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EuroVision 2020: Collaboration for Transformation of the European Region

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Outline of the session

- The European context: Challenges and opportunities
- Chapter activities and achievements:
  - Sweden
  - Netherlands
  - Portugal
  - England
  - Wales
- The European strategic plan and European Development Fund (EDF)
- Reaching out to nurses in Europe and beyond
- Questions and discussion
This is Europe
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- 53 countries (WHO European region)
- Second smallest continent, third most populated continent (Pop. 830 million)
- EU: 28 member countries
- 23 official (EU) languages: English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Nordic Languages, East European Languages

6.0 million nurses and midwives
Nursing education in Europe

- In most countries, 12 years of general school education is required before admittance into an educational programme in nursing.
- Most nursing education is university based (22 countries)
- Length of programme mainly 3-4 years
STTI members in Europe

- Active members = 429 (not including Armenia)
- 113 members in European countries with no chapter

- Of these countries the following have 8 or more members:
  - Belgium
  - Germany
  - Switzerland
  - Finland
  - Norway
STTI Members in Europe

- There are active members in 21 European countries.
- Many more inactive members. In Sept 2011 there were 951 inactive members in Europe. Latest data is not available but potential for expansion of STTI members in Europe is significant.
Opportunities

- There is widespread interest in STTI across many countries in Europe.
- There is a significant number of inactive members who may be encouraged to become active and assist in the development of Honor Societies and Chapters across Europe.
- Strong existing network of European nursing organisations.
Challenges

- Raising awareness and acceptance of the concept of an Honor society
- Support for the development of Honor Societies and new Chapters
- Support for the Global European Region
- Sustainability – a high income country does not equate with a high income for nurses
- Ensuring equitable access to all STTI resources
Tau Omega Chapter, Sweden
Helena Wigert
Margret Lepp
Board of Tau Omega Chapter
Sweden

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- Harshida Patel  President Elect
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- Bibi Kennergren  Membership Director
Sweden became a member of STTI in 2005. The Chapter is located at the Institute of Health and Care Sciences, Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Number of members: 126

Members outside Sweden are from; Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Jordan, Norway, Palestine/West Bank, Slovenia and USA.
Host for the 2nd STTI European Region Conference in June 2014:

*Leadership, Learning and Research in Nursing and Midwifery*

The conference had 200 attendees who represented 27 countries
Tau Omega Chapter Activities 2014-15

- Seminar: *The future for the specialist nurse*
- Videoconference: *The emotional intelligence of nurses: Research and implications for nursing*
- Induction Ceremony
- Virtual Conference in STTI Region Europe

*Closing the gap between research and practice*
Rho Chi - at - Large Chapter, Netherlands
Marie-Louise Luiking
Rho Chi-at-Large Chapter

Recipient of the Chapter Key Award 2013-2015.

Monday morning 6th June 2016.
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Phi Xi Chapter
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Phi Xi Chapter
Portugal

Portugal became a member of STTI in 2011. The Chapter is located at the Nursing School of Coimbra, Portugal.
Phi Xi Chapter
Portugal

Scientific activities

- III International Congress of wounds (5th-6th Feb, 2015)

Phi Xi Chapter Portugal

Solidarity activities

- Support do Cape Verde
  - exhibition to raise awareness about the volcanic eruption of Fire Island, Cape Verde
  - collection and distribution campaign of items needed for the affected populations
Phi Xi Chapter
Portugal

Diffusion activities
Presentation to new students (17/09/2015)

Awareness raising at conferences
Phi Mu Chapter
England
Elizabeth Rosser and Eileen Richardson
Phi Mu Chapter activities (1)

- Biennial conference in Leeds – 18/19 June 2015 ‘Caring Leadership in a Politicised Arena’
- 3 high profile Keynote speakers
- 3 further scholarly events, together with business meetings at different venues across England
- Development of ‘hubs’ which may become autonomous, with their own scholarly meetings
Chapter Conference at Leeds
Board Meeting at Middlesex University, London
Phi Mu Chapter Activities (2)

