Rr. Tutik from the University of Indonesia talked about networking and technology for future clinical practice. There were many other presenters, too numerous to mention, who gave fantastic presentations. Carol



The ASEAN council members' meeting during the conference



Several workshops and talks about negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) during the Summit



M&T consultant booth & Ms Mariam Mohd Nasir from the Malaysian ETNEP



The Indonesian ETNEP graduation – 30 ET students had the privilege to get the appreciation from international leaders and the professors

Stott from Australia spoke about the achievements of Widasari Sri Gitarja in the last 17 years in promoting and training ET nurses and wound care clinicians in Indonesia. Over 300 full ET nurses have completed the WCET®-recognised ET course run by WOCARE. In addition, over 20,000 wound care clinicians have also been trained, which is a considerable achievement. During the gala dinner 30 ET nurses who had graduated from the Indonesian ETNEP received their certificates from the WCET®.

The trade display had a vast assortment of companies presenting tried and tested new products for wound, continence and stoma management. Theresia Sitorus (Ana) and Moena Ismail, and many others from WOCARE, worked tirelessly in the background to provide an excellent conference and ensure things ran smoothly. The videos and other graphics produced by WOCARE were of a very high standard and helped to make this a very professional conference.

At this meeting, we gained new insights into how wound care should be provided, with an emphasis on maximising collaboration across different sectors. The ASEAN Wound Summit 2022, with the theme

Together for better healthcare, coincides with the post-COVID recovery and highlights the jump in healthcare improvement as professionals, stakeholders, patients and innovators in wound care technologies collaborate. The expected benefits of this event involve not only an increase in the knowledge and skills of professionals through research dissemination and expert sharing sessions but also the attempt to open collaborative acts in the ASEAN region. This includes the advancement of multidisciplinary teamwork to address wounds, and the advancement of evidence-based practice implementation in wound care, especially in Indonesia.



The happy committee of WOCARE Indonesia and InWCCA (Indonesian Wound Care Clinician Association) after the gala dinner

Women ostomates: patient support, Saudi Arabia

Sana Faraj Aljabr, RN, Stoma Care, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



In Saudi Arabia ostomates are mostly Muslim. Due to their modest culture it is unusual for ostomates to speak of their stoma to others, even family members. On the 15th December 2022, stoma nurse therapists held

a meeting with female ostomates in Saudi Arabia. The function was held at a lounge and restaurant in Riyadh, it was very informal and all ostomates and stoma nurse therapists were seated on one large round table face to face. Food and drinks were served and introductions were made. Ostomates mentioned what

type of stoma they have and shared their story, starting from when the doctor first informed them that they would need a stoma. They talked about how their life changed after the surgery along with the challenges, lifestyle, peristomal care issues, ostomy products and psychological support needed. Attendees totalled 40; 33 females with an ostomy and seven stoma nurse therapists.

At the end of the meeting attendees were very happy, having learnt from each other, especially from more senior individuals with an ostomy. Some family members attended too, and their attitude towards the stoma changed after hearing the stories. They admitted that they all felt that their self-esteem was improved, aided by meeting with other individuals with an ostomy from the same culture. They were very grateful to the stoma nurse therapists for bringing them together.



Stoma nurse therapists, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Women ostomates and stoma nurses working together

News and views, Koç University, Turkey

Dr Elizabeth A Ayello



Dean Ayişe Karadağ, from the School of Nursing Koç University in Istanbul Turkey, invited me to give a *Writing for publication seminar* to the Doctoral students and Faculty on Tuesday 24th October 2022, prior to the 31st Biennial ISUCRS (International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons) Joint Nursing

Congress. Most of our WCET® members probably know me best as the volunteer Executive Editor for the *WCET® Journal* from 2004–2014, but, as a clinical nurse specialist with a full-time job in a major hospital in New York City, I began working part time as an assistant to the editor for the journal *Decubitus* in 1989. As the name of the journal changed, so did my position. The journal is now called *Advances in Skin and Wound Care* and I now have the honour to serve as Co-editor in Chief along with Dr R. Gary Sibbald, a dermatologist from Toronto Canada.

This practical seminar had two parts. The first was a didactic presentation entitled *Writing and publication tips*. The objectives of this first part of the seminar were 1. to identify editorial process steps from manuscript conception, writing, publication submission and journal publication decision and 2. to review common requirements of manuscript author guidelines to write in the appropriate journal style. Participants were able to attend in person or virtually; the feedback I received was that they enjoyed the relaxed and interactive format that enabled them to learn and gain new knowledge about publishing.

