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Welcome to the November 2009 WP/SEAR bulletin.

The Steering Committee met by teleconference on 27 October 2009. This bulletin provides an update on the discussions at this meeting.

Date for 2010 WP/SEAR Meeting, Thailand

Planning continues for the 8th WP/SEAR Meeting, to be held from 5-7 May 2010 in Thailand. The WP/SEAR Meeting is aligned with other important international nursing and midwifery meetings that will be held in the region in early 2010. The Thailand Nursing and Midwifery Council are aiming to approve the project proposal at their November Board meeting. Invitations to the meeting were sent via post and email in early November.

Theme for 2010 Meeting

The theme for the 8th WP/SEAR Meeting in Thailand is:

“The Role of Regulators in Maintaining Public Safety”

A call for papers was sent out in August to WP/SEAR members, including a series of sub themes; *competence, standards, education, mutual recognition, and work force*. A reminder was sent again in early November 2009. Please note that **submissions close on 15 December 2009**

Mentoring

At the October teleconference the steering committee discussed the progress made with the mentoring program. Details of current mentoring relationships are now up on the ANMC website with a whole page dedicated to Mentoring. Any jurisdictions that would like to enter a mentoring relationship, either as a mentor or mentee, should contact the WP/SEAR secretariat

Country Profiles

Please continue to review your country profile on the ANMC website and notify the WP/SEAR secretariat of any updates, changes or additional information. Correspondence with each WP/SEAR country will continue through 2009 and your feedback is greatly appreciated. The country profiles can be found at:

http://www.anmc.org.au/wpsear/country_profiles.php

These profiles not only help the public that are wanting information about nursing and midwifery in WP/SEAR nations, they also provide the ANMC with contact details for sending correspondence. It is therefore important to send updates to the ANMC when contact details change.

RN Common Competencies

Jurisdictions are continuing to provide the ANMC with information relating to the adaptation of the WP/SEAR Common Competencies for Registered Nurses within the region. The ANMC website now has a page dedicated to the WP/SEAR Common Competencies, along with a table of jurisdictions that have provided feedback.

If your country has adapted the Common Competencies to the needs of your country it would be appreciated if you could please provide further information. The aim of providing the Common Competencies online is to promote their use by WP/SEAR nations and improve the regulation of nurses in the region.

The WP/SEAR Common Competencies, and jurisdictions that are using them, can be found on the ANMC website:

http://www.anmc.org.au/common_competencies

Midwifery Common Competencies

The Steering Committee discussed the development of WP/SEAR Midwifery Common Competencies, and plans to continue discussions with MCNZ and ICM and discuss the possibility of ICM or MCNZ presenting at the 8th Meeting in Thailand.

Memorandum of Understanding between WP/SEAR jurisdictions

The WP/SEAR Steering Committee sends its thoughts and wishes to all people affected by the recent natural disasters and in view of this held a discussion about the possibility of developing a Memorandum of Understanding between WP/SEAR jurisdictions for the movement of nurses and midwives during a declared national emergency.

The Steering Committee plans to use first hand experience as well as existing guidelines in Australia, to continue discussions on the subject.

Website changes/updates

We always appreciate feedback about the WP/SEAR website, including the anticipated updates mentioned above, so please feel free to send any information, comments or queries.

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