The official meeting of the International Family Nursing Association

Conference Objectives

As reflected in our conference theme "Honoring the Past; Celebrating the Future", the 11th International Family Nursing Conference will continue a tradition of gathering nurses and interdisciplinary colleagues from around the world to exchange ideas and address critical questions related to family research, practice and education. Through pre-conference workshops, plenary sessions, symposia, and paper/poster exchanges, attendees will have ample opportunities to learn about recent advances in the field and share their work and ideas with others who share their commitment to family nursing. With an eye to the future, the conference will emphasize interdisciplinary connections, practice linkages, translational research, and innovative approaches to teaching and curriculum development. The overall objectives of the conference are to:

- 1. Showcase innovations in family research, practice, and education.
- 2. Provide family researchers, educators, and clinicians with information, strategies, and tools needed to advance their work.
- 3. Examine models for translating family research into evidence-based models of care.
- 4. Provide formal and informal opportunities for collegial exchange and the launching of new projects and collaborations.
- 5. Highlight opportunities for shaping programs and policies related to the health and wellbeing of families worldwide
- 6. Engage researchers, clinicians, and educators in efforts to learn from and inform one another.

Call for Preconference Workshops

Workshop submissions will be accepted from **September 1, 2012 – October 15, 2012**(notification November 1, 2012)

IFNA members are advancing family nursing through their innovations in research, education, and practice. Preconference workshops provide an opportunity for all of us to benefit from recent advances in the field. The 11th International Family Nursing Conference will include both invited and competitive preconference workshops. The invited workshops are:

"Using Simulation to Teach Family-Focused Nursing Care",

"Unpacking the Illness Beliefs Model: What do we know from Practice-based Evidence about Healing Families"

"Integrating Spirituality into Family Nursing Practice: "Do I need to? Do I want to? What clinical skills would I need?"

We also are planning for three additional competitive preconference workshops, and invite individuals to submit an application for offering a workshop at the conference. Through preconference workshops, attendees have an opportunity to undertake in-depth examination of a topic or a focused area of family nursing research, practice or education. Workshops are offered as lectures and demonstrations by one or more presenters to provide didactic information on a particular topic. All workshops are half-day sessions. Workshops will be held on Wednesday, June 19. There will be three morning (9:00a-12:00p) and three afternoon (1:30p-4:30p) workshops.

Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submissions will be accepted from October 1, 2012 – November 15, 2012 (notification January 31, 2013)

IFNA encourages abstract submissions that demonstrate state of the science family related research, education, and evidence-based practice projects are invited. Presenters are expected to provide information, strategies and/or tools relevant to family researchers, educators and/or clinicians to advance their work.

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