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EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Sigma Theta Tau Welcomes Nancy A. Dickenson-Hazard

BY CAROLYN WILLIAMS, RN, PhD, FAAN

This fall Sigma Theta Tau International welcomes Nancy A. Dickenson-Hazard, MSN, CPNP, FAAN, as its new Executive Officer. An experienced nurse, nurse practitioner, and author, with a number of publications in the nursing literature, she currently serves as a member of the editorial boards for two national refereed journals in nursing. She has been the recipient of several national awards including NAPSA's Award for Outstanding Contributions (1985) and the National Association of Nurse Practitioners Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice (1992).

Nancy brings to her new position at Sigma Theta Tau International considerable experience gained from involvement in a wide range of professional roles within nursing. A very important facet of her activities has been her involvement in national policy development. She has served as a consultant and liaison to national and state lobbyists and to schools of nursing, advising on matters related to education, certification, advanced practice reimbursement, and prescription privileges. In these roles she has had the opportunity to prepare and provide testimony to numerous groups, including the U.S. Congress on issues affecting the health of children and their families and the profession of nursing.

Nancy has combined an active and successful professional career with a strong commitment to her family, her husband John, and her two children, Ann Elizabeth, age 8 and John Blaine, age 15, and "Bunny," their cock-poo, age 8. Through the years, she and her husband have been very involved in family and community activities, including those related to the schools both children have attended. Currently, Nancy served as President and then President of the Home and School Association for the St. Elizabeth School in Rockville, Maryland. While her busy lifestyle does not provide much free time, she has maintained an active interest in gourmet cooking and reads for relaxation.

What can we anticipate from our new Executive Officer?

We can expect:

- that Nancy will continue her tradition of excellence;
- that she will be an individual who understands the essence of complex business, legal and professional issues and is effective and diplomatic in dealing with them;
- that she will expect excellence from the staff who work with her; that she will maintain a positive professional environment in which such excellence can thrive; and
- that she will maintain her concern for values and her wonderful sense of humor.

The job that Nancy Dickenson-Hazard has accepted is a complex and challenging one, but it is clear from those involved in the decision to appoint her to this position that she is "first rate," that she has the "right stuff," and that she will be an outstanding Executive Officer. Please join with the Board in welcoming this exceptional professional to her new position.
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BY KATHLEEN C. BUCKWALTER, RN, EdD, FAAN

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Disseminate — A Part of Utilization

Dissemination is one critical component of the total research utilization picture. One cannot have research utilization without dissemination, although it is quite possible to have dissemination without utilization. For example, the recently developed AHCPR guidelines have been disseminated, but putting them into practice to impact patient outcomes in a variety of health care settings and is clearly another issue requiring very different strategies. Numerous projects fit within the concept of dissemination of research, and can be eligible for this prestigious award, including publications, audio and video tapes, conferences, and consultation or in-service education programs.

International Dissemination

The International Dissemination of Nursing Research Award is both a timely and significant contribution to the profession, and it is no surprise that Sigma Theta Tau has assumed a leadership role in the recognition of dissemination efforts. In fact, among the early articles on the topic of dissemination was one by then Immediate Past President of Sigma Theta Tau, Dr. Carol A. Lindeman in the Spring 1984 issue of Image: The Journal of Nursing Scholarship. Based upon her keynote presentation at the 1983 Post-Biennial Convention Research Conference focusing on "Dissemination and Utilization of Nursing Research" (Lindeman, 1984),

Although that article was published nearly a decade ago, more attention still needs to be devoted to dissemination efforts. Importantly, explanations for the failure of practicing nurses to use research almost always includes the notion of inadequate mechanisms for the dissemination of research results to clinicians (Funk, Tornquist & Champagne, 1989). Another issue that is critical to the success of dissemination efforts is the way in which individual studies are reported for nurses to use in practice. Funk et al. (1991, pg. 93) found that the major "nurse barrier" to using research in practice is dissemination; that is, the nurse is "unaware of the research."

Special Dissemination Projects

Fortunately, over the past 15 years, a number of groundbreaking special projects (i.e. the Regional Programs for Nursing Research Development, the Conduct and Utilization of Research in Nursing Projects, and the nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training Project) have pioneered the dissemination of research findings in clinical practice. More recently, nurses at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have been conducting meta-analyses, as well as presenting guidelines within the concept of dissemination. Another example of this type of dissemination effort has had a major positive impact on crop production in Iowa and throughout the nation. Similarly, the members of Sigma Theta Tau, as leaders in the profession, can take the dissemination initiative for nursing and, with the collaboration of Sigma Tau members, continue to expand the dissemination to nurses throughout the nation concerning dissemination of nursing research efforts. Sigma Theta Tau also supports the introduction of presentation guidelines to nursing conferences, and consultation or in-service education programs.

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The International Dissemination of Nursing Research Award is a new award. It is a competitive award for young investigators (and possibly for the old ones also) who started such an innovative Center for Research or started such an innovative project. The award is both a timely and significant contribution to the profession and it is no surprise that Sigma Theta Tau has assumed a leadership role in the recognition of dissemination efforts. In fact, among the early articles on the topic of dissemination was one by then Immediate Past President of Sigma Theta Tau, Dr. Carol A. Lindeman in the Spring 1984 issue of Image: The Journal of Nursing Scholarship. Based upon her keynote presentation at the 1983 Post-Biennial Convention Research Conference focusing on "Dissemination and Utilization of Nursing Research" (Lindeman, 1984). Although that article was published nearly a decade ago, more attention still needs to be devoted to dissemination efforts. Importantly, explanations for the failure of practicing nurses to use research almost always includes the notion of inadequate mechanisms for the dissemination of research results to clinicians (Funk, Tornquist & Champagne, 1989). Another issue that is critical to the success of dissemination efforts is the way in which individual studies are reported to nurses for use in practice. Funk et al., (1991, pg 93) found that the major "nurse barrier" to using research in practice is dissemination; that is, the nurse is "unaware of the research.

