



# International Collaboration of PeriAnaesthesia Nurses ICPAN

*Promoting Global Excellence in PeriAnaesthesia Nursing*

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Dear Colleagues:

I hope this message finds you coping with the many challenges PeriAnaesthesia Nurses have encountered related to the COVID-19 global pandemic. In 2020, the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth and a year in which the World Health Organization (WHO) has devoted its recognition to Nurses and Midwives, global citizens are becoming very aware of the many contributions and sacrifices Nurses make every day to treat the sickest populations and advance public and population health. One outcome to embrace during this chaotic time is: Nurses are giving voice to our practice by frequently appearing in the media to explain our work – a long desired outcome in our profession. Our Board has expressed its admiration and support for Nurses in a COVID-19 message, which we encourage you to share with your members on all social media platforms.



It was wonderful to reunite for the 5<sup>th</sup> biennial meeting in Cancun last November. Delegates heard presentations and viewed posters that presented new research and best practices, had fun at the social events, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to informally discuss practice strategies with other attendees during the networking sessions. While attendance was lower than in previous years, 83% of the conference evaluations rated the meeting as excellent and also reflected continued appreciation for the cultural diversity and knowledge this gathering affords. All abstracts have been published online with Conference photos and highlights:

<https://www.icpan.org/2019---cancun.html>

We are so proud to announce that Vice Chair Maria Kapritsou was recently interviewed by the WHO as part of its Year of the Nurse Campaign. Maria and her perianaesthesia team are pictured in a poster created by WHO, and her story will be published online by WHO and featured on ICPAN social media soon!



Our Greek colleagues in EPENOE are busy making plans for the 6<sup>th</sup> ICPAN Conference to be held in September 2021 in Athens ([www.icpan.conference.com](http://www.icpan.conference.com)). Most ICPAN member organisations have canceled their 2020 annual meeting due to the COVID outbreak 😞 We hope all of these conferences return in 2021.

**Thank you for your support and contributions to our professional specialty and to ICPAN's mission!**

We appreciate the expert contributions and global perspectives of our GAC members and look forward to working together over the next 2 years to accomplish shared goals. Please send this update to your governing board and feel free to contact me at any time if you wish to discuss ICPAN's progress or to communicate thoughts or suggestions.

On behalf of the ICPAN Board of Directors, we wish you and your families peace, happiness, and good health.

All the best,

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