Some of the major points covered were: a major first decision is who do you want to read your article? This will then guide you to what journal you should think about tailoring your manuscript to, style and format. It is essential to follow the author guidelines for the specific journal you are interested in submitting your manuscript



Dr Elizabeth A Ayello teaching at Koç University

to for consideration. We had much discussion about how to write and some of the difficulties that writing in English can pose. I loved hearing all the comments and questions; we also talked about their ideas for their doctoral dissertation. The School of Nursing students and faculty at Koç University are very actively engaged in many studies for which they are to be commended. More importantly, they do submit their research for publication to a variety of journals.

The second part of the seminar was open only to in person attendees. The Dean preselected some manuscripts for me to review and use as illustrations of the principles that were covered in part one. I emphasised that a student cannot just take a paper, thesis, or even their doctoral dissertation and submit it to a journal as written for the school. Writing for a journal is different. Several examples of clarity of thought, sentence composition, as well as how to respond to peer reviewer comments, were discussed.

Afterwards, I toured the simulation labs and reviewed some tapes of the competency assessment exams that students are required to do. Their labs and competency checklist/process were very impressive.

Based on my interactions with students, staff and faculty, this is a very extraordinary School of Nursing. This is a School of Nursing that mentors its students and faculty and greatly supports their professional efforts of creating the evidence upon which to base practice as well as disseminating the findings. On a personal note, I wish to thank them all, students, staff and faculty who took the time out of their busy work and school schedules for their kindness and the wonderful way they took care of me. I look forward to learning of their publications, research and doctoral dissertation. Thank you so very much for this great opportunity which was so professionally enriching and fun for me. I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments. Hoping to see you again at the next WCET® congress. Please submit your abstracts.

31st Biennial Congress of ISUCRS and 1st ISUCRS Joint Nursing Congress (ISUCRSNC)

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The 1st ISUCRS Joint Nursing Congress was held by Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses' Society, Türkiye (YOIHD) in the ancient city of Istanbul, where Florence Nightingale burned the torch of modern nursing while caring for wounded soldiers during the Crimean War between 1854–1856.



L to R, Assistan Prof. Burçin Irmak, Prof. Zehra Gocmen Baykara, Prof. Ayise Karadag, Stoma and Wound Care Nurse Derya Karakaya, Assistan Prof. Senay Gül, Stoma and Wound Care Nurse Aysel Ören Hin, Assistant Prof. Eylem Togluk Yigitol.

Stoma and Wound Care Nursing in Turkey was started by Prof. Ayişe Karadağ in the early 2000s. After completing her education at the R.B. Turnbull, Jr. School of Enterostomal Therapy (Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing), Cleveland Clinic Foundation in the USA, stoma therapy and wound units were opened in Turkey with the continuous support of Ms. Susan Stelton of the WCET®. Legal regulations were completed, ETNEPs conforming to WCET® criteria were started, and the professional organisation YOIHD was established in 2008. The Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses' Society, Turkey (YOIHD) was established in Ankara, the capital city, by Dr Karadağ and a group of nurses to improve wound, ostomy and continence nursing and to support nurses who care for individuals with wound, ostomy and/or continence conditions and to encourage their professional development. Some of the activities of the association determined by the statute are: to organise meetings such as congresses, conferences, seminars and symposiums, to cooperate with relevant national and international institutions and organisations, to plan research and projects, to organise competitions, to provide educational scholarships in related fields, to organise in-service training programs, to protect the rights of patients to receive care, to provide education for patients and their relatives.

The 31st Biennial Congress of the International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ISUCRS), was held for the first time as a joint Nursing Congress, the 1st

ISUCRS Joint Nursing Congress, with leading national Nursing Association YOIHD, and leading professional organisations, the WCET® and the European Council of Enterostomal Therapist (ECET). The honorary chairman of this congress was Prof. Elizabeth Ayello and Congress President was Prof. Ayişe Karadağ.

The 1st ISUCRS Joint Nursing Congress (ISUCRSNC) with the theme *Challenges, hope, and coping: facts and*



Prof. Ayişe Karadağ



L–R: Zehra Göçmen Baykara, Elizabeth A Ayello, Ayişe Karadağ.



Laurent Chabal

bridging the gap for empowerment was held between 27th – 29th October 2022, in Istanbul Wyndham Grand Hotel, with 950 participants from 52 countries. The number of nurses attending the congress was around 250. The most important achievement of the congress, which was the result of extensive work and close cooperation, was that the ISUCRS will hold nursing sessions at their congress from now on.