- Social media development
- Promotion of involvement of Masters and Doctoral students
- The setting up of a Student Society
- Student Sponsorship sought
- Consideration for development of career mentors
- Development of Membership Ambassador role
Phi Mu Chapter Challenges

- Wide geographical spread of membership – actual and potential
- Maintaining interest across broad spectrum of members providing regular and appropriate Chapter contact
- Encouraging inactive members to become more involved
Upsilon Xi - at - Large Chapter, Wales

Joy Merrell
4th April 2008 became the 468th chapter of STTI and the first in the UK

Chapter members actively involved at regional level and previously at international level

Use technology including video conferencing and Skype to connect with dispersed membership

Hosted several virtual scholarly events and transmitted to other Chapters in Europe and live streamed for enhanced accessibility
Connecting with nurses outside Europe

- Connected with nurses in Rwanda through a scholarly presentation
- Interactive website (www.Upsilon-Xi.net) linked to The Circle
- Organised and hosted a study tour for Professor Yoriko Watanabe and Dr Keiko Takeda from Japan
- Have members in Slovenia, India, Rwanda – need more nurses in Wales to join us!
- Re-establishing a quarterly newsletter
Sharing learning about Dementia care in Wales and Japan.
Collaborating on research with Dr Carlee Lehna from Iota Zeta Chapter
Challenges and Future Plans

- Recruiting more members and especially students in Wales
- Increasing member participation and engagement
- Officer succession
- Improving our methods of communication with members
- Formalising a mentoring programme
Eurovision 2020

The European Strategic Plan

Joy Merrell
European Co-ordinator
STTI Europe

- STTI Europe informally established in November 2007
- Annual European Business Meetings have taken place in: Utrecht (x2), Coimbra, Debrecen, Cardiff, Gothenburg
- Developed a European strategic plan – Eurovision 2020
- Established the role of European co-ordinator before the establishment of the global regions and the role
Regional structure

- Regional Committee: all chapter Presidents and Chairs of taskforces. Meet by Skype quarterly
- Four taskforces
  - i) Communications – Elizabeth Rosser
  - ii) Awards and Recognition – Nico Oud
  - iii) Research – Harshida Patel
  - iv) Membership Involvement – Joy Merrell
European Strategic Plan
Revised
Seven Goals

1. Develop critical mass (members and Chapters) of STTI in Europe
2. Increase European participation in STTI
3. Make STTI more relevant to nurses in Europe
4. Develop nursing research across Europe
5. Improve leadership and scholarship through organised mentorship
6. Develop collaborative working through international linkages
7. Achieve sustainability
Established the European Development Fund

Purpose: to support and expand the development of STTI within Europe:

- a) to support the Regional Committee (RC) in organising conferences within the region;
- b) to support the RC in organising activities focusing on enlarging the capacity of STTI within the region, in line with the Global Task Force of the STTI;
- c) to financially support nurses from European countries to attend conferences organised by the RC.
The *EDF* receives financial income from:

- a) annual donations from chapters:
- b) Biennial Regional Conferences: 40% of any profit from a hosting chapter organising a regional conference
- c) Donations from individuals and organisations:
Reaching out to nurses in Europe and beyond

- Virtual scholarly presentations:
  - Dr Estelle Codier presented on the Emotional Intelligence of Nurses
- Celebrate International nurse’s day
- New initiative for 2015 – European PGR student virtual connect up-to promote future research collaborations and to expand membership of STTI
Support from Omicron Delta Chapter

- Omicron Delta are supporting our 3rd European Regional Conference
- Marilyn Klakovich is a member of the scientific committee
- Silver level sponsor
- Members acting as reviewers of abstracts and attending the conference
Aspirations for STTI Europe

- To develop a European office and act as a pilot site.
- To ensure that the European region, as with other global regions, has representation at STTI Board level.
- To host more STTI Events in Europe, especially where there are existing Honor Societies and Chapters.
- To support STTI to better understand and be responsive to the needs of European nurses and facilitate the achievement of STTI’s globalisation agenda.
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