Sigma Theta Tau International
Honour Society of Nursing:
Collaboration and Opportunities

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AGENDA

1. Sigma in Europe
2. Celebrating Nursing Excellence
3. Supporting Nursing Research
4. Connecting Globally
5. Response to Covid-19
Take your place among the world’s best nurses.
As the international honor society of nurses, we develop nurse leaders in the nursing profession by providing recognition, education, and global opportunities.
New Vision and Mission

**Vision**
Connected, empowered nurse leaders transforming global healthcare.

**Mission**
Developing nurse leaders anywhere to improve healthcare everywhere.
Strategic Goals

1. Grow in value for nurses globally.
2. Recognize and promote nursing scholarship, leadership and service.
3. Expand and develop strategic relationships globally.
4. Advance innovative and customized resources to develop nurse leaders.
Sigma in Europe: Small but GROWING
Sigma Europe
Sigma Europe

460+ Members

11 Chapters

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European Chapters

- Armenia—Chi Delta
- Croatia—Alpha Alpha Gamma
- Ireland—Omega Epsilon at-Large
- Israel—Omega Lambda
- Italy—Alpha Alpha Beta
- Netherlands—Rho Chi at-Large
- Portugal—Phi Xi
- Sweden—Tau Omega
- United Kingdom:
  - Omega Xi—Scotland
  - Phi Mu—England
  - Upsilon Xi at-Large—Wales
Developing Sigma Chapters in Europe

University of Pecs - Pecs, Hungary

University of Eastern Finland - Joensuu & Kuopio, Finland
Sigma is . . .

- Not specific to a setting or role
  Sigma welcomes and connects clinical and academic nurses across all specialties

- Globally Unique
  The largest nursing organization that allows members to join as an individual
Celebrating Nursing Excellence
Recognizing Chapter Excellence

Rho Chi at-Large Chapter
- HAN University of Applied Sciences, Institute of Nursing Studies
- Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, Institute of Healthcare Studies
- Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Academie Gezondheidszorg
- University of Applied Sciences Utrecht
- Utrecht University, Department of Nursing Science

Multiple Chapter Key Awards and the 2017 Ethel Palmer Clarke Award for Chapter Excellence
Recognizing Individual Excellence (examples only)

• Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award: Dame Yvonne Moores (2017)
• Episteme Award: Stijn Blot (2019)
International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame

Prestigious recognition for venerated nurse researchers
Nominations accepted July – December
Award recipients will be honored at Sigma’s International Nursing Research Congress
Visit [www.sigmanursing.org/advancen elevate/awards](http://www.sigmanursing.org/advancen elevate/awards) for additional information.
Sigma Honors for European Nurse Leaders

Since 2014, nine European Nurses have been inducted into Sigma’s International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame:

Brendan McCormack (2014)  
Stijn Blot (2015)  
Katri Vehvilainen-Julkunen (2016)  
Roger Watson (2016)  
Anne-Marie Rafferty (2017)  

Steve Ersser (2018)  
Ingallill Rahm Hallberg (2019)  
Vanora Hundley (coming 2020)  
Susan Latter (coming 2020)
Brendan McCormack

DPhil (Oxon.), BScN (Hons.), PGCEA, FEANS, RGN, RMN, FAAN

“Sigma has connected me with some amazing nurses around the globe.

It has also helped my career enormously through some of the workgroups I have led and participated in. I am truly grateful to Sigma for those opportunities.”
Emerging Nurse Researcher Award

Recognizes early career nurse researchers – one from each global region.

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2017 Emerging Nurse Researcher Award

Parveen Azam Ali
PhD, MScN, RN, SFHEA, FRSA

Lecturer, University of Sheffield
Phi Mu Chapter

Europe Region Recipient
Parveen Ali
PhD, MScN, BScN, RN, SHEA, FRSA
Supporting Scholarship
The Circle

• Member only discussion board with 18 communities of interest now in place and more than 8,000 members participating
• Recent addition is the new Nursing Research Community (with 447 members)
• Most communities have a clinical focus
• No limit as to the number of communities that you can join
• Have an idea for a community? Let us know!
• Get to this site from the Sigma webpage and login
Peer-Reviewed Journals & Books
The *Journal of Nursing Scholarship™ (JNS)* is Sigma’s official journal and one of the most widely read and respected healthcare journals. JNS contains peer-reviewed, thought-provoking articles representing research by some of the world’s leading nurse researchers.

*Worldviews on Evidence-Based Nursing* is a primary source of information to improve patient care. Each issue contains knowledge synthesis and original articles with best practice applications, recommendations for clinical practice, nursing education, administration, and public healthcare policy.