Special Dissemination Projects

Fortunately, over the past 15 years, a number of groundbreaking special projects (i.e. the Regional Programs for Nursing Research Development, the Conduct and Utilization of Research in the Work Setting Project, and the nursing Child Assessment Satellite Training Project) have pioneered the dissemination of research findings in clinical practice. More recently, nurses at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have implemented and evaluated an effective dissemination model emphasizing the research process of all aspects of care, e.g. chronic illness. Mechanisms for accomplishing the dissemination are: (1) topic-focused, practice-oriented research conferences; (2) broadly distributed, and carefully edited monographs based on conference presentations; and (3) an information center to provide ongoing dialogue, support and consultation (Funk et al., 1989, pg. 365). Other important current and upcoming dissemination efforts include the Annual Review of Nursing Research, and Sigma Theta Tau's On-line Journal of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing. We are pleased to announce the planned release date of November, 1993.

A Dissemination Model

As nurse-researchers from Iowa, we point out that nursing research could take a lesson from the farm community in learning how to disseminate the latest research findings. Because extension services are widely available in the state, with offices in each of the 99 counties, even farmers in the most remote regions are able to call and receive the most up-to-date information regarding such things as the application of pesticides, use of certain types of seeds, the best type of crop to plant in certain types of soil, etc. This type of dissemination effort has had a major positive impact on crop production in Iowa and throughout the nation. Similarly, the members of Sigma Theta Tau, as leaders in the profession, can take the dissemination initiative for nursing and, (with apologies to Webster) to continue to expand, disseminate and ensure the seeds of nursing knowledge over a considerable area.

Dissemination Center

To that end, we would like to suggest the idea of a Dissemination Center for nursing, a kind of "extension service" for nursing. The Dissemination Center, with both national and state offices, could provide, for example, a standardized method for doing integrative reviews, and mail the reviews to practicing nurses. It could also provide access to national contacts on given evaluated areas, and offer methodological consultation for researchers. The model could begin in a small way with a planning committee, including experts in the beginning reviews of research to date, so that the science of nursing could progress at a faster pace. Moreover, the researchers who started such an innovative Center for Research would more likely be very competitive for the International Dissemination of Nursing Research Award!

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Sharon Holberg, RN, MSN, PhD Candidate, Epsilon Xi, University of Rochester: "Schizophrenia: Health Perceptions and Cognitive Appraisal" ($18,140). Ms. Holberg is a clinical instructor in psychiatric nursing at the University of Rochester and nurse clinical specialist at St. John's Home (Geriatrics). The purpose of the study is to examine the effect of cognitive deficits in schizophrenic patients on the perception of internal physiological processes. Perception and description of common physical illness symptoms, the practice of self-care behaviors and preventive behaviors will be examined in subjects with schizophrenia and nonpsychiatric comparison subjects. Results of the study will expand understanding of how bodily experiences are interpreted by schizophrenic patients and how these influence self-care practices.

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Joan M. Lappe, RN, Phi, iota Theta, University of Rochester: "Influence of Activity Level on Bone Quality in Children" ($30,000). Dr. Lappe is an associate professor at Creighton University School of Nursing where she teaches in both the graduate and undergraduate programs. She has a joint appointment in the School of Medicine, Center for Hard Tissue Research, where she conducts research on calcium homeostasis of the group of women.

Malgie Schmidt Kaschka, RN, PhD, Beta Beta, Texas Woman's University, 'Norplant, Health and Health Behavior in Young Mothers' ($32,950). Dr. Kaschka is an associate professor at Texas Woman's University College of Nursing. This study aims to (1) investigate the effect of the intrauterine contraceptive Norplant on the health and health behavior of indigent young mothers, age 18-25; and (2) to gather data to design appropriate nursing interventions for these young women.

Dr. Kaschka is a professor at Loma Linda University. This study has three specific aims: (1) to describe patterns of care for elderly parents by Japanese American women, and the resources and strategies they use in providing the care; (2) to describe role identity and role integration in relation to perceived health in Japanese American women caregivers; and (3) to identify predictors of health in this group of women.

Ms. Martinez is an associate professor and a doctoral candidate at The Ohio State University. This study seeks to determine how well hospital readmissions of older adults with cardiovascular disease can be predicted by medication discharge education (MDE) variables and describe MDE for older adults with cardiovascular disease. This study will provide a basis for a program of research for microcirculation education for older adults.

Marianne Melynk, RN, MS, Epsilon Xi, University of Rochester: "Coping With Critically Ill Children" ($32,872). Dr. Melynk is an assistant professor of nursing at the University of Rochester. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effects of a theoretically driven, reproducible intervention program on the psychological and functional coping outcomes of critically ill young children and their mothers both during and following hospitalization.

Barbara A. Norgard, RN, PhD, Eta Eta, University of Rochester: "The Intestinal Microcirculation: Effects of Subambient Temperature" ($29,753). Dr. Merkle is a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Rochester, Department of Physiology, College of Medicine. The purpose of this study is to determine the effects of saline at 25°C (room temperature) and 0°C (iced) on capillary flow, structure and function, and then compare these findings to those when saline is maintained at 37°C (body temperature). The project is designed to determine the effects of saline infused at different temperatures on the intestinal capillaries and to contribute to the understanding of the effects of saline temperatures on the microcirculation, during nasogastric and enteral tube irrigation.

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Cynthia Stuhlman, RN, MS, Alpha Eta, University of California: "The Effects of Disaster Work From Two Natural Disasters" ($18,800). Dr. Stuhlman, while on leave from the University of San Francisco and the Department of Veterans Affairs, is a Fulbright Scholar to the University of Tromso Norway, Department of Nursing Sciences for the 1993-94 academic year. This study examines the cumulative psychological effects of disaster work as experienced by the firefighters who responded to the Cypress street viaduct collapse following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, and the 1991 East Bay fires (Oakland California).

