International Conference on Cancer Nursing (ICCN) 2017
Post Conference Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) hosted the International Conference on Cancer Nursing (ICCN 2017), July 9-12, 2017 at the Sheraton Park Hotel at the Anaheim Resort in Anaheim, California. The conference attracted 254 attendees from 30 countries. The conference offered the unique opportunity for international cancer nursing leaders to meet from all over the world, in one place at one time. The theme for this year’s conference was ‘Merging Research and Practice Across the Globe’. A total of 157 abstracts were presented: 112 oral abstracts, 5 as rapid fire presentations and 40 as posters; and there were six instructional sessions. Additionally, there was one keynote address and five plenary sessions, presented in collaboration with our Regional and International Partners. The conference was supported by four corporate supporters and seven exhibitors. Overall, the conference was evaluated as good to excellent by 94%, and 96% believed the conference objectives were met.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Conference Management Committee (CMC)

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ICCN 2017 was planned in partnership with the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) USA, the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO), the European Oncology Nursing Society, the International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS), the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC), and the Asian Oncology Nursing Society (AONS).
PARTICIPANT STATISTICS

ICCN 2017 attracted 254 attendees from 30 countries. The majority of attendees came from Asia (composing 44% of total attendance), followed by North America (35%). The remaining attendees were from Europe (9%), Australia/New Zealand (7%), Central/South America (4%) and Africa (<1%).

The chart below represents the participants’ geographic distribution at ICCN 2017, as compared to ICCN 2016.

Total ICCN 2017 delegates: 254

Total ICCN 2016 delegates: 377
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The ICCN 2017 Keynote and Plenary Speakers were selected in collaboration with our International and Regional Partners. Specific content areas were identified by the CMC and then speakers were identified to present the collaborative sessions.

Keynote Speaker
Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO) Regional Partner Joint Session

Sally Thorne
RN, PhD, FAAN, FCAHS
Professor
University of British Columbia (UBC) Schools of Nursing
Vancouver, BC CANADA

Presentation:
What Can Qualitative Research Offer in a World Where Evidence Drives Decisions?

Plenary I (Presentation 1)
Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Regional Partner Joint Session

Linda Sarna
PhD, RN, FAAN
Professor
UCLA School of Nursing
Los Angeles, California USA

Presentation:
Why Tobacco Policy Matters for Cancer and for Oncology Nursing

Plenary I (Presentation 2)
Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Regional Partner Joint Session

Bridget Johnston
PhD
Professor
University of Glasgow NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Glasgow, UK

Presentation:
Nurse Researchers As Leaders in Global Health – Palliative Care
Plenary II
International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) International Partner Joint Session

Youngmee Kim
PhD
Associate Professor
University of Miami
Miami, FL USA

Presentation:
Research and Practice for Informal Cancer Caregivers: Past Present and Future

Plenary III
Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC) International Partner Joint Session

Oxana Palesh
PhD, MPH
Assistant Professor
Stanford University
Stanford, CA USA

Presentation:
Management of Cancer Related Side Effects During and Post Treatment: Focus on Insomnia, Cancer Related Fatigue and Cognitive Impairment

Plenary IV
European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) International Partner Joint Session

Manuela Eicher
PhD
Associate Professor
University of Lausanne
Lausanne, Switzerland

Presentation:
Psychosocial Interventions in Cancer Nursing: Implementing Evidence Into Practice
Plenary V (Presentation 1)
Asian Oncology Nursing Society (AONS) International Partner Joint Session

Ka-ming Chow
RN, RM, DN
Assistant Professor
Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China

Presentation:
Using Research to Inform Sexuality Care for Gynecological Cancer Patients

Plenary V (Presentation 2)
Asian Oncology Nursing Society (AONS) International Partner Joint Session

Miwako Eto
MN
Certified Nurse Specialist and Nurse Manager
Bell-Land General Hospital
Japan

Presentation:
Developing a Nursing Intervention Program for Patients with Cancer Symptoms on Collaboration Between Certified Nurse Specialists and Faculty Members of Nursing
PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Three preconference workshops were held on Sunday, July 9, 2017. All preconference workshops were complimentary to registered attendees.

End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium  
*Hosted by ELNEC*

This full day workshop presented the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) project, a national education initiative to improve palliative care through education. Participants received education on palliative care related to pain and symptom management, communication, loss/grief/bereavement, and final hours of life. Participants also received a flash drive containing the entire 2016 ELNEC-Core curriculum to take this education back to their institutions and educate others.

Peer Review for Academic Journal Workshop  
*Hosted by the Editorial Board of Cancer Nursing (The Official Journal of ISNCC)*

This half day workshop provided an overview of what constitutes a quality peer review and gave novice peer reviewers the nuts and bolts on how to provide quality peer reviews. Intermediate and experienced peer reviewers were given an opportunity to reflect on how to improve the quality of their reviews as well as discuss how to overcome common challenges peer reviewers face.