**FREE Journals & Publications**

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Journal of Nursing Scholarship

Impact factor #3 among 120 journals worldwide in the Nursing (Science) category

Every issue includes at least one open-access article
WorldViews on Evidence-Based Nursing

Impact factor #7 among 120 journals worldwide in the Nursing (Science) category

Every issue includes at least one open-access article
Contributions

• Both journals issue periodic calls for research papers; these opportunities are posted on the SigmaNursing.org website.

• Both journals seek experienced reviewers
Books

• 12 to 14 new books published each year
  ▪ Received 26 American Journal of Nursing
    Book of the Year awards in the past five years
  ▪ Some recent releases:
Sigma Podcasts

TOPICS included:
• Preprints in Nursing Scholarship
• Bullying and Incivility in Nursing
• Doctoral Education in Nursing
• Predatory Journals (with Roger Watson and Mark Hayter)

https://sigma.nursingrepository.org/handle/10755/18548
Research Events
Sigma Events

Sigma events are high-energy, welcoming environments where nurse leaders from all levels and disciplines connect, share information, and support each other.

- Hundreds of poster and oral research presentations at each event
- After the event, all presentation materials are available on Sigma’s open-access Repository
- “Rising Star” sessions for students from all levels
Virtual International Nursing Research Congress

- Annual event rotates through Sigma’s global regions
- More than 900 poster and oral research presentations presented at the July 2019 event
- International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame induction
- Watch for Facebook Live sessions on selected posters
- After the event, all presentation materials are available in the Sigma Repository
Biennial Convention

• Held in the United States every other year
• More than 1,200 poster and oral research presentations were scheduled for the November 2019 event
• Meet representatives from every Sigma chapter
• Watch for Facebook Live sessions on selected posters
• After the event, all presentation materials are available on Sigma Repository
Facebook Live Sessions

How to locate:

- Go to the Sigma Facebook page
- Click on Videos
Events 2020

Registration now open
FOR
Congress 2020
AND
Chapter Leadership Connection 2020
Sigma Repository
A free, open access resource for all nurses!

- Dynamic Dissemination
  - View and track usage statistics
  - Quantify your work

- Authors Retain Copyright
  - Maintain control of your work

- Open Access
  - Global visibility
  - Transparency

- Free to Submit, Free to Use
  - No open access fees
  - No usage fees

www.sigmarepository.org
Submit Your Research

• Submit your research and Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) materials to the Sigma Repository.

• The repository tracks page views and helps quantify dissemination of your research.
Research Grants
Nursing Research Grants

Sigma is dedicated to funding research and creating a global community of nurses who lead using knowledge, scholarship, service, and learning to improve the health of the world’s people.

Grants are made possible through contributions to the Sigma Foundation for Nursing’s research permanent fund. All grants are disbursed in US dollars.

Between 2017 and 2019, Sigma has provided US $472,000 in research and EBP grant funding to 73 nurses in 6 global regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East, North America, and Oceania)

View more grant opportunities at www.SigmaNursing.org/Grants
List of Grants by Deadline (1)

1 April Grant Application Deadline:
- Association of Nurses in AIDS Care Grant
- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation End-of-Life Nursing Care Research Grant
- Midwest Nursing Research Society Research Grant
- National Association of Hispanic Nurses Research Grant
- Southern Nursing Research Society Research Grant

1 May Grant Application Deadline:
- Global Nursing Research Grant
- American Nurses Foundation Grant

1 July Grant Application Deadline:
- Doris Bloch Research Award *
- Joan K. Stout, RN, Research Grant *
- American Nurses Credentialing Center Evidence-Based-Practice Implementation Grant

15 September Grant Application Deadline:
- Oncology Nursing Society Foundation Grant
List of Grants by Deadline (2)

1 February Grant Application Deadline:
National League for Nursing Grant

31 March Grant Application Deadline:
Emergency Nurses Association Foundation Grant

1 November Grant Application Deadline:
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Grant

15 November Grant Application Deadline:
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses Grant

1 December Grant Application Deadline:
**Small Grants** (10-15 awarded annually) *
Alpha Eta Collaborative Research Grant
Canadian Nurses Foundation Collaborative Grant
Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science
Jonas Philanthropies Collaborative Research Grant
Rosemary Berkel Crisp Research Award
Western Institute of Nursing Research Grant
Sigma Small Grants

