Influencing through action in the European region and beyond

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Outline of the session

• Strategic Plan – Eurovision 2020
• Make STTI more relevant to European nurses by widening access:
  – European Development Fund (EDF)
  – PhD virtual scholarly events
• Developing nursing research across Europe
• Developing a mentorship programme
• Influencing at regional and international level
European Strategic Plan 2020

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 (EDF)

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

• to support the Regional Committee (RC) in organising conferences within the region;
• to support the RC in organising activities focusing on enlarging the capacity of STTI within the region
• to financially support nurses from low or middle income European countries to attend conferences organised by the RC.
EDF sponsored Chi Delta members at International Research Congress Dublin
Developing nursing research across Europe

- A literature review on migrants’ experiences of health care
- Collaborative group led by Harshida Patel (Chair of research committee and member of Tau Omega Chapter).
Reaching out to nurses in Europe and beyond

- Annual European PhD student virtual connect up-to promote future research collaborations and to expand membership of STTI
GAPFON- European meeting
Amsterdam 2016

- STTI European members represented included:
  - Dr Elizabeth Rosser
  - Dr Thora Hafensteindottir
  - Professor Joy Merrell
  - Marie-Louise Luiking
STTI European Region Mentorship Task Force

- Taskforce: Janet Scammell (Chair), Phi Mu (England), Maria Lomba, Phi Xi (Portugal), Stefan Nilsson, Tau Omega (Sweden) & Marie-Louise Luiking, Rho Chi-at-Large, (Netherlands).

- Instigated by European Regional Coördinator Prof. Joy Merrell. First meeting at 3rd STTIEC2016 Utrecht.
STTI European Region Mentorship Task Force

• Purpose:
  – To explore setting up a mentorship scheme that involved matching mentor-mentee pairs from different European chapters.
  – To evaluate the scheme
"Mentoring is a long term relationship that meets a development need, helps develop full potential, and benefits all partners, mentor, mentee and the organisation". (…) It is a supportive learning relationship between a caring individual who shares knowledge, experience and wisdom with another individual who is ready and willing to benefit from this exchange, to enrich their professional journey". - Suzanne Faure.

"Mentoring involves primarily listening with empathy, sharing experience (usually mutually), professional friendship, developing insight through reflection, being a sounding board, encouraging" – David Clutterbuck
STTI European Region Mentorship Task Force (ERNTF): initial model

• The team developed guidelines: definitions, ‘contract’, action plan and record
• Each Chapter (4) sought volunteers for pilot scheme
• Several self-nominated although imbalance between mentors and mentee numbers
• Proposed pilot schemes with 1 mentor and 1 mentee dyad in each chapter, over 6 months, monthly virtual contact
• Integrated evaluation plan
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STTI Mentorship and coaching scheme

• June ‘17: Skype meeting, Matthew Howard (STTI Career centre) - STTI global mentoring initiative
• For details: Dublin International Nursing Research Conference: STTI mentorship scheme presented (see link to Virginia Henderson repository):
  http://www.nursinglibrary.org/vhl/handle/10755/622002
• Euro Mentorship taskforce decided to collaborate with this initiative.
• Chapter based-schemes will operate in tandem
• Continue ERMTF joint working….
Biennial STTI European Regional Conferences

Cardiff 2012

Gothenburg 2014
Pre-conference Summer buffet for the European Regional planning, scientific committees, STTI President, STTI CEO, Board of RhoChi-at-large, Regional Coordinators for Europe & Oceania, & Keynotes.
STTI 4th European Region Conference: Leading Nursing in Times of Change: Education, Research & Practice

- **Where?**
  Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, England
- **When?**
  4-6th June 2018
- **Call for abstracts?**
  Open NOW; closes 31st October 2017
- **Website?**
STTI 4th European Region Conference: Leading Nursing in Times of Change: Education, Research & Practice

Keynote speakers:
- Baroness Watkins of Tavistock, Upper House of Parliament, UK
- Prof Marit Kirkevold, University of Oslo
- Dr Frances Hughes, CEO International Council of Nurses
- Dr Beth Baldwin-Tigges, President STTI

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Aspirations for STTI Europe

• Development of a European office
• 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.
Thank you and any questions