

February

Friday 1
RNID Section workshop and AGM. INMO head office. Contact: jean@inmo.ie or Tel: 01 664 0648

Saturday 2
Midwives Section AGM, 2pm, Cork. Contact: jean@inmo.ie or Tel: 01 664 0648

Monday 4
Nurse/Midwife Education Section AGM, 11.30am, INMO head office. Contact: jean@inmo.ie or Tel: 01 664 0648

Tuesday 5
OHN Section AGM, Novartis, Cork. Contact: jean@inmo.ie or Tel: 01 664 0648

Thursday 7
Retired Nurses and Midwives Section meeting and AGM, INMO head office. Contact: jean@inmo.ie or Tel: 01 664 0648

Friday 22
International Nurses Section AGM and information afternoon, 2pm, INMO head office. Contact: jean@inmo.ie or Tel: 01 664 0648

Tuesday/Wednesday 26-27
National Tracheostomy Study Day. Details to come. Contact: carmel.osullivan1@hse.ie

March

Saturday 2
Irish Nephrology Nurses Association (INNA) 15th annual conference and AGM, Brú Columbanus, Wilton, Cork. Contact Geraldine Scannell: geraldine.scannell@hse.ie or Tel: 021 423 4012

Saturday 23
Class reunion of King's College Hospital, London, nursing graduates 1988, Doubletree by Hilton London Westend. Contact Valerie Connolly, email: valvirgo1@gmail.com

April

Friday/Saturday 12-13
ODN Section annual conference, Crown Plaza Hotel, Santry, Dublin. Contact: jean@inmo.ie or Tel: 01 664 0648

Saturday 20
School Nurses Section meeting, 11am, INMO HQ. Contact: jean@inmo.ie or Tel: 01 664 0648

May

Wednesday/Friday 8-10
INMO ADC, Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, County Donegal

Friday 17
Irish Nurses Golf Society annual outing, Dundalk Golf Club, €50. Theme: Suicide Prevention. Send your name, club and fee to: Joan McAdam, Marlboro Road, Haggardstown, Dundalk, Co Louth. Email: pjemcadam@gmail.com or Tel: 087 3655 911 (please call from April 4, 7-10pm)

June

Friday 21
LGBT nurse and midwives conference to coincide with the start of the Dublin Pride festival. For further details contact: clare@inmo.ie

October

Thursday 17
Annual Joint Midwives Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dublin Northwood, Santry. The theme is 'Maternity Care – Practices, Partnerships, Policies and Possibilities'. Contact: jean@inmo.ie or Tel: 01 664 0648

INMO Membership Fees 2013

A Registered nurse <i>(Including temporary nurses in prolonged employment)</i>	€306
B Short-time/Relief <i>This fee applies only to nurses who provide very short term relief duties (ie. holiday or sick duty relief)</i>	€228
C Private nursing homes	€228
D Associate Members - <i>Working (employed in universities & IT institutes)</i>	€116
E Associate Members - <i>Not working</i>	€75
F Retired Associate Members	€14
G Student nurse members <i>Membership is free</i>	No Fee

INMO Library Opening Hours

February 2013
Monday-Friday: 9am-4.45pm



For further information on the library and its services, please contact:

Tel: 01-6640 625/614 Fax: 01-661 5012, Email: library@inmo.ie

Condolences

❖ The INMO wishes to express its condolences to the family and friends of Inez McCormack, the first woman to be elected president of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, who died peacefully on January 21. RIP

Condolences

❖ The INMO extends its deepest sympathy to Eily Mullane, INMO representative in St Ita's Hospital Newcastlewest on the recent loss of her beloved mother, Catherine Irwin, of Ballinruane, Kilmeady, Co Limerick

Write It Down

*Did we ever think that nursing
Could become a waiting game
As we trawl through the paperwork
We hardly know the patient's name*

*We have no time to welcome them
Or ask them how they feel
We're far too busy writing
It all seems so unreal*

*First there's the Manchester triage
And when we get through that
There's the care bundles and the tracker
ADLs and all of that*

*And while we're busy writing
The patient lies in wait
Of a kind word or a smile
As the doctors decide their fate*

*We have no time to listen
Or try to understand
The fear that lies within
The patient's worried mind*

*And then there's the observations
Are they yellow, pink or blue
Whatever happened to TPR
When we knew just what to do*

*Now there's EWS and ISBAR
To add to the documentation
All so time consuming
Just adding to the frustration*

*So much to do, so little time
To spend at the patient's bed
We're far too busy writing
To hear what the patient said*

*We say a quick good morning
As we reach for the chart
We must write down what we're doing
Almost before we even start*

*We give the meds, IVs and nebs
And sign the dotted line
And do the observations*

Count the EWS and hope they're fine

*And should the patient take a fall
Or slip along the ground
We've hardly time to pick them up
It's more important to write it down*

*And when a heart stops beating
And a patient passes on
We all know instinctively
That they're really dead and gone*

*We'd like to light a candle
And pray for the deceased
And gently pull the curtain round
And be happy they died in peace*

*But the resus trolley beckons
And the defibrillator shocks
this old weak defenceless body
If only it could talk*

*The old should die with dignity
After God had sealed their fate
They'd prefer to greet St Peter
At heaven's golden gate*

*But we must do things by the book
It's no longer the nurse's call
We must write down every detail
Unless they're NFR*

*So tear down the mission statement
For the writing's on the wall
Put up instead the legal document
The policies and the protocol*

*And maybe we should graduate
With degrees in legal science
Then we'd all be fluent
In our legal paradise*

*Our nursing skills are important
But when the chips are down
Everyone will tell you
It's more important to write it down*

- Breda Hyland