Donna Marie Wing, RN, EdD, Zeta Delta, Beta Delta, University of Tulsa and University of Oklahoma; "Transcultural Nursing Study ofadder Care for Alcoholics" ($1500). Dr. Wing is program coordinator and associate professor at the University of Tulsa School of Nursing. The objectives of this research are: (1) to learn the cultural definitions of drinking and alcohol abuse as ascribed by the Muscogee (Creek) Indians; (2) to assess the sociocultural impact of drinking on the Muscogee (Creek) community; (3) to identify the barriers to seeking and accessing care for alcoholism and alcohol-related problems; (4) to learn the events and influencers that are perceived by the Muscogee (Creek) Indians to contribute to effective health care practices; and (5) to develop culturally sensitive recommendations for nursing care.
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RESEARCH GRANTS

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For further information and to request application form, call or write Programs Department, Sigma Theta Tau International.
Indianapolis, Indiana is the first recipient of Oncology Nursing Service Organization (ONSO) 60,000 grant recently funded by Nurses' Service Organization of Ireland through the AWARES (Awareness and Research) Grant Program. This grant will support her research into the psychological and behavioral responses of preterm infants to sensory stimuli.

Ireland Selected for Sigma Theta Tau International Nurses' Service Organization HIV+ Research Grant

Ms. Ireland is a counselor for a carepartner group at Gay Men's Health Crisis; New York City, a per diem staff nurse at a transitional residence for children who have AIDS, Incarnation Center, Washington Heights, NYC, and a part-time test consultant in pediatrics for the National League for Nursing.

Ms. Ireland's study, entitled Death Anxiety and Self-Extremity: Health vs. AIDS-Diagnosed Children, will examine differences in AIDS-diagnosed children and those who are healthy. A sample of 70 African-American and Latino children, four, five, and six years of age who reside in New York City will be divided into two groups, healthy and AIDS-diagnosed.

NSO has provided insurance services to over one million nurses since 1976, and offers a wide variety of group insurance coverages for nurses such as professional liability, life, health, and most recently an HIV protection plan.

1993 Irene Burnside Gerontological Nursing Research Grant

Judith E. Hertz, RN, PhD, Tina Elia, Assistant Professor, York College of Pennsylvania Department of Nursing, will be awarded the 1993 Irene Burnside Gerontological Nursing Research Grant. She will receive $3,000 for a study entitled Fasting Two Self-Care Measures in Elderly Home Care Clients.

Two new research instruments, the Self-Care Resource Inventory and the Hertz Perceived Enactment of Autonomy Scale, will be tested in the pilot study. Based upon the Modeling and Role-Modeling theories, both instruments will be examined for applicability with an elderly client population at home care agencies.

Yancey Receives Sigma Theta Tau/ Oncology Nursing Foundation Grant

Donna Yancey, RN, MS, Alpha Assistant Scientist at both the Walter Cancer Institute and Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis, Indiana is the first recipient of a new grant funded by the Oncology Nursing Society and Sigma Theta Tau International.

The $10,000 grant will support her research entitled, Hydration and Symptom Distress in Dying Cancer Patients.

Dr. Yancey earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree from the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1965, and both a masters of science in nursing degree and a doctorate in nursing degree from Indiana University School of Nursing in 1976 and 1986, respectively.

In addition to ONS, she is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the Midwest Nursing Research Society, the American Nurses Association Council of Nurse Researchers, the National Hospice Association and the Hospice Nurses Association.

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Understanding the dynamics between our interventions and the quality of the infants' and families' lives has become a critical issue for us to address with our nursing research efforts. Nurses exploring these issues have the potential to significantly improve the outcomes of preterm infants. Early identification and appropriate nursing interventions have been shown to dramatically reduce the incidence of developmental handicaps. Since its inception in 1956, critical research into the etiology and prevention of serious, preventable consequences of infant prematurity has been supported by the Sigma Theta Tau small grant program. Several studies exploring the processes influencing the developmental trajectory of the preterm infant have been funded. The following study summaries provide a selective overview of some of the nursing research into the care of the preterm infant that has been funded by Sigma Theta Tau in recent years.

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Researching the Care of Preterm Infants

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Prematurity is the most common problem of newborn infants. Over 260,000 infants are born prematurely each year in the United States. These infants have a mean birthweight less than 1500 grams and are at risk for mortality during the neonatal period. Recent advances in technology and other forms of aggressive intervention have increased these infants' chances for survival. As survival rates have improved, so have we begun to look at the quality, consequences and sequelae of our heroic interventions. It has become apparent that preterm infant survivors have a greater incidence (40 to 60%) of physical, mental and developmental handicaps. Preterm infants born in recent decades have received high tech care that has not necessarily been developmentally supportive or integrated.

Several researchers have hypothesized that the nursery environment and the methods of delivering these breakthrough technologies may be major contributing factors of the sequelae and developmental delays seen in these infants.

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The purpose of this study was to examine the costs to families of having a VLBW infant. Specifically changes in family economic status (monthly income, employment status, public assistance status), out-of-pocket expenses and family functioning (an indirect cost) were compared in families with varying income levels.

Forty-four mothers of VLBW infants participated in this prospective longitudinal study and were interviewed at 4 data points: infant hospital discharge, 1, 3, and 6 months post discharge. Of the 55% of mothers employed at infant discharge, 15% decreased the number of hours they had previously worked. At 6 months post infant discharge, 30% of mothers were employed and of these women 7% decreased the number of hours worked. Although income remained stable for most families, all families had increased expenses. There were no differences in family functioning over time or between families of varying income levels. Changes in employment status, public assistance, and out-of-pocket costs have direct implications for interventions by health care providers and for public policy.