Interpretive Description: An Applied Nursing Approach to Qualitative Inquiry  
*Hosted by ISNCC and CANO*

This half day workshop focused on qualitative methodologies and theoretical frameworks for qualitative inquiry. The workshop identified ways in which a nursing logic can be integrated into qualitative study designs to optimize the relevance of findings for practice knowledge development.
ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

A total of 273 abstracts were submitted and of those, 264 were accepted and invited to present for a total of 160 oral presentations, 16 rapid fire presentations, and 82 poster presentations. The abstracts were submitted based on the following topics:

- Advances in Treatment Development (Genetics/Genomics, Integrated Therapy, Clinical Trials)
- Cancer across the Lifespan (Pediatric, Adult, Elderly)
- Comparative Effectiveness Research
- Cultural Diversity/Health Disparities
- Dissemination and Implementation Science
- Ethics/Informed Consent/Decision-making
- Family & Caregivers (Family-centered Care)
- Health Policy and Advocacy/Working with Charities, NGOs and the Government
- Health Promotion/Risk Reduction
- Improving Health Systems (Workforce/Healthy Workplace Issues, Health Economics)
- Innovations in Practice (Models of Care Delivery, Transitional Care, Inter-professional Care Variations on Current Models)
- Innovations in Technology (Social Media, Methods of Communication/Interaction)
- Measurement & Instrument Development
- Palliative & End of Life Care
- Quality & Safety
- Research Design and Methods
- Survivorship
- Symptom Management/Side-effects/Self-Management/Psychosocial Care
INSTRUCTIONAL SESSIONS

A total of nine instructional sessions proposals were submitted, of which six were accepted for presentation. Each instructional session was 80 minutes in length, where one to four speakers presented on a specific research topic, followed by a question and answer period.

INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION 1: GLOBAL COLLABORATION TO BUILD CAPACITY AND ADVANCE RESEARCH IN KENYA
Chair and Speaker, Tayreez Mushani, Kenya

INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION 2: PRECISION MEDICINE: INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS FOR CANCER NURSING PRACTICE, EDUCATION, RESEARCH
Chair and Speaker: Manuela Eicher, Switzerland; Denise Lukosius, Canada; Kate White, Australia

INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION 3: TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE: STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT PRACTICE IMPROVEMENT IN DIVERSE SETTINGS
Chair: Susan Beck, USA
Speakers: Susan Beck, USA; Virginia LeBaron, USA; Ly Nguyen, Vietnam

INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION 4: IMMUNOTHERAPY/CHEMOTHERAPY: IS A PARADIGM SHIFT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF TOXICITIES REQUIRED?
Chair: Elaine Lennan, United Kingdom
Speakers: Elaine Lennan, United Kingdom; Catherine Oakley, United Kingdom; Liz Gifford, United Kingdom; Philippa Jones, United Kingdom

INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION 5: SMOKING CESSATION IN ONCOLOGY SETTINGS: FROM RESEARCH TO PRACTICE
Chair, Stella Bialous, USA
Speakers: Stella Bialous, USA; Linda Sarna, USA; Marjorie Wells, USA

INSTRUCTIONAL SESSION 6: CANCER-ASSOCIATED THROMBOSIS (CAT) – A STICKY WICKET FOR PATIENTS AND NURSES?
Chair: Annie Young, United Kingdom
Speakers: Annie Young, United Kingdom; Sara Heyward, United Kingdom; Celia Diez De Los Rios De La Serna, United Kingdom
CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The ICCN Conference Scholarships were awarded to graduate nursing students studying at institutions in North and South America. These scholarships were chosen by the ISNCC Awards and Nominations Committee.

ICCN 2017 Conference Scholarship Recipients
(from left to right in the photo)

Elaine Barros Ferreira
Faculty of Nursing, University of Brasilia
Brasilia, Brazil

Catherine Abosed
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, Canada

Angela Knox
University of Washington Medical Center
Seattle, USA
POSTER AWARDS

Awards were given to first and second place posters in each of the two poster sessions. A team of judges evaluated the top 10 ranked posters for each session based on scores given during the abstract review process. An overall People’s Choice Poster Award was selected by conference participants. The poster award winners were announced at the Closing Session.

Poster Session 1

First Place
P-18. EFFECTS OF NURSE NAVIGATORS ON HEALTH OUTCOMES OF COLORECTAL CANCER PATIENTS
Lin Wen-Li, China

Second Place
P-81. ASSISTANCE CONTEXT IN A HOSPITAL UNIT OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN NORTHEAST BRAZIL
Vitoria Almeida, Brazil

Poster Session 2

First Place
P-52. NUTRITION AND ADVERSE EVENTS IN HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANT PATIENTS: A LONGITUDINAL STUDY
Hiroki Kato, Japan

Second Place
P-46. END OF TREATMENT & EARLY POST TREATMENT FOR ADOLESCENT CANCER SURVIVORS
Amy Walker, USA

People’s Choice Poster

P-70. INVESTIGATION OF SURVIVORSHIP CARE RECOGNITION AND ABILITY IN CHINESE ONCOLOGY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
Yanan Liang, China
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- Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC)
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- Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

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SYMPOSIA, LUNCH TUTORIALS AND WORKSHOPS

Corporate Lunch Symposium

Cool Across the Globe – Research, Practice and Experience

Speakers: Shawna Mayberry, USA; Corrina Van Den Hurk, Netherlands; Annie Young, United Kingdom
POST CONFERENCE EVALUATION

A total of 113 individuals completed the online post conference evaluation.

