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Completed by Karen Nolte

Editorial

It is a pleasure for me to present the fifth edition of the EAHN Bulletin!

Like every year you find news and reports on the nursing history activities in your European neighbour countries.

Thank you for the various contributions!

With best wishes for the Advent season and for Christmas from Würzburg in Germany!

Karen Nolte



Christmas in a Bavarian military hospital in 1916

Denmark – The Danish Society of Nursing History (DSHS)

by Susanne Malchau Dietz



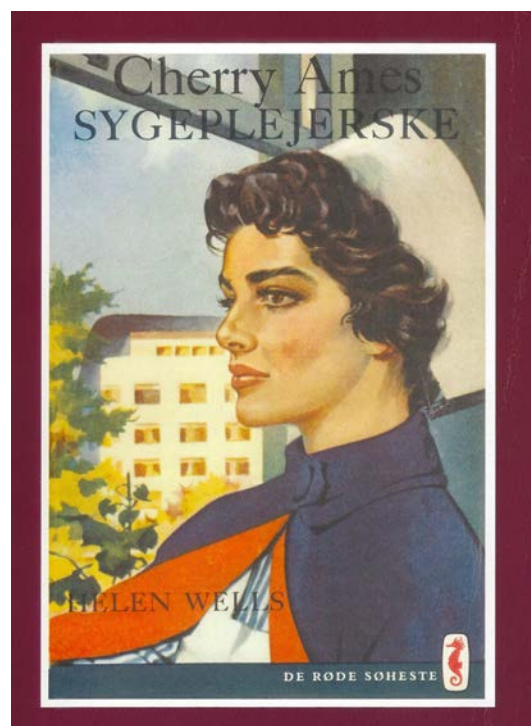
In this annual report from Denmark I will start to inform you that I retired from all professional activities recently due to health problems. This also implies that I have stepped down from my presidency in the EAHN as well as my presidency at the Danish Society of Nursing History (DSHS). I wish to give my sincere thanks and all my gratitude to all my European colleagues and fellow scholars in nursing history for years of fruitful co-operation and strengthening the European international nursing history community. I have enjoyed being part of building up the EAHN to an international and respected association and I give all my best to a prosperous future to the association and to all of you.

At the general assembly meeting October 8 2015 of the Danish Society of Nursing History, it was decided to dissolve the society. The purpose was to strengthen the Danish Museum of Nursing History as the only and most important centre for Danish nursing history. The considerable funds and archives from the society will be passed on to the museum December 1, 2015. The EAHN membership will be transferred to the museum with curator Gunilla Svensmark as the point of contact – e-mail GunillaSvensmark@dsr.dk

The Danish Museum of Nursing History was founded 1999 in the buildings of a former TB sanatorium for children and is a treasured institution among Danish nurses. In addition to the actual exhibition, the museum operates a large archive and a library. Hence, the museum experiences strong support from nursing schools and academic nursing networks.

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Photos: The front cover and back cover of a recent issue of the Danish Society of Nursing History journal published April 2015 and featuring retro nurses in literature and fiction, especially career novels from 1930s to the 1950s as the novels about Sue Barton by Helen Dore Boylston and Cherry Ames by Helen Wells. The last issue of the Danish Nursing History journal was published September 2015.

Germany – German Association for the History of Nursing (GAHN)

Second GAHN-Workshop: “Professionalisation and Deprofessionalisation in the History of Nursing” in Würzburg, October 30th –November 1st 2015

by *Karen Nolte*

This year's meeting of the GAHN took place at the Department of History of Medicine in Würzburg on 30/31 October 2015. It began with an open board meeting to discuss strategies to further embed the history of nursing in nursing departments and in independent nursing training programmes. Since in the next year a new law for nursing professions is supposed to be adopted, it is an important question where the history of nursing should be placed.



On the second day, the workshop of the Association for the History of Nursing took place, which dealt with the controversial and differently conceptualised term of the professionalisation (and de-professionalisation respectively) of nursing.

As way of an introduction, Susanne Kreutzer (School of Health at Fachhochschule Münster) presented the most significant theoretical approaches on professionalisation and discussed their scope and limitations for the history of nursing. There has been little reflection so far that professionalisation is not a “one-way street” but that it can be counteracted by pro-

cesses of de-professionalisation. Karen Nolte (Department of the History of Medicine, University of Würzburg) presented theories on the historiography of nursing for discussion, illustrating the “blind spots” that present themselves when writing a history of professionalisation of nursing from a perspective of progress in the historical analysis of the development of nursing. The discussion revealed that the German history of nursing on professionalisation allows few starting points for a positive identification since the history of nursing becoming a profession was previously usually linked to a negative perspective.

Annett Büttner (Archive of the Fliegener Kulturstiftung in Kaiserswerth/Düsseldorf) used the example of the cholera epidemics in the 19th century to investigate the professionalisation of nursing in Germany. This disease drove the development of nursing organisations, which in turn had made the creation of professional nursing care structurally possible in the first place. As examples she reviewed the time periods when the sister- and brotherhoods implemented the bacteriological insights by Robert Koch into their text books.