The fact that we were hosting the first joint congress in Turkey, with the cooperation of the WCET® and the ECET, and that it would be held face-to-face after the COVID-19 pandemic process, were indications that it would be an extraordinary event. After all

the preparations, ostomy, wound and continence issues were discussed with the participation of 12 international and 10 national speakers. At the congress two courses (Nutritional Management and Case



Susan Stelton



Elizabeth A. Ayello



From meet the expert at breakfast, Laurent Chabal



L-R: Giulia Villa, Renata Batas, Ayişe Karadağ, Danila Maculotti



From meet the expert at breakfast, Denise Hibbert



Dimitri Beeckman



L-R: Ayişe Karadağ, Laurent Chabal, Elizabeth A. Ayello, Denise Hibbert

Presentation, Enterocutaneous Fistula Management and Case Presentation), two conferences, two meet the experts' breakfasts, five panel discussions, and three free paper sessions, were held. There were 24 oral presentations, 47 poster presentations and six selected posters presented, and poster awards were given.

Nurses working in the field of wound, ostomy and continence had the opportunity to meet with their specialists and ask their questions in this congress.

WCET® immediate Past President and honorary President of the 1st Joint Nursing Congress, Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello was given a plaque by Prof. Karadağ for her contributions to the congress as well as contributions to the development of wound, ostomy and continence nursing, to the international development of nursing education, research and practice. WCET® former President Dr Susan Stelton was also given a plaque for her contribution to the congress, as well as for her contributions to the development of stoma and wound care nursing in Turkey. In addition, Laurent Chabal, President of the WCET®, Dr Zehra Göçmen Baykara, President of YOIHD, Dr Dimitri Beeckman, former President of ISTAP and Gabriele Kroboth President of ECET, were also given a plaque by Prof. Karadağ.



L-R: Ayiſe Karadağ and Zehra Göçmen Baykara



L-R: Ayiſe Karadağ and Dimitri Beeckman



L-R: Laurent Chabal, Reneta Batas, Susan Stelton, Ayiſe Karadağ, Zehra Göçmen Baykara



L-R: Ayiſe Karadağ and Laurent Chabal

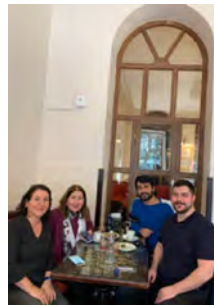


L-R: Ayiſe Karadağ and Susan Stelton



L-R: Ayiſe Karadağ and Reneta Batas

The congress was completed with a gala dinner and social activities in Istanbul.



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Group photo from the Congress



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Attending the 31st International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ISUCRS) & the 1st Joint Nursing Congress

Ruhat Tilki, Research and Teaching Assistant in the School of Nursing at Koç University, PhD Candidate in Surgical Nursing



Attending both the 31st International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ISUCRS) and the 1st Joint Nursing Congress gave me unique ideas and new knowledge that will benefit me for a lifetime. Being a newly graduated individual in the field of nursing, and also a research and teaching assistant and PhD student in the School of Nursing at Koç University, the importance of this congress for me is truly amazing. The information shared by valuable academics from all over the world at the congress was eye-opening, and again, I am honoured to attend such an effective and beneficial congress under the name of Koç University.

I have many reasons to say that I had a great time at the congress. Before the congress, my colleague Enes Şimşek and I had a chance to travel around Istanbul with Prof. Dr Elizabeth A. Ayello. It was nice to accompany such a respected academic on her tour in Istanbul. We learnt a lot from Dr Ayello. It was a good opportunity to hear about her experiences in person. Moreover, In the congress, there were many participants from different countries such as the United States, Italy, Venezuela, etc. For this reason, I had the chance to meet with new people and learn the nursing approach to specific issues in their countries.



With Dr Elizabeth A Ayello and PhD students

The topics chosen in the congress were incredibly professional. The congress started with nutritional management which provided significant information on diet, as nurses, we know the importance of nutrition for patients. In addition to that we took the course from Dr Philippe Fauque, we learned how to prepare a diet program for the patients correctly. Other topics were all



L-R: Prof. Dr. Sevilay Şenol Çelik, Dr. Elizabeth A Ayello, Ruhat Tilki and Enes Şimşek

interrelated such as ostomy management, peristomal skin irritations, stomal and peristomal skin assessment, wound management, etc. Even though I already knew about stomas and their management, I had not had the chance to see other cases from different countries. Luckily, I learned how nurses from other countries approach stomas and wounds differently than Turkey. Also, with my new connections, I had a chance to learn about studying abroad as a PhD student to gain more perspective. Lastly, me and my colleague Enes Şimşek had another opportunity to travel with Laurent Chabal, Susan Stelton, Giulia Villa, and Danila Maculotti and share more critical experiences.

Overall, in this congress, I had the opportunity to experience the power of a scientific platform realised in cooperation with nursing professional organisations such as the WCET®, ECET and colorectal surgery professional organisations such as ISUCRS. In addition, I would like to thank Dr Ayişe Karadağ, Dean of the School of Nursing at Koç University, and other organisers of the congress. From the beginning till the end of the congress, I have learnt a lot from my professors and colleagues. I am looking forward to seeing them all again at the other congresses.



