

## Upcoming activities

**20th East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars (Pin Pin CHOI)**

The 20th East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars (EAFONS) will be held on March 9 and 10, 2017 in Hong Kong. This year's theme is "Globalization and Research in Doctoral Nursing Education." In EAFONS, you will be able to meet and exchange ideas with academics, researchers, practitioners, and research students from around the world. Registration is now open, don't miss this great event! More information can be found at: <http://sn.polyu.edu.hk/eafons2017/welcome.html>

**28th International Nursing Research Congress (Grace HO)**

More than 800 nurse researchers, clinicians, students, and leaders will be meeting in Dublin, Ireland on 27-31 July 2017 for STTI's 28th International Nursing Research Congress. This Congress aims to promote knowledge and practice transformation to advance global health and nursing, exchange ideas and solutions on integrating technology and evidence-based nursing practice, and discuss evidence-based teaching and learning strategies that will positively impact different healthcare environments. This is a key event for meeting and networking with global leaders in nursing science and research. Further details of the event can be found at: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/connect-engage/meetings-events/international-nursing-research-congress>

**44th Biennial Convention (Grace HO)**

Join the Honor Society of Nursing, STTI in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA on 28 October to 1 November 2017 for the 44th Biennial Convention. This convention will feature outstanding plenary speakers and over 800 oral and poster presentations. The 2017 International Awards for Nursing Excellence will also be conferred at this Convention. Call for entries is currently open until 1 March 2017; more information on awards and entry submission are available at: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/advance-elevate/awards/international-awards-for-nursing-excellence>

**Disaster Nursing Courses (Pin Pin CHOI)**

The School of Nursing of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University co-organizes with the PIC to conduct a short course on "Introduction to Disaster Nursing". The course is going to be held in January and February, 2017, and it aims to better prepare nurses for disaster events. More information can be found at: <http://sn.polyu.edu.hk/disasternursing2017>

**PIC website revamp (Rick KWAN)**

In order to increase the visibility of the Pi Iota Chapter, the executive committee is working on implementing a few publicizing initiatives. First, we are working to revamp the PIC website to make it contain more useful information. The layout of the website has been newly designed and the information has been neatly re-organized (Figure 1). Second, we have encouraged our executive members to include their title (e.g. President of PIC) at the time they write columns in newspapers. A few columns have been published with members' titles in PIC written on. Third, we are producing new posters to be posted in the Hong Kong Polytechnic University campus. QR codes linking to our websites will be printed on the poster so that poster readers can access more e-information simultaneously. These three measures will be completed within months. We endeavor to connect with our old members more closely and enable more non-members to know about our work.

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Figure 1: Layout of the executive committee page of the PIC website

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## President's Message

Justina LIU

*Dear Pi Iota Chapter (PIC) members and colleagues,*

With social media and technology playing an essential role in the healthcare world, nurses can no longer afford to remain disconnected. Establishing and maintaining connections with other nurses around the world with similar visions and goals is extremely important to a successful nursing career for nurses working in both the clinical and academic fields.

As mentioned during the last induction ceremony in May, becoming a member of the PIC of the STTI is not the endpoint of a member's scholarly or professional achievements. Instead the induction signifies the beginning of the membership journey – the start of greater involvement within a global network of peers and mentors who are here to guide and support you wherever your individual nursing career may take you.

In order to improve our networking as well as to support our current and future members, with the help of Dr Rick Kwan, Ms Anna Wong, Mr Ego Ho, and Mr Cato To (our colleagues from the IT team), the PIC's website is currently being revamped. In particular, we have highlighted the benefits offered to members from Headquarters as well as from our Chapter. For example, members are encouraged to apply for different research grants offered by Headquarters as well as the scholarship offered by the PIC. Please visit our new website at <http://sn.polyu.edu.hk/stti/>. In addition, starting from this issue, we will disseminate the e-newsletter to all active and inactive members so as to enhance their awareness of what has been happening or what will happen in the PIC as well as the STTI. Previously, we only sent a hard copy or e-copy of the newsletter to active members. All board members have been working diligently to plan different events that can promote the involvement of members. Our target is to build a network within our local members and to perhaps even extend this network regionally and internationally. I hope that I will be able to share our concrete plans with you in the next newsletter.

As you may be planning the events of the coming year, I would like to draw your attention to two important events for PIC members that may enhance your involvement in regional and international STTI events. The first event is the **20th East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars (EAFONS)** to be held on **9-10 March 2017 in Hong Kong**, of which the PIC is one of the co-organizers. The theme for this upcoming forum is "Globalization and Research in Doctoral Nursing Education." This forum usually attracts participants from all over the world, particularly from countries in Asia. The next STTI Asia Region Meeting will also be held during the forum. The second event is the **44th Biennial Convention** to be held on **28 October to 1 November 2017 in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA**. The theme of the convention is "Influence Through Action: Advance Global Health, Nursing, and Midwifery." The biennial conference is usually well attended, with hundreds of participants from all over the world. I hope that the Pi Iota Chapter can form a Hong Kong group to join the conference. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is 25 January 2017. More information about the convention is available on the STTI's homepage (<http://www.nursingsociety.org/connect-engage/meetings-events/biennial-convention/call-for-abstracts>).

