President's Message: Going to Seoul?

The International Council of Nurses will hold its International Conference and Meeting in Seoul, Korea, from June 19 to 23, 2015. Academy fellows who attend are invited to a reception sponsored by the Academy in collaboration with CGFNS International and the National Council of State Boards for Nursing, on June 20th, from 4:30 to 6:00 (1640h to 1800h). More details will be forthcoming in the next FAAN Mail but we wanted you to mark your calendars now if you plan to be in Seoul. We are particularly interested in welcoming fellows who live or work outside of the United States and talking with them about how the Academy can better engage them in our ongoing work. If you plan to attend, email me at diana_mason@aannet.org.

Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN
President

Policy Update: Safe, Healthy and Ready to Learn

Safe, Healthy and Ready to Learn: Policy Recommendations to Ensure Children Thrive in Supportive Communities Free From Violence and Trauma

The Academy is pleased to endorse the Futures Without Violence paper that provides a series of policy recommendations designed to promote positive school climates and healthy responsive communities, strengthen supports for families, and dramatically reduce violence and the effects of trauma on youth. The recommendations were developed by a multi-disciplinary working group that includes experts from the health, education, and justice fields.

Fellows to Attend, Provide Comments at IOM Meeting on Future of Nursing

The Academy is identifying fellows to attend and provide testimony on issues IOM should consider in its work at its second committee meeting on May 28 and 29 to evaluate the impact of The Future of Nursing report. A public
workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28 and will focus on data from and evaluation of the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, and perspectives from key stakeholders in the implementation of The Future of Nursing report recommendations. Click here for meeting details and agenda.

Nursing Outlook Policy Pages: LGBT Rights and DNR Policies

The Academy released two statements in support of LGBT rights in the May/June issue of Nursing Outlook, opposing reparative therapy and employment discrimination for LGBT individuals, developed by the LGBTQ expert panel.

- The Academy's statement on reparative therapy opposes and condemns its use for homosexuality, calling the practice ineffective, unethical, abusive and harmful.
- In its statement on employment discrimination, the Academy cited the lack of federal laws barring employment discrimination that include protections for LGBT people.

The Academy notes health care providers' failure to adequately discuss DNR status and determine patient preferences before surgical/procedural intervention, and provides recommendations to improve hospital practices in its policy brief on DNR orders. The policy brief was developed by the Academy's Expert Panel on Acute and Critical Care and was reviewed and endorsed by the Bioethics and the Palliative Care and End of Life Expert Panels.

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In Memoriam:

**Living Legend, Marjory Gordon, Ph.D., RN, FNI, FAAN**

Dr. Marjory Gordon died on April 29, 2015, in Boston, Massachusetts. Gordon earned bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Hunter College, City University of New York and a doctoral degree from Boston College. [Click to read obituary.](#)

**Nancy E. (Cogan) Kline, Ph.D., R.N., CPNP, FAAN**

Dr. Nancy E. Kline of Northport, NY, died on April 20, 2015, at 56 years of age. Nancy was an author, editor and nurse scientist, and tireless advocate for children with life threatening illnesses. [Click to read obituary.](#)

Fellow Achievements:

Two fellows will be awarded with The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses 2015 Visionary Leadership Award (its highest honor), to be presented at the National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition, May 18-21, in San Diego.

**Joanne Disch, RN, PhD, FAAN,** will receive the Marguerite Rodgers Kinney Award for a Distinguished Career. Disch – professor ad honorem at the University of Minnesota (UM) School of Nursing – will be recognized for exceptional contributions throughout her 45-year career that enhanced the care of critically ill patients and their families and furthered AACN’s mission and vision.

**Hilda Alcindor, BSN, RN, FAAN,** Dean at the Haiti School of Nursing– Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de l’Université Episcopale d’Haïti in Léogâne (FSIL), the FIRST BSN program in Haiti, will receive an honorary doctorate May 17th from St. Anselm University in New Hampshire. This honor acknowledges Hilda for her strong leadership as founding Dean of FSIL. Hilda Alcindor was born and educated in Haiti and graduated from the EcoleNationale des Infirmieres (National School of Nursing) in Port-au- Prince, Haiti.

**Ann E. Rogers, RN, PhD, FAAN,** whose work as a professor and nurse researcher continues to have a transformative impact on nursing research and practice, will receive the AACN Pioneering Spirit Award. Rogers is the Edith Honeycutt Chair in Nursing at the University of Minnesota (UM) School of Nursing – will be recognized for exceptional contributions throughout her 45-year career that enhanced the care of critically ill patients and their families and furthered AACN’s mission and vision.

**Jeanette Wrona Klemczak, MSN, RN,** has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for the 2015 Salute to Nurses by the Lansing State Journal. In June, Jeanette Wrona Klemczak will have been a nurse for 50 years. Throughout her time in the
Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University, Atlanta, where she is a professor and director of graduate studies. Her work on nurse fatigue and patient safety has broken new ground in terms of both research and impact on policy.

Have news to share? Let us know

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