- US $5,000 (max); 10 -15 awarded annually

- 1 December deadline

- Eligibility Criteria
  - The principal investigator(s) should be registered nurses (or country equivalent) with current license (if applicable).
  - Have at least a master's in nursing (or country equivalent)
  - Submit a completed research application package and signed research agreement.
  - Ready to implement research project when funding is received.
  - Complete project within one (1) year of funding.
  - Submit to Sigma a final report; submit completed abstract to the Sigma Repository
Sigma Grant Application Process

1. Call for research grant applications opens
2. Applications are submitted through Sigma’s online system
3. Call closes and eligible applications are forwarded to review committee for evaluation
4. Reviewers recommend grant recipient
5. Recommendation is confirmed with collaborating organization
6. Recipient is notified
7. Grant is funded
What Reviewers are Looking for . . .

Applications given serious consideration by reviewers:

• Meet all eligibility criteria
• Observe section limitations and follow provided directions
• Have clear and concise procedures, significance, aims, methods, and conceptual framework
• Include supporting data, where appropriate, and include well-designed tables, figures, etc.
• Have proven the study has significant impact in nursing
European Grant Recipients

• Louise Strickland, MSN, BSN (Alpha Upsilon Chapter, United Kingdom)
  • 2016 Small Grants – Development of a Patient Reported Outcome Measure for Post-Operative Recovery Following Lower Limb Joint Replacement Surgery

• Birgit Heckemann, MSc, BSc, RN (Tau Omega Chapter, The Netherlands)
  • 2016 Small Grants – The Nurse Managers’ Perspective: Perceptions of and Behaviours Towards Patient and Visitor Aggression in Hospitals

• Siobhan O’ Connor, MSC, BSC, RN (Phi Mu Chapter, United Kingdom)
  • 2017 Sigma/National League for Nursing Research Grant – Leading Reform in Nursing Education – Technology in Nursing Education
Brigit Heckemann

MSc, BSc, RN

“I'm very grateful for having received a Sigma small grant towards the international online survey with nurse managers.

I undertook this study as part of my PhD studies. The study, however, was insufficiently funded during the initial phase. Receiving the Sigma small grant was thus instrumental to my PhD project as it enabled me to prepare the survey tool and data collection. I am honored and grateful to the Sigma board for choosing to support my study.”
European Research Presented at Sigma Events

• Between 2017 and 2019, European nurses have presented 56 poster or podium research presentations at Sigma Conventions and International Nursing Research Congresses.

• Although Europeans currently represent less than 1 percent of Sigma members, Europeans represent 6 percent of Sigma event attendees.

• You have a greater-than-expected impact by connecting with Sigma.
Connecting Globally
Leadership Development Programs

- Hybrid programs that combine a short in-person element with virtual meetings for nurses in clinical settings and nurses in academic settings
  - All include an experiential component to actually implement a change
  - [https://www.sigmanursing.org/learn-grow/sigma-academies/](https://www.sigmanursing.org/learn-grow/sigma-academies/)
- Virtual only programs for publication and grant writing
  - [https://www.sigmanursing.org/learn-grow/sigma-academies/writing-e-academy](https://www.sigmanursing.org/learn-grow/sigma-academies/writing-e-academy)
Global Partnerships

- Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council
- Ex-officio Member, Executive Committee of the Global Network of World Health Organization Collaborating Centres
- Affiliate status with the International Council of Nurses
- Steering Committee of the Nurses on Boards Coalition
Global Regional Councils (GRCs)

9 COUNCILS 7 REGIONS

Africa
Asia
Europe
Latin America and Caribbean
Middle East
North America West
North America Central
North America East
Oceania
Sigma Accepts the Nightingale Challenge

• >29 "young" nurses are part of Sigma’s leadership development as part of the Nightingale Challenge (young ≤ 35 years) including young nurses from the European region
• Participating in webinars hosted by Sigma nursing leaders and online continuing professional development activities. Other opportunities as well, like a Day at the UN
• Recognized as Sigma's Nightingale Challenge nurse leaders
• Will be starting a second cohort in August/September timeframe
Sigma’s Response to Covid-19
Sigma is Here for You

• Free webinars open to any nurse anywhere on leadership, communication, ethical issues, transition into practice, transitioning to online teaching:
  https://www.sigmarepository.org/sigma-covid-19-educational-resources/
• Podcasts focused on leadership and managing uncertainty
• Free books on leadership
• Online continuing professional development courses on ethical dilemmas, leadership and disaster preparedness
• All free to all nurses: https://www.sigmanursing.org/sigma-is-here-for-you
THANK YOU!

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