



European Nursing Student Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING ENSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) – REGISTER NOW!

The European Nursing Student Association invites all its members and nursing students from Europe to this year's Conference and AGM. On the 6th of October from 9am (Dublin Time) to 3pm European nursing students will meet online to discuss nursing politics, the COVID-19 pandemic and vote on a new board for the next year. Nursing students from non-European countries are welcome to attend as observers.

As special guests, the ENSA Board is proud to welcome EFN President Elizabeth Adams, and from the Director of the Commission Public Health directorate in the European Commission John Ryan.

Last year nursing students from 16 different countries and national nursing students associations attended the Conference and AGM. The ENSA board is looking forward to welcoming the old members of ENSA and introduce new faces and people to the ENSA community.

Conference (Dublin time zone)

9.00 – welcome

9.20 – Elizabeth Adams, EFN President

9.30 – John Ryan, Director of Commission Public Health Directorate, European Commission

10.00 – 2 minute 'stretch break'

10.02 – roundtable discussion on survey results

11.15 – break

11.45 – AGM starts for delegates (Dublin time) – agenda available upon request

It is free to attend the conference and we would encourage you and any student nurses you know who may be interested to **register for free** at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3O45BPCiawfNT-bomQaGTRg_QDbIndgUxH_2lxVBFwfS4Tw/viewform. A link to join will then be sent to you.

The AGM is the main decision-making platform for ENSA for the coming year. It is where the Board go through the work they have done over the past year with the delegates present, and where votes are taken on the direction ENSA should take for the coming year. It is also when voting takes place for the incoming Board. **If you are interested in becoming a Board member**, please nominate your interest at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyRlc8mWfEmQaRzCUi3fW2F-KcKLITBslluugMFGzoOgaFTA/viewform> by the 1st of October 2021. Voting is done by delegates (nursing students from national student nursing associations / national nursing associations who also represent students / educational institutes where there is no national association) on behalf of their country, so it is important to have a good attendance so that decisions can be made.

Ahead of the AGM, ENSA Vice-President Edel and Board Member Lukas interviewed Erica Burton from the ICN – clips from the interview are available to watch on our social media.

If you have any questions at all in the meantime, please feel free to email president-ensa@outlook.com.

SURVEY OF NURSING STUDENTS

The ENSA Board would like to thank all 952 nursing students who participated in its survey focusing on European nursing students experiences during COVID-19 and their opinions on vaccinations. Some results of note are that:

- Two-thirds (67.00%) of respondents feel they do not receive enough education on vaccines as part of their course.
- Almost 90% (89.66%) of respondents considered themselves to be in favour of vaccination programmes for public health.
- Almost half (45.01%) of respondents reported being unable to continue to work part-time jobs as normal to support themselves while on clinical placement this year.
- Almost all respondents (97.76%) reported that their academic learning have to move online as opposed to taking place in person due to COVID-19, while over two-thirds (69.08%) of respondents did not feel they receive adequate support from their educational institute.
- When off duty, the majority of respondents reported feeling mentally exhausted (76.26%), finding it difficult to relax (56.88%), and having trouble concentrating (56.60%) since the pandemic began.

To view the full results, please click [here](#).

ICN STUDENT ASSEMBLY

The International Council of Nurses' Student Assembly will take place virtually on the 23rd of October 2021 and will be offered in two time zones. This interactive meeting will bring together students from around the world to: discuss key priorities for nursing students, early career nurses and youth; explore how to support and enhance the student and youth voice and influence and in the development of future leaders in policy and practice; and network and share experiences and information.

The Student Assembly is open to students at all education levels and recent graduates. Register now!

- 10:00 UTC+4: <https://bit.ly/3rGAAKq>

or

- 10:00 UTC-4: <https://bit.ly/377YBjY>

In addition, Student Assembly participants will receive the early bird student fee for ICN Congress!

Please contact Erica Burton (burton@icn.ch) for any questions.

FOLLOW ENSA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

If your student nursing organisation is not yet associated with ENSA, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We would love to hear from you and help you to become involved in representing your country's nursing students at an international level. Don't forget that you can keep up to date with ENSA via our social media channels:



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