Markus Thulin (Post-graduate student at the Department of History, Programme for Iberia and Latin-America, University of Cologne) presented first results of his dissertation research on the “Professionalisierung und Organisation in einer Diktatur. Die chilenische Krankenpflege (1973-1989)” (Professionalisation and Organisation in a Dictatorship. Chilean Nursing Care (1873/1989)). He emphasised that just like Chilean society, nurses were split when dictatorship under Pinochet started. Overall the time of the military dictatorship marked a process of deprofessionalisation because the self-governing bodies and academic training of nurses were questioned.



German Association for the History of Nursing
Fachgesellschaft Pflegegeschichte e.V.

Ireland: Irish Association for the History of Nursing and Midwifery

by Gerard Fealy

The mission of the Irish Association for the History of Nursing and Midwifery History is to promote the development and advancement of nursing and midwifery history through scholarship, dissemination and public engagement and outreach. Nursing and midwifery history scholarship is conducted under the auspices of the Centre for the History of Medicine in Ireland.

AAHN Annual Fall Conference, 2015

In September the UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems hosted the Annual Fall Conference of the American Association for the History of Nursing, 2015. The AAHN conference attracted over 120 delegates from several countries in Europe, Australasia and North America and provided an opportunity for international scholars to share their research findings and to discuss aspects of historical method. Many members and associates of the EAHN were represented in both plenary and concurrent sessions and panel discussions.

Dr. Dorrie Fontaine, Dean of Nursing at the University of Virginia, delivered the Eleanor Krohn Herrmann Keynote Address, entitled: 'Compassionate care through the centuries: Highlights in nursing history'. Professor Christine Hallett (pictured), Professor of Nursing History at the University of Manchester, delivered the Special Plenary Session entitled: 'Neutrality, engagement and humanitarian



response: US nurses and the First World War'. The pre-conference workshop

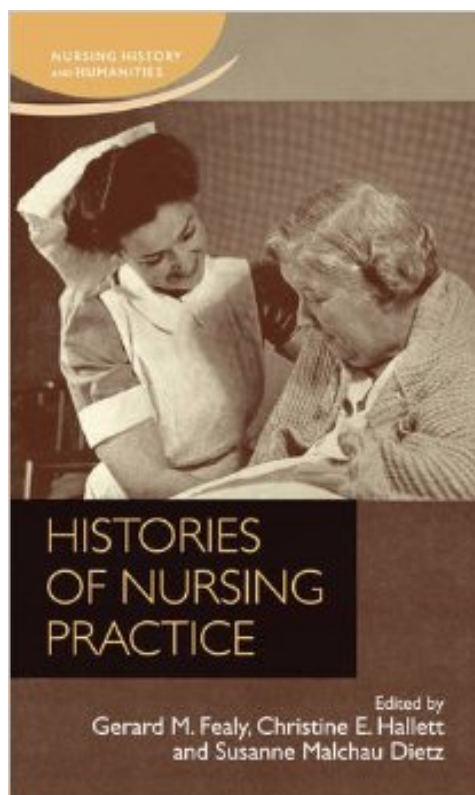
was also very well attended. Based on the theme 'Working with web-based collections and filmic sources', the workshop facilitators were Dr Karen Nolte, University of Wuerzburg, Dr Mark Loughrey, University College Dublin, and Mr Diarmuid Stokes, Librarian, UCD. The strong academic programme was complemented by a varied social programme that included the

legendary AAHN auction.

Book Publication

Fealy GM, Hallett CE, Malchau Dietz S (2015) *Histories of Nursing Practice* Manchester University Press (ISBN: 978-0-7190-9954-0, Hardback, 252 pages)

The edited volume *Histories of Nursing Practice* was published in October. The book abstract reads as follows: How did skilled



nursing practice develop to become an essential part of the modern health system? This book provides some important answers to this question. It traces the history and development of nursing practice in Europe and North America, exploring two broad categories of nursing work: the 'hands-on' clinical work of nurses in

hospitals and the work of nurses in public health, which involved health screening, health education and public health crisis management. The book contains rich case studies of nursing practice across diverse settings in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. As well as examining 'what nurses did', it explores the significance and meaning of nursing work, for nurses themselves, their patients and their communities, and examines developments in practice against a backdrop of social, cultural, political and economic drivers and constraints. This book will be of interest to academics and clinical nurses alike. It is also an ideal textbook for undergraduate nursing programmes, providing students with rich accounts of the history of their own disciplinary practice.

Italy: Italian Nurses' Association with a Nursing History Group, CNAI (Consociazione nazionale delle Associazioni infermiere/i)

by Anna La Torre

The Italian National Association (Consociazione nazionale delle Associazioni infermiere/i, CNAI) affiliated to ICN, with the second term elected National President, Cecilia Sironi, held a successful International Conference on the EXPO theme: *Feeding the Planet: The Nurses' Contribution*.

The Conference intended to highlight the crucial role of nurses in fostering the health and wellbeing of individuals and peoples alike.

The opportunity offered by media interest focusing on EXPO Milano 2015, as well as the EXPO WOMEN GLOBAL FORUM