Before I wrap up the newsletter for this year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a wonderful festive season. I really hope to see you more often in all of our events.

Justina LIU  
President



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## Visit to Department of Nursing, Kawasaki University of Medical Welfare

Daphne CHEUNG



Dr Daphne Cheung was invited by the STTI Asia Regional Coordinator Prof Misae Ito and Prof Keiko Matsumoto, to visit Department of Nursing, Kawasaki University of Medical Welfare, Okayama, Japan on 9 Aug 2016. She gave a speech about the dementia care and support to the family caregivers, and shared her research findings to academic staffs and students studying in Master of Nursing. This scholarly exchange fosters future collaboration.

## The 67th National Day Celebration Dinner

Anna WONG

Representatives from our Chapter joined the Hong Kong Health Services Sector the 67th National Day Celebration Dinner on 30th September 2016. They had a wonderful evening and enjoyed the fruitful networking with fellow professionals from different health services sectors.



A group photo taken at the dinner.

## Blood Donation Week

Daphne CHEUNG



PIC actively supported the Blood Donation Week (3 – 7 Oct 2016) at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. One hundred and nine donors donated blood throughout the week.

## The 5th Anniversary Dinner cum Fellows Recognition Award Ceremony of The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing

Justina LIU

Representatives from our Chapter, Dr. Justina Liu, Dr. Esther Wong and Ms. Sammei Tam joined the 5th Anniversary Dinner cum Fellows Recognition Award Ceremony of The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing on 19 November 2016.



Ms. Sammei TAM, Dr. Justina Liu, Prof Alex Molasiotis and Dr. Esther Wong (from left to right)

## The 4th Annual General Meeting of The Hong Kong College of Education and Research in Nursing

Justina LIU

Our chapter President Dr. Justina Liu, President-Elect, Dr. Angela Leung and Treasurer, Dr. Kin Cheung attended the 4th annual general meeting of the Hong Kong College of Education and Research in Nursing as HKCERN fellows. Our Ex-officio, Prof. Alice Yuen Loke is the President of HKCERN. Besides the general meeting, Dr. CHOI Yuen Wan gave a talk on "Nurture Together an Excellence and Soulful Generation in Nursing Profession" at the scientific meeting in the same event.



A group photo taken with PIC board members and members at the 4th Annual General Meeting of The Hong Kong College of Education and Research in Nursing (HKCERN) on 26 November 2016

## Pi Iota Chapter Scholarship Award

Rebecca POON

The mission of Pi Iota Chapter is to foster excellence, scholarship, and leadership in nursing to improve the health of people locally and worldwide. The annual scholarship award scheme has been established in order to recognize academic excellence and outstanding scholastic achievement and community nursing services. Nomination invitation letters will be sent to Nursing Schools at the four Universities in Hong Kong. The eligibility criteria and selection categories are as follows:

### Eligibility

- Candidates should be:
  - students studying in undergraduate or graduate nursing programmes in Hong Kong or members of the Pi Iota Chapter (applicable only to community leaders); &
  - agreed to be inducted as members of the Pi Iota Chapter (except active members); &
  - able to attend the ceremony to receive the award; &
  - never received a scholarship from the Pi Iota Chapter, STTI.
- The projects / services should be conducted in Hong Kong.

### Selection Category

Based on the following category, the Scholarship Committee will select successful candidates:

- Two awards to (a) BSN Full-time student(s) / (b) BSN Part-time student(s) as nominated by the Programme Leader / Coordinator, with the highest Honors Project result, good clinical performance and participated in community services in the 2014/15 academic year;
- Two awards to (c) MSN Part-time student(s) / (d) Research student(s). The MSN part-time student needs to be nominated by the Programme Leader / Coordinator, with Distinction and having participated in professional services in the 2015/16 academic year. The research student needs to have an accepted publication(s) in the period of October 2015 to September 2016. Candidates must have student status at the time of application for this scholarship; and
- One award to (e) Non-student member (Community leader) who has made a significant contribution to community services or who has implemented an innovative or advanced nursing project over the period October 2015 to September 2016.

A panel of three to four reviewers who are scholars or researchers from each School of Nursing, will rate each eligible application. Candidates who received the highest rating in each category will receive their Scholarship awards at the Induction Ceremony of each year.



These were the awardees in the year 2015/16. The nomination for 2016/17 is opened until 6th January 2017.