Sleep-Wake States in Prematures

Diane Holden Davis
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1986

Major developmental trends during the preterm period included a decrease in the amount of active sleep, increase in waking states and quiet sleep, and increase in the organization of sleep states. Respiratory rates and the frequency of apnea decreased. Individual infants, however, exhibited only some of these trends. Caregiver interactions were shown to alter the sleeping and waking of preterms and to affect state development. Other changes in infant behaviors were associated with painful procedures and medical complications.

These findings indicate that infant sleep-wake states and other behaviors can be used for nursing assessments during the preterm period. In addition, major deviations from group means or atypical developmental patterns may indicate infants at risk for later problems. Additional research is needed to identify those behavioral patterns with the greatest predictive validity.

Regional Awards for Utilization of Research in Nursing Practice

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The Utilization of Research in Nursing Practice award is presented at each regional assembly. The award honors an individual or group for the actual systematic implementation of a scientifically sound, research-based innovation in a health care setting with an accompanying process to assess the outcomes of the innovation.

Some candidates for the award may have implemented research findings directly through their own practice, others may have influenced others to use research findings in practice, with documentation of the outcomes of the innovation. This biennium’s (1992-93) regional award winners have demonstrated an exciting degree of increasing sophistication in the development of systematic utilization efforts. The variety of innovations, population groups, age groups and health care settings included in these projects bodes well for future nursing practice based on research findings.

REGION 1
Region 1 Assembly's award was given to a group—the nurses and clients of the Denver Nursing Project in Human Caring. Guided by Watson's theory of human caring, the project, The Testing, Application, and Extension of Caring Theory, was a three year proposal which included submission of proposals for peer review for internal/external funding.

Note: Due to the volume of grant proposals/abstracts submitted, it is necessary for proposals to be completed within a short time frame. Applicants need to consider their 1994-1995 schedules. Reviews usually are required during March, April, and May.

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Collaborative reviewers will be appointed for either 2-year term with potential 1-2 year reappointment by application or a 4-year term with a potential 2-year reappointment by application.

Application Process

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   b. list of areas or research experience in 3 categories: clinical area
   c. methodology
   d. populations/age groups
   e. Curriculum vitae

2. Four letters of reference

The award in Region 2 was Colleen Goode, RN, MSN, CNSA, and PhD candidate, Gamma, who is Associate Director of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, CNAA, and PhD candidate, Gamma Zeta, received the award for two projects. One project was the development of The Nursing Center at the SUNY-Brooklyn College of Nursing, based on a needs survey and feasibility study in a needy, urban area with a heavy concentration of older adults. A second project based on research, Educating Children in the Prevention of Substance Abuse, consists of strategies that focus on prevention/education, treatment, law enforcement/education, and the development of a specialty curriculum for junior high and elementary school children with the goal of empowering them to resist the pressures related to initiating and continuing substance abuse.

REGION 6

The award in Region 6 was presented to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, CNAA, and PhD candidate, Gamma Zeta, received the award for their use of the research literature to undergird a nurse and pharmacy education program and to develop an efficient medication error incident tool that enhanced data collection. This multidisciplinary effort resulted in the improvement of quality of care through a decrease in medication errors.

REGION 7

Malia Selby-Harrington, RN, PhD, Professor and Director of Research at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Sigma Zeta, received Region 7’s Assembly award for the leadership of the Healthy Kids Project, a collaborative effort of 5 universities, 13 service agencies, and the University of North Carolina. The project is designed to find the reasons for the low use or non-use of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program, the preventive health care program for children on Medicaid, and to test interventions that are cost-effective and enhance EPSDT program utilization. The identification and utilization of effectiveness strategies that best start to develop is extremely important for the achievement of the health promotion and disease prevention goals of the underserved EPSDT program.

Congratulations to all the award recipients for their outstanding accomplishments in systematic utilization of nursing research findings in clinical practice. These 1992-93 regional award winning projects are automatically entered into the applicant pool for the 1993 International Utilization of Research in Nursing Practice Award. This award will be presented at the Opening of the Scientific Session at the 1993 International Assembly of Sigma Theta Tau International Convention on Tuesday, November 30th, 1993, at 8:00 a.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana.
The objective of this study was to describe sleep-wake states of preterm infants to provide a basis for using sleep-wake patterns to assess infant's development and to care and identify infants at risk for developmental problems. Twenty-nine preterm infants were observed from 7 to 11 pm at weekly intervals until term age or hospital discharge. Sleep-wake states, infant behaviors, respiratory patterns, and caregiver behaviors were recorded every 10 seconds throughout the observations.

**Invitation for Collaborator Reviewer Applications:** Deadline December 15, 1993

The Research Committee Chair, Joyce Verrus, announces the call for collaborators to the committee in reviewing grant proposals and scientific abstracts. Reviewers will primarily concentrate on Sigma Theta Tau International's research grants program, including the North Carolina at Greensboro, Zeta Zeta, and the joint grants with the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the Oncology Nursing Foundation. Reviewers are also invited to assist in other research related reviews, including convention scientific session abstracts. Collaborator reviews complete critiques of grant applications within their areas of expertise. Applications are invited from investigators with research success in early-doctoral years.

**Eligibility criteria are:**
1. A graduate or honorary member of Sigma Theta Tau
2. An early doctoral candidate
3. Completion of at least one postdoctoral research project
4. Evidence of sustained postdoctoral research activity involving submission of proposals for peer review for internal/external funding

**Note:** Due to the volume of grant proposals/abstracts submitted, it is necessary for reviewers to be committed within a short time frame. Applicants are invited to consider their 1994-1995 schedules. Renewals annually are required during March, April, and May.

**Appointment**
Collaborator reviewers will be appointed for either a 2-year term with potential 3- or 4-year reappointment by application or a 4-year term with a potential 2-year reappointment by application.

**Application Process**
Persons interested in serving as collaborators are invited to forward the following materials to Collaborator Review Program, Sigma Theta Tau International, 510 West North Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202:
1. Cover letter to include the following:
   a. Evidence of qualifications based on criteria
   b. List of areas in which the reviewer's expertise is in the clinical area
2. Curriculum vitae

The award in Region 2 was Colleen Goode, RN, MSN, CNAS, and PhD candidate, Gamma, who is Associate Director of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA.

