

The challenges and the contributions of ABEn

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In the month we celebrate the World Day of Health, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and the Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), with support from the Elsevier Foundation, calls the Nursing world to discuss the global shortage of nurses, allied to a lack of teachers for nursing schools and migration of nurses from the perspective of examining the problem and find realistic solutions. The World Summit on Migration Nursing faculty will be held from 27 to 30 June 2010, in Geneva – Switzerland.

Social responsibility for education is also present in ideology of the Associação Brasileira de Enfermagem (Brazilian Nursing Association), since its creation. This commitment is given concrete form in recent years with the implementation of the National Seminar on Guidelines for Education in Nursing, which this year reaches its 12nd edition. So the concern of international institutions with training and retention of Nursing teachers in their countries appears as a matter as it regards the challenge of developing an education that is critical and innovative.

Coinciding with some of the topics lined for the Summit International, 12nd SENADEn to be held in São Paulo, on July 1-3, 2010, will have as a central theme “Social responsibility in nursing education: from Florence Nightingale to current scenario”, thus becoming an exciting opportunity to understand the training of nurses, assistants and nursing technicians, and post graduate students as social actors for the consolidation of the Single Health System.

One of the main axes of action committed to the directions of Nursing education in ABEn has been the Revista Brasileira de Enfermagem, the permanent quest for equal and equitable distribution of knowledge generated by nursing. In view of these challenges, this number makes available items that analyze the impacts of municipal program for prevention of cervical cancer uterine in the municipality Igarapava, SP, Brazil, that examine the protective factors and risk for depression in women who had abortion, opening way to better care for women living situations of abortion. The daily life of women after hysterectomy, because under the view of Martin Heidegger, pointing that the dynamics of care should consider the subjectivity of the woman who would be submitted to hysterectomy is another issue related to women's health.

In the article on hospitality as an expression of care in health and nursing, the authors point out that hospitality is imperative for the adaptation of individuals in hospitals or in any area where health care takes place.

The issues related to the Systematization of Nursing Assistance and rehabilitation units and the Brazilian contribution to the International Classification of Nursing Practice, social representations of care for HIV patients, representations of nurses from Portugal on professional activity in that country, the public health policies for the elderly and discussion on legal aspects of hyperbaric nursing practice in Brazil, are other topics addressed by the authors in this issue.

We hope that the articles selected can be helpful in attributing update and improvement for all readers.