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President's Message

Alice Yuen LOKE

Dear Colleagues,

The Pi Iota Chapter was busy co-organizing two scholarly functions in the months of October and November 2009. The **'Capacity Enhancement for Disaster Resilience – International Symposium 2009'** was held in October at the Hong Kong Community College, and the **'Innovation in Nursing – Scholarly Exchange Conference between Hangzhou, Hong Kong and Macau'** was held in Hangzhou in November 2009.

Post-symposium workshops on **'Capacity Enhancement for Disaster Resilience'** are being organized in March 2010 to enable the practicing nurses in Hong Kong to be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills, and to be prepared for disasters. The four workshops are **'Disaster Preparedness'**, **'Disaster Emergencies'**, **'Disaster Mental Health Resilience'** and **'Infectious Diseases and Update on Human Swine Influenza Pandemic'**. These workshops will be offered to all nurses free of charge, but on a first-come-first served basis. Please look for further detailed information on these workshops on the website of the School of Nursing, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. All members are encouraged to register for these workshops.

The 2010 marks the 10th anniversary of the Pi Iota Chapter, and we are planning to invite and honor all of the chapter's ex-presidents, vice-presidents and board members who have contributed to its development at our Induction Ceremony scheduled to be held on Friday, April 30, 2010. At the seminar prior to this Induction Ceremony, the recipients of the Scholarship Awards will be invited to present their award-winning research, a way to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our scholarly Society.

I urge all to come on April 30, 2010 to celebrate this big day with us, to meet other community leaders in nursing, and to congratulate the new inductees on their outstanding achievements and success.

Best regards,

Alice Yuen LOKE
President

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P.S. The Pi Iota Chapter is looking for enthusiastic members to serve on its Board of Directors. Please contact Mr. Aero Li at 2766 4847 if you are interested.

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The 'Capacity Enhancement for Disaster Resilience – International Symposium 2009' was held on 20-22 Oct 2009 at the Hong Kong Community College. This intellectually stimulating symposium was organized by the School of Nursing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and co-organized by the Pi Iota Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. The symposium attracted more than 250 participants from different parts of the world, the majority from the Chinese mainland. Several renowned experts in the field of disaster nursing, Prof. Yi-juan Cheng, Dr. Kevin Davis, Dr. Jeyathesan Kulasingam, Dr. Joanne Langan, and Dr. Hiroko Ninami, were invited to share with us their knowledge on the current practice and up-to-date research in disaster management regarding preparedness, response and recovery, with an emphasis on building a disaster-resilient community. This professional development activity was funded by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, the HKSAR, and sponsored by Shun On Healthcare Ltd.

Given the increasing awareness of the need for disaster management and the considerable demand for nursing support during disasters, nurses should be equipped with competence in disaster management. Participants found the symposium fruitful in providing them with the knowledge and skills needed to cope with the additional demand when a disaster strikes. They also found themselves better prepared to provide leadership and community guidance in a disaster to safeguard the health of the public.

Post-Symposium Workshops on Disaster Resilience held in March this year for local healthcare professionals.



A group photo at the opening ceremony



A group photo

The First Joint Forum on Innovation in Nursing held in Hangzhou

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Prof. Alice Yuen Loke

The first joint 'Forum on Innovation in Nursing' was held from 29th November to 2nd December 2009 in the beautiful city of Hangzhou in China. The Forum was jointly organized by the Hangzhou Chinese Traditional Medicine Association and the Hangzhou Nursing Association, co-organized by Zhejiang University-The Hong Kong Polytechnic University International Executive Department Center, the School of Nursing and the Alumni Association of Nursing at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and the Pi Iota Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International. The Forum was well attended by 129 nurses from Hong Kong, Macau and various cities in China.

Representatives from the Pi Iota Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, including Prof. Alice Yuen Loke, Prof. Frances Wong, Prof. Esther Mok, Dr. Alice Tso, Ms. Esther Wong, Ms. Shaoling Wang, and Ms. Juanjuan Zhao, supported and attended the Forum.

Our President, Prof Alice Loke, was invited to give a welcoming speech at the opening ceremony. Prof. Loke, Prof. Mok, Prof. Wong and Ms. Wang were invited as keynote speakers at the Forum. Their speeches, contributing to our knowledge on 'innovation in nursing', community health, transitional care, and cancer care, were well received and inspired the participants with different perspectives including practice, education, management and research. Ms. Juanjuan Zhao, the recipient of a Pi Iota sponsorship to the Forum, shared with the audience the results of her research study on "Predictors of six minute-walk distance in patients with stable COPD".

The Forum received over 80 high quality papers/ poster submissions from different parts of China. It is encouraging to see that nurses in China are producing a high quality of innovative nursing research. The Forum was considered a success in that it provided an excellent platform for scholarly exchange, and innovative ideas for the better development of nursing in the Region. Forums of this nature should and will certainly continue to be organized in the coming years.

The Pi Iota Chapter would like to congratulate the Forum's organizing committee members on this resounding success.



Prof. Frances Wong



Ms. Juanjuan Zhao



Ms. Shaoling Wang



Prof. Esther Mok



Representatives from the Pi Iota Chapter sang a song during the event

News

Information from the STTI Foundation for Nursing

Find out how your Foundation for Nursing is working to help more nurses around the world heal, lead and learn thanks to generous contributions from members and friends of nursing. The 2009 Annual Report recognizes support received for nursing research grants and leadership development programs from 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009, and describes how these contributions are making an impact on nurses and the nursing profession. For details of the report, visit:

http://www.nursingsociety.org/Foundation/Documents/annual_report_2009.pdf

21st International Nursing Research Congress Registration Available

Registration to attend STTI's International Nursing Research Congress in Orlando, Florida, USA is now open. The event will take place from 12-16 July 2010. For more information about the conference and to register, visit: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/ResearchCongress/Pages/congress.aspx>.

Editors' Message

Helen CHAN and Linda LEE

Greetings from the Promotion & Publication Committee!

One of the focuses of this newsletter is to report the international symposium for disaster resilience, which was successfully held in recent months. We are sure that it is very timely in responding to the need to prepare health professionals in the face of various disasters. More importantly, it gives rise to a more insightful perspective on nursing development. Nurses' roles and responsibilities are not confined to patients in hospitals or clinics, but extend without boundary to all people in need. This notion echoes the acts of the Mother of Nursing, Florence Nightingale, who went to the frontline of the Crimean war to look after people on the line between life and death and whose memory urges us to reflect on the spirit of nursing again. In this issue, participants also share their views of the forum conducted in Hangzhou at the end of 2009. We hope you will enjoy reading this issue.