**Regional Awards for Utilization of Research in Nursing Practice**

**Regional 6**
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Nurses are invited to submit abstracts for this congress in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia July 11-13, 1994.

**ABSTRACT DEADLINE:**

Through the process of interaction and critical appraisal of completed or continuing research and the range of topics including education, nursing practice, nurses who are exploring new approaches to understanding nursing phenomena and how these inform practice, research and education. In this congress the new "world" of emerging paradigms will be aligned with those identified as traditional.

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**ABSTRACTS should contain:**
- title of paper and author(s)
- purpose and objectives
- significance of the research problem
- research methods including design, procedure and data analysis
- summary of results＊ (if not complete, indicate expected date of completion)
- cover sheet (see submission requirements)
- implications for nursing practice/scholarship
- time allowed for concurrent sessions will be 20 minutes per paper

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**SUMMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Abstracts should be in English and typed single space (250 words maximum).
2. Submit six copies of each abstract, three with author’s identification and three without.
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- as for a research paper
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**Report On Collegiate Education In Eastern Europe**

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Nurse educators are continually designing new opportunities for graduate education which is clear from this ever expanding list of Nursing Doctoral Programs. Of particular note is the growing number of post-graduate programs available to colleges in countries other than the United States. Working in countries in Eastern Europe that were part of the former Soviet states, I have been impressed with the growth of nursing programs and the intense interest of educators to design new nursing curricula. An important note is that different countries have established different criteria for educational credentials. Because of this and for clarity of the Reflections list, it may be helpful to review some of these differences.

In the former Soviet States, nursing education begins at the secondary level (high school). These secondary schools provide countries with the majority of nurses for their hospitals. Post-secondary education is also available in specialty areas of study such as Surgical, Pediatric and Psychiatric Nursing. These (usually 2 year) programs are offered by the Post Graduate Institutes for Medical Training. Although there have been no post-basic programs that compare to our Master's degree in Nursing, PhD programs for nurses in the Medical Universities have been available for education nurses to teach in nursing school and to become nursing administrators in hospitals. These programs are heavily focused on pedagogy, philosophy of science. Because change is occurring rapidly, particularly in Eastern Europe, many nurse educators are redefining nursing education in their country based on this former model. For example, basic nursing education in the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic and Hungary (to name only 3) is being developed to admit students after high school to post-secondary nursing schools of 2 to 3 years in length. Furthermore, Baccalaureate Nursing Education programs have been opened in each of the countries mentioned (at least one in each country). As these changes continue, criteria for educational credentials will change also. It is exciting to watch and assist in the changes in nursing education throughout the world and welcome our colleagues to the never ending process of nursing education reforms.
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Completion of degree in International Nursing Education, the Academy's concept of international unity in nursing through diversity to foster leadership in international nursing education, and its staff trains village health workers. Mr. Thibault's wife is also a nurse and is employed by the government health system.

**Other Research Grants**

**Breast Cancer Research**

In 1993 approximately 44,000 women will die of breast cancer, the most common cancer among women. The U.S. Department of Defense has allocated $120 million for a research program to reduce the incidence of breast cancer, increase survival rates and improve the quality of life for women diagnosed with breast cancer.

A committee of the Institute of Medicine (IOM), including Sigma Theta Tau International members Dr. Barbara A. Givens, Epsilon Phi (Michigan State U.), of the Michigan State University College of Nursing for Nursing Research, and Juanita Fleming, Delta Psi (U. of Kentucky), Professor of Nursing at the University of Kentucky-Lexington, prepared a report to guide in the allocation of the funding. The IOM committee recommends that the $210 million be allocated in training and recruitment, infrastructure enhancement and investigator-initiated research.

**International Nursing News**

by Lucie S. Kelly, RN, PhD, FAAN

Sigma Theta Tau International members have a number of opportunities to meet with their colleagues from around the world at international conferences this year. In June, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) convened its Quadrennial Congress in Madrid; the Fourth International Scientific Nursing Congress was held at the University of Alexandria in Egypt; and the International Academy of Nursing hosted its second meeting in Madrid during the ICN conference.

The International Academy of Nursing was established during the first international conference sponsored by the International Society for University Nurses in October 1992. Nurse leaders from Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the United States supported the establishment of the academy.

Sixteen founding charter members pledged their commitment to the Academy's concept of international nursing in studies that foster leadership in international nursing education, practice and research. For more information contact:

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Epsilon Alpha (Georgia State U.), Principal Investigator; and Co-Principal Investigators Alice S. Demi, RN, MSN, FAAN, Epsilon Alpha; Linda L. Moneyham, RN, MSN (Indiana U.); and Leland B. Cohen, RN, PhD, Beta Omicron (Medical College of Georgia). Barbara Fuszard, RN, PhD, FAAN, Beta Omicron, is a Site Director for the study.

The study will follow 200 women with AIDS/HIV infection and their families over an 18 month period. The women reside in urban and rural areas and receive health care at public health clinics and medical centers. The researchers will examine the ways in which families and individuals cope with the stress of the HIV diagnosis, family community reactions, impact of disease progression and the types of services which might improve their ability to cope with the illness. For more information contact: Richard L. Sowell (404) 885-6041.
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Within the profession, there is a general offer sessions for poster presentation. In nursing, this attitude is not as great as in other fields. However, the session offers an opportunity to pursue research. The committee commissioned instructional design experts to develop material on poster presentations. The material follows this introduction.