ICCN 2017 had three objectives:

(1) Provide a platform for international nurses to build connections and share experiences on all aspects of cancer care.

(2) Provide the opportunity for cancer nurses to discuss challenges and issues faced in daily practice and to collaborate to find evidence-based solutions.

(3) Identify ways in which nurses can build capacity to embrace globalization, partner in new ways, provide leadership and drive innovation.

Feedback for the conference was very positive - over 97% of respondents rated ICCN 2017’s ability to meet the conference stated objectives as ‘excellent’ or ‘good’.

Demographics

Approximately 45% of the evaluation responses were from attendees residing in North America, followed by Asia (30%) and Europe (10%).

Results from the evaluation indicated that the area of expertise for the majority of attendees was ‘Research’, with a total of 32% of responses, followed by ‘Medical oncology’ (25%) and ‘Education’ (15%).

31% of evaluation respondents had over 30 years nursing experience with 17% having over 30 years experience in oncology nursing.

Respondents indicated their current positions as Nurse Researcher (23%), Clinic/Staff Nurse (20%), Head Nurse/Nurse Coordinator (19%), Faculty (19%), Advanced Practice Nurse (13%) and Administrator (7%).

When asked regarding health sector, 75% of respondents indicated they worked in the public sector and 25% in the private sector.
Preconference Workshop Evaluations

All preconference workshop participants were invited to complete a post conference evaluation. A total of 41 respondents indicated participation in one of the preconference workshops. Most respondents attended the ELNEC preconference workshop (53%), followed by ‘Interpretive Description: An Applied Nursing Approach to Qualitative Inquiry (33%), and ‘Peer Review for Academic Journal’ (14%).

Of those who attended the preconference workshops, 98% rated workshop facilitators and presenters as ‘excellent’ or ‘good’ and over 93% of respondents rated workshop content as ‘excellent’ or ‘good’. Nearly all (98%) respondents noted that the workshop met their learning needs.

Keynote and Plenary Speakers and Presentations

Attendees rated the invited plenary speakers and the content of the plenary sessions as exceptional. 97% of the respondents who attended the sessions agreed that the individual keynote and plenary speakers were knowledgeable about their topics and 96% stated the speakers were enthusiastic and interesting. 96% agreed that the keynote and plenary presentations were clear and focused on the stated objectives and 93% felt the speakers provided new information relevant to their practices.

Oral Abstracts Evaluations

The oral abstract sessions were rated as ‘excellent’ or ‘good’ by 94% of evaluation respondents. 93% indicated ‘strongly agree’ or ‘agree’ that the oral abstracts content met their learning needs.

Rapid Fire Evaluations

The Rapid Fire sessions were rated as ‘excellent’ or ‘good’ by 90% of respondents with 89% indicating ‘strongly agree’ or ‘agree’ to the sessions meeting their learning needs.

Instructional Session Evaluations

All six of the instructional sessions received very high ratings from respondents, with 98% to 100% stating that the speakers were knowledgeable about their topics, 97% to 100% rated the sessions as meeting their learning needs.
Poster Session Evaluations

There were two Poster Sessions at ICCN 2017. Feedback on the quality of posters was very positive with 94% of respondents providing an overall rating of ‘excellent’ or ‘good’.

Corporate Lunch Symposium

The Corporate Lunch Symposium supported by Paxman Coolers was open to all registered delegates. Almost 93% of those who attended gave an overall rating of ‘excellent’ or ‘good’ for this session.

Other Evaluations

Of those who completed the evaluation, 32% indicated plans to attend ICCN 2018 in Auckland, New Zealand, while 55% indicated ‘Maybe’. The most important factor in deciding to attend the next ICCN is program content, followed by budget of their institution and personal budget.

MENTOR PROGRAM

A Mentor Program was available to provide a quality orientation for those attending their first ICCN. Mentors provided information on the meeting to their mentees, including information on how to get the most out of the conference program and what essential sessions to attend. A “Meet Your Mentor” session was arranged on Monday, July 10, for mentors and mentees to meet and discuss meeting information and a room was available for mentees and mentors each morning of the conference.

Of those who responded to this evaluation, 16% attended the Meet Your Mentor Session. Of those who attended and responded, 86% noted the session was ‘excellent’ or ‘good’ and 73% noted the session met their needs.

ICCN 2018

ICCN 2018 will be held at the Skycity Hotel, from September 23-26 in Auckland, New Zealand.

ISNCC looks forward to continued success with the ICCN – the longest running international conference for our profession – that continues to offer a unique opportunity to meet with international cancer nursing leaders, as well as aspiring leaders from all over the world. ICCN will once again focus on cancer nursing research at ICCN 2018.
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