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**ICN's 25th Quadrennial Congress :
Equity and Access to Health Care**

ICN looks forward to welcoming you to our [25th Quadrennial Congress](#) in Melbourne, Australia, 18-23 May 2013.



The ICN/FNIF Florence Nightingale teddy bear is sold in support of the [Girl Child Education Fund \(GCEF\)](#).

The GCEF provides for the primary and secondary schooling of orphaned daughters of nurses in developing countries, paying for school fees, uniforms, shoes and books.

To order this delightful bear and support the GCEF, just click on the bear or go to www.gcefbear.com

Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all and sound health policies globally.

WHAT'S NEW



Workplace Violence. The third international conference entitled "[Violence in the Health Sector: Linking Local Initiatives with Global Learning](#)" will take place in Vancouver, Canada, from 24 to 26 October 2012. ICN is an active member of the Steering Group for the conference, the focus of which will be violence against health care workers. In addition to raising awareness the 2012 conference will provide a platform to share international developments, with a particular emphasis on best practice research and initiatives to effectively respond to the problem. The aims of the conference are:

- To sensitise stakeholders to the issue of workplace violence
- To understand the manifestations and the human, professional and economic implications of workplace violence
- To promote effective policies and strategies to create safe work environments.

Tickets are now on sale of the 9th biennial [Florence Nightingale International Foundation Fundraising Luncheon](#), to be held on **Tuesday 21 May 2013**, as part of the ICN Congress and CNR, *Equity and Access to Health Care*, in Melbourne, Australia. Ticket reservations for this popular event can be made online at the same time as your Congress reservations on www.icn2013.ch

FOCUS ON AN ICN MEMBER

ICN's member in France, [ANFIIDE](#), will be holding its annual congress in **Nice on 11-12 October 2012**. With the theme "*Nursing Horizon 2024*", the Congress will cover many issues including: the history of nursing; nurses' contribution to health reformation; current and future challenges in public health; creativity and innovation; the future of nursing in France; and the role of ANFIIDE in building our future. ANFIIDE (Association Nationale Française des Infirmières et Infirmiers Diplômés et Etudiants) has been a member of ICN since 1925.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Non-communicable Diseases

In 2011 ICN and Pfizer undertook a [global nursing survey](#) which showed that while nurses were willing to lead the fight against non-communicable disease, many felt that they lacked the time and resources to do this. In order to provide nurses with the resources they lack, ICN launched a NCD campaign with three branches:

- The [WHPA NCD Campaign](#), including the [WHPA Health Improvement Scorecard](#)
- The [Nursing NCD Prevention and Wellness Project in the North West Province of South Africa](#)
- The [GrowYourWellness.com](#) online resource centre for health professionals