The third point, regarding audience participation, is a little different in this address. There is almost nothing written on how to view and get the most out of a poster. However, based on many combined years of viewing poster sessions, the committee members offer the following advice to the poster session audience:

- Consider this a form of participative observation. Don't just wander around the session. Talk to the researchers. They will be delighted to meet you, and you may develop a lasting collegial relationship.
- Do some homework and select the posters you really wish to see. Don't try to get them all. Plan to spend at least five minutes at each poster. This is a minimum. It may be longer if you get

You receive a letter stating "I am pleased to inform you that your abstract has been selected for poster presentation at the 1993 Annual Convention Scientific Session No. 30, 1993." Your initial reaction is "Wow, I've been doing this for a while!" A live presentation can be fun and a way to interact with colleagues. The following checklist may help:

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- Does the poster present a clear message?
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References


You may want to collaborate with an instructional developer or educational message designer to conceptualize the information. If you do not have the time to produce the poster yourself, you may want to contact the services of a graphic artist who has access to the computer hardware, software and art supplies needed to produce professional-looking material. You may be able to locate a freelance designer in an educational media or learning resources department on college or university campuses.

Preparing for a poster presentation can be a fun and engaging experience. There are seven starting points:

1. Review the abstract.
2. Summarize the research in the abstract.
3. Preview the poster material.
4. Review the key points.
5. Ask questions.
6. Prepare to answer questions.
7. Practice answering questions.

You have colleagues critique your poster. The following checklist may help:

1. Does the verbal and visual information communicate the major points?
2. Is the information well-organized?
3. Is the information legible from five minutes away?
4. Are charts and graphs labeled?
5. Are all of the source materials included?
6. Is the presentation attractive, cluttered?
RESEARCH

Research Dissemination: Poster Opportunities

BY JOYCE A. VERRAN, RN, PhD, FAAN
Chair, International Research Committee

Most nursing research meetings now offer sessions for poster presentation. Within the profession, there is a general belief that presenting research via the poster is less important than a verbal presentation. However, there are a variety of reasons for this belief, among them:

• the fact that at some universities the poster is not valued for promotion and tenure;
• the difficulty in preparing a concise, clear poster that provides pertinent information without confusion; and
• the need for the audience to actively participate in order to fully appreciate the research that is being described.

Whatever the reasons for these beliefs in nursing, this attitude is not as prevalent as other scientific meetings where posters offer the opportunity to submit research for presentation.

The members of the research committee of Sigma Theta Tau International believe that poster presentations provide opportunities for both researcher and audience. Therefore, the committee has provided the following guidelines. These guidelines are intended to help researchers who are considering poster presentations.

The Scientific "Research" Poster Presentation

by Helen Van Hooser, MA
Instructional designer, The University of Iowa College of Nursing, Office of Instructional Design with assistance from:
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You receive a letter stating "I am pleased to inform you that your abstract has been selected for poster presentation at the 35th annual National Convention Scientific Session No. 30, 1993." Your initial reaction is "Wow, I've been selected!" However, in reality, you don't know the first thing about a poster presentation. Where do I start? How do I make a poster? Start with the basics!

A Live Presentation

A poster presentation is not really a lot different from any other live, verbal presentation. The major exception is that "visuals" are displayed on a "poster" rather than projected as slides or overhead transparencies. Typically, the presenter normally stands next to the poster and explains the topic in depth. Scientific posters are a form of educational material that attracts attention, emphasizes the most important parts, reads easily, stimulates interest and looks pleasing.

How-To

You may want to collaborate with an instructional developer or educational designer to conceptualize the message designer to conceptualize the information. If you do not have the time to produce the poster yourself, you may want to hire the services of a graphic artist who has access to the computer hardware, software and art supplies needed to produce professional posters. You may be able to locate a free lance designer in an educational media or learning resources department on college or university campuses. Preparing for a poster presentation can be as time-consuming as taking a trip. There is a definite starting point (preparation) and a destination (the presentation). When we prepare to take a trip, we think about what we will take along, pack it up and easily package and carry it. We explain to the audience. What do you want them to know about your topic? What is the primary message? Pure the facts to simple phrases or words. It is helpful to print the messages on separate sheets of paper according to major headings, such as problem, purpose, objectives or hypotheses; the sample; the methodology and design; statistical methodologies used; the results; your conclusions; and the major implications of the study.

You may consider a chronological, cause-effect, or problem-solution approach. Use questions to stimulate the viewer and create appropriate mindsets.

Determine the pictorial or graphic illustrations needed to enhance and clarify the message. Line and bar graphs, pie charts and pictographs should be used rather than complex statistical tables whereas data in a table can be presented in a handout.

Communicate: Direct Interaction

Poster sessions are an excellent way to share your research with other people interested in your area of research. It is not the time to schedule a dip in the pool or a round of golf. This is the time for you to interact directly with the viewers of your poster. Consider the poster session an opportunity to engage in a scholarly discussion of research findings. Talk to the researcher, but don't monopolize the person for the entire time of the session. Ask the most critical questions, or offer only the most pertinent points about the research. Make arrangements to meet the person later if you really need more time. Listen to the discussion the researcher has with other members of the audience. This is a good opportunity to network and is not illegal or immoral. It may save you time, and you will get to meet more people interested in your area of research.

Do not try to have a private conversation with the researcher in the middle of the poster session. All of those participants who were just told to listen will be conversing with all around you. Consider the poster session an important part of the scientific meeting. This is not the time to schedule a dip in the pool or a round of golf. This is the time to network with those individuals who want to share their work.

Finally, plan to present a poster at the next meeting. You will probably get to see more posters at this meeting than you did at the last meeting. You may use computer hardware with word processing and graphics software to prepare text and graphic message pieces. Some of the software you may find helpful is CorelDraw, Quark XPress, PageMaker, WordPerfect and Microsoft Word. Most high level graphics software such as CorelDraw, Mirage and PageMaker provide scaling and tilting features. The tilting option causes any portion of the graph which falls outside the normal page boundaries to be printed on additional pages. Images can then be fine tuned, just like a jigsaw puzzle and adhered to a medium weight poster board or heavyweight paper. A scanner is an indispensable tool for incorporating existing pictorial images as poster pieces or as components of poster pieces. A poster display can be printed in full-color on a color printer, as black line on white or colored paper on a laser or other type of printer. Color can also be applied with markers, self-adhesive films or colored-paper cutouts. Use color for a purpose – to highlight, unify, clarify or set a theme – not just as an add-on.