L-R: Ruhat Tilki, Dr. Elizabeth A Ayello, Denise Hibbert (WCET®)



L-R: Dr. Giulia Villa, Danila Maculotti and Ruhaf Tilki

Worldwide Pressure injury Prevention Day, Turkey

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The Pressure Injury Prevention Day activities started globally in 2012, and YOİHD in Türkiye (Turkey) are participants. Activities are carried out with the participation of more institutions every year; 32 institutions were

involved at the beginning and in 2022 it reached 265. The National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP), the European Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (EPUAP) and the Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance (PPPIA) shared guidelines with institutions around the world; it was realised that high participation rates increased prevention initiatives across the country. Within the scope of the event, university hospitals, city hospitals, educational research hospitals, state hospitals, private hospitals, family health centres, elderly care centres, nursing schools all provided awareness activities (seminars, symposiums, stands, banners) on 10th – 17th November 2022. It highlighted the effects of prevention of pressure injuries on health professionals as well as the national and global economy.



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Trial of the available technology dressing for remote and conflict areas of tropical developing countries: a study 20 years in the making

Linda Benskin PhD, RN, SRN, CWCN, CWS and Richard Benskin



We would like to personally thank the members of the WCET® for your encouragement as we have pursued an evidence-based solution for wound management in remote and conflict areas of tropical developing countries. This goal was borne out of our 5 years in Yendi, Ghana, during a time of intermittent conflict. We relied heavily upon donated supplies. However, we needed a sustainable method of managing wounds (using only materials that are affordable and available in village markets) to teach in our village health worker courses.

In 2012–2015 we conducted extensive surveys of village health workers, traditional healers, and non-experts in 25 villages throughout Ghana, plus sites in Zambia and Cambodia. We learned that the most effective lay wound care providers were frustrated with their lack of available techniques to keep wounds clean, moist, and closing.

My literature searches (the first were published in *OWM* in 2013) found a few semi-permeable membranes suitable for use as wound dressings. We further learned that clear food-grade plastic bags, already ubiquitously used as food and drink containers throughout the tropics, provide high levels of moisture retention while allowing oxygen transmission. Armed with this information, we developed a potential sustainable wound management solution.

The Wound Healing Foundation awarded us a small research grant to trial the method in a controlled, but still tropical, setting in 2015. Finding an appropriate site for the study proved quite difficult. We needed a team of healthcare professionals who would maintain the rigorous standards required for a true randomised controlled trial, and participants who lived in a true tropical environment, rather than air conditioning. Finally, Kingston, Jamaica was identified as a suitable

site. We completed the trial in Jamaica with 40 participants in 2021–2022.

Please view the poster to see illustrations of the method and the detailed results. The new dressing technique proved to be safe and effective with one of the most challenging wound types (sickle cell leg ulcers) in an equally challenging environment (the tropics). Previous studies found similar dressings to be safe and effective with varied patient co-morbidities, and varied wound types (e.g., burns and pressure injuries) in Japan, Korea, USA, Australia and India. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that available technology dressing (ATD) methods can be safely used in other resource-limited situations to promote wound healing.

Teaching patients and families this technique is likely to result in better outcomes than continuing to recommend gauze alone, which is more expensive, less effective, and more painful, or advanced dressings that are likely to be left in place too long, if obtained at all, due to cost constraints. We welcome questions and research studies testing the ATD method on other wound types in other countries.

14th Abu Dhabi Wound Care Conference, UAE

Laurent O. Chabal, WCET® President



On 5th – 6th March I had the chance to speak and attend the 14th Abu Dhabi Wound Care Conference. When I first received the invitation, I was unsure as to what I might present, as I have limited wound care in my clinical practice; however, I managed to present on peristomal mucocutaneous separation. An open wound where the mucosa of the stoma and the tissue of the skin meet, and a second presentation on the stoma nurses' perspective of expertise.



L–R: Laurent Chabal, Hiske Smart, Dr Elizabeth A Ayello and Dr Bharat Kotru



Attendees, graduates and speakers at the 14th Abu Dhabi Wound Care Conference



Registration

As the meeting was held in collaboration with the International Interprofessional Wound Care Group (IIWCG) – it was really an international group of speakers with different professional backgrounds and perspectives. We were asked in advance to record and submit our talks, to allow those who could not attend in person to benefit from viewing online.

The event organisation, the quality of the program and attendance were all excellent. The venue was where the WUWHS was held in 2022, and so it was

very familiar. Because the COVID-19 pandemic had not allowed for face-to-face education programs, the IIWC course graduates from 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 were all awarded on stage at a very memorable closing ceremony. The conference was very well organised and a great opportunity to network and represent WCET®. Many thanks to the organisers.



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