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Online abstract submission open for International Council of Nurses 2018 Regional Conference in UAE

Geneva, Switzerland, 10 April 2018 - The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is pleased to announce the opening of online [abstract submission](#) for the [ICN 2018 Regional Conference in Abu Dhabi](#), United Arab Emirates (UAE). With the theme *Nurses: A Voice to Lead - Ensuring Access to Healthcare through Leadership, Innovation, and Collaborative Practice*, the Regional Conference will take place from 25-27 September 2018, co-hosted by the Emirates Nursing Association and in collaboration with the SEHA International Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health conference.

“This inaugural regional conference will be a key step in ICN’s strategy to strengthen its regional work,” said Professor Thomas Kearns, ICN’s Interim Chief Executive Officer. “We are grateful to Aysha Al Mehri, ENA President and to the Emirates Nursing Association for working with us to make this exciting event a reality.”

Mrs. Aysha Al Mehri, President of the ENA, said, “It is my greatest pleasure and honour as the President of Emirate Nursing Association to part of this highly esteemed multicultural event. Having the international Council of Nurses lead this conference will impact great on our nurse’s skills, knowledge and leadership abilities in the Middle East. I am positive that topics like Governance, leadership, innovation and artificial intelligence will be the highlight of the conference which will broaden the knowledge of our nurses in the UAE helping our nurses to achieve positive outcomes in patient care and high standards of nursing care. We will set the stage for the International Council of Nurses conference which will take place in 2021 right here in Abu Dhabi which is also a huge step for nursing in the UAE. I see this venture of ENA working with ICN to host the 1st Regional ICN Conference as dynamic way forward for our nurse in UAE to be part of the global network of nurses throughout the world. ENA welcomes the ICN to our country!”

The Call for abstracts and details on the themes to be addressed can be accessed at <http://www.icn.ch/events/Regional-Conference-UAE-September-2018/>. ICN invites nurses and others in the Middle East region to share their ideas, research and expertise by submitting abstracts for the scientific programme. The deadline for abstract submission is **10 May 2018**.

ICN is developing a rich three-day scientific programme focusing on a wide variety of topics, including non-communicable diseases and patient safety; innovative models of patient care; transition from acute to community care; global updates on infection control and prevention; mental health needs and challenges in the region; migration and workforce development; introducing a positive practice environment in the region; evidence based practice and artificial intelligence and healthcare informatics.

Key dates for the ICN 2018 Regional Conference

- ✓ 10 April 2018 - Online submission of abstracts opens
- ✓ 10 May 2018 - Online abstract submission closes (midnight CET)
- ✓ 10 June 2018 – Notification of abstract acceptance
- ✓ 28 June 2018 – Registration deadline for abstract presenters

To submit an abstract, [click here](#)

To keep up with all the latest information on the Regional Conference programme and related events, visit the Regional Conference webpage at <http://www.icn.ch/events/Regional-Conference-UAE-September-2018/> or follow us on Twitter @ICNurses #ICNConference.



Note for Editors

The **International Council of Nurses** (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

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