Communicate: Direct Interaction

A poster presentation can be fun because it is an informal way of communicating and sharing information with colleagues and the public. It will enable you to interact directly with the viewers and address questions that are important to them. If you are thoroughly prepared, it is likely you will enjoy your trip.

Testing Your Poster

Have your colleagues critique your poster. The following checklist may help:

1. Does the verbal and visual information communicate the major points?
2. Is the information well-organized?
3. Is the information legible from 6' away?
4. Have all of the elements for the correct number of minutes?
5. Is the information free of typographical errors?
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MEMBER UPDATE
Members On The Move

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Cynthia M. Stuhi­miller, RN, DNSc, Alpha Phi (U. of California, San Francisco) of the San Francisco and Department of Veterans Affairs, Palo Alto, has been selected as a Fulbright Senior Scholar to the University of Tromso, Norway during the 1993-1994 academic year.

Connecticut
Michael J. Dion, RN, MS, MBA, Mu (U. of Connecticut) was appointed Vice-President for Nursing Services at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs.

Mairead Hickey, RN, PhD, Delta Mu (Uly) was named Nurse Researcher and Director of the Nursing Research Program at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Kristina Krull, RN, MPH, Delta Mu (Uly) was named Vice-President for Nursing at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ.

Florida
Marylityn M. Rawlins, RN, DNSc, Theta-At-Large (Bostom U., Curry College and Simmons College) was named Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies and Professor of Nursing at the University of South Florida.

Mississippi
Lola Sasscer, RN, M.S., Theta Beta (University of Mississippi) was appointed to the Maternal-Child Board for certificataion exams and was elected Chair of the Pediatric Nurse Test Development Committee for the American Nurses Association during the 1993­94 term.

Missouri
Margie Wolcott, RN, MS, Sigma Theta Tau International Honorary Member was selected for special tribute by the St. Louis Chapter of the United Nations Association earlier this year.

Indiana
Angela Barron McBride, RN, PhD, FAAN, Alpha (Indiana U.), Distinguished Professor and Dean of the Indiana University School of Nursing, recently received the University Medal from the University of San Francisco, an honorary Doctor of humane Letters from Georgetown University and was selected as Woman of Distinction by Soeptism International of Indianapolis. Dr. McBride is a Past President of Sigma Theta Tau International.

Louisiana
Tonia D. Allen, RN, BSN, Epsilon Nu (Louisiana State U. Medical Center) was elected the 1993 President of the American Association of Nurse Attorneys. She is also President of American Healthcare Education, Inc.

Maryland
Ada Sue Hinshaw, RN, PhD, FAAN, Beta Mu (U. of Arizona) of the National Center for Nursing Research, was named Health Leader of the Year by the Commissioned Officers of the U.S. Public Health Service.

New York
Anie S. Kalayjian, RN, BSN, Alpha Zeta (Columbia U.) has received the 1993 Nursing Scholarship and Research Award from Columbia University, the title of Dutch Diplomat in Logotherapy from the Nederlands Instituut voor Logotherapie en

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Washington
The American Academy of Ambul­cary Care Nursing (AAACN) has announced its officers for the 1993-1994 term. Sigma Theta Tau International members elected to office include: President Cindy Angiulo, RN, MS, Pis-Al­arge (U. of Washington, Seattle Pacific U., Pacific Lutheran U.).

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Doris Troth Lippman, RN, BSN, Delta Mu (Yale U.) was named Woman of the Year for 1992 by the Connecticut Post, the first woman Grand Marshall in the New Haven Memorial Day Parade and the recipient of the American Nurses Association Excellence in Nursing Award for Connecticut.

Gayle Hacker Sullivan, RN, JD, Mu (U. of Connecticut) is President of Quality Assurance Associates, Inc., which develops international programming and private satellite networks for business and health care applications in conjunction with Group 72 International.

Jane Tuttle, RN, MSN, PhD, Delta Mu (Yale U.) has received a doctor of philosophy degree in family studies from the University of Connecticut and will leave the Yale University School of Nursing to join the faculty of the University of Rochester School of Nursing.

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Approximately 550 individuals gathered at a gala honoring Ms. May for her exemplary contributions to humanity and world peace. Ms. May’s ‘patriotic ideals formed as a nurse/officer in World War II’ were cited.

**Nebraska**

Nancy Bergstrom, RN, PhD, FAAN, Gamma Pi (U. of Nebraska Medical Center) was elected president of the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MIBS).

Barbara J. Braden, RN, PhD, Iota Tau (Creighton U.) Professor of Gerontological Nursing at Creighton University received the tenth annual Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of California, San Francisco.

Pamela Triolo, RN, PhD, Gamma U. (Iowa) was named Associate Dean of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer at University Hospital.

**New York**

Ane S. Kalayjian, RN, BSN, Alpha Zeta (Columbia U.) has received the 1993 Nursing Scholarship and Research Award from Columbia University, the title of Dutch Diplomate in Logotherapy from the Netherlands Institute voor Logotherapie en Existentieele Analyse, Leenwarden, the Netherlands and was appointed a representative of the United Nations for the World Federation for Mental Health.

Carol B. Henrietta, RN, MS, Epilson Xi (U. of Rochester) received the 1993 Transcultural Nursing Society Doctoral Support Research Award for her proposal, Advising Emerging Student Populations in Baccalaureate Nursing Programs: Assessment of Nursing Faculty Attitudes, Confidence Levels and Learning Needs.

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**Pennsylvania**

Ellen Raer, RN, PhD, FAAN, Epilson (New York U.) was appointed to the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing’s Killian Term Professorship.

Fances E. Burkholder, RN, MS, CCRN, Pi (U. of Maryland) and Lambda Kappa (Messiah College) Cardiovascular Clinical Specialist at Harrisburg Hospital was selected to serve a four-year term on the Food and Drug Administration’s Circulatory System Devices Panel.

Joyce E. Keenan, RN, MS, Mu Theta (U. of Pennsylvania) was elected president. Graduate Student in the Edinboro University Department of Nursing.

**South Carolina**

Sue F. Helms, RN, MS, CS, Alpha Xi (U. of South Carolina) was recently named Manager of Psychosocial Oncology for Cancer Treatment and Research at Richland Memorial Hospital.

**Washington**

The American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AACAN) has announced its officers for the 1993-1994 term. Sigma Theta Tau International members elected to office include: President Cindy Angiulo, RN, MSN, Pi-Alpha-Large (U. of Washington, Seattle Pacific U., Pacific Lutheran U.).

**Switzerland**

Constance A. Holleran, Kappa (Catholic U. of America) Executive Director of the American Nurses Association has announced its April 1993 officers.

**Virginia**

Virginia Trotter Bevis, RN, MSN, JD, Iota (Vanderbilt U.) President of the American Nurses Association was appointed by President Clinton to serve as a private sector advisor to the U.S. delegation attending the World Health Organization’s 46th World Health Assembly.
In memoriam

Sigma Theta Tau International pays tribute and expresses sorrow over the deaths of its members. Notices were received from their families and friends.

Helen A. Cearlock, RN, MSN, Beta Omega, Northern Illinois University, was an Associate Nursing Professor at Northern Illinois University for 16 years. She retired in 1991.

Diane Hans McCabe, RN, BN, Iota Tau, Creighton University, was a faculty member at Creighton University for 17 years. She had recently been elected chapter secretary.

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REPORT FROM SPAIN AND EGYPT

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Contact: Nel Getchel, RN, BSN, CNRN (412) 781-4616

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Shown from left to right: Lawrence Bruce (UNICEF President, Beth Vaughan-Wrobiet, James Freid and Audrey Hepburn plant a rose bush at the Center, 1992.

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Andrea Hepburn and James Freid of Spring Hill ceremoniously planted the first bush in front of the center in April 1992. The nursery makes a contribution to UNICEF each time an "Audrey Hepburn Rose" bush is purchased.

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Agency for Health Care Policy and Research Releases Request for Applications

Medical Treatment Effectiveness Research — Port I's
Letter of Intent Receipt Date — October 1, 1994
RFA: HS-94-002
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A Day of Celebration
On June 10, President Clinton signed S.B.1 declaring the National Center for Nursing Research the 17th Institute in the National Institutes of Health. This change in status is a reflection of the changing role of nurses and a recognition of their impact on the quality and cost of health care.

We invite you to be in Washington, DC on November 17th for a day of celebration events following the meeting of the National Council of Nurse Researchers and the American Academy of Nursing.

In the Morning: Host Congress
Nurses from around the United States will host an open house on Capitol Hill.

In the Afternoon: In the Promenade of the Mayflower Hotel.
Dr. Michael DeBakey, Senator Daniel K. Inouye, and former Representative Carl Parsell, Dr. Doris Merritt, first director of the NINR, honorary chair. A notable keynote speaker is being scheduled. The elegant Mayflower Hotel is an appropriate setting for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. We will begin with a full reception in the Promenade, followed by a four-course dinner with wine in the Grand Ballroom.

Please join us for what is certain to be a memorable evening. Tickets are $100 per person, or you may sponsor a table of 10 for $1,900. Additional opportunities for corporate sponsors and benefactors are available. Please contact Friends of the NINR for additional information.

REGISTRATION FORM
FOR NOVEMBER 17, 1993 CELEBRATION EVENTS

☐ Yes, I will invite my senators and representatives to attend the Open House and would be available to host this visit. (Please send a copy of any correspondence to Friends of NINR)

☐ Yes, I will attend the new investigators luncheon on Capitol Hill.
Time: 11:30am - 2:00pm
Cost: $25 per person

☐ Yes, I will attend the Nightingala Reception and Dinner at the Mayflower Hotel.
Reception: 6:30pm
Dinner: 7:30pm
Cost: $100 per person

☐ Yes, I will join Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (see membership categories and dues).

NOTE: All memberships received before 9:30 am will be founding friends, and will be listed in the program for Nightingala.

How can I participate in "Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research?"

There are varying levels of membership for both organizations and individuals. Each has an associated annual tax-deductible donation (The Friends is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.)

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A Sigma Theta Tau convention is an extraordinary value and an extraordinary affair!

FIVE DAYS
Each focused on significant areas of nursing and health care:

• Monday — INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(Preconvention Opportunity) Info Expo
The International Information Technology Exposition premieres Monday, November 29. This all day event is focused on nurses as leaders in communication media. This pre-convention program concludes with the First International Multimedia Awards Dinner where 12 Multimedia Imagemaker (MIM) Awards and 10 Cameo Series Awards will be presented.

• Tuesday — NURSING SCIENCE AND RESEARCH
130 Papers, 150 Posters and 18 Symposia. Scientific sessions provide the latest research on such topics as AIDS/HIV, pregnancy and childbirth, rural health, nursing education, international nursing, and the elderly. At this Convention will be the doctoral student research posters from the US, Finland & Brazil are an added new feature at Scientific Sessions.

• Wednesday — NURSING TRENDS & PROGRAMS
Clinicians • Educators • Administrators. Program Sessions focus on innovative practice models, unique applications and creative solutions.

• Thursday — NURSING LEADERSHIP
Leadership Sessions offer nursing leaders unique views on a variety of styles and settings for leadership.

• Friday — THE FUTURE
House of Delegates opens the new biennium.

Convention Program Travel Airfare
Correction to information at the top of page 6 in the enclosed Convention Program:
The Airfare/reduction for unrestricted flights offered by Getz Travel is for a 10% reduction (not 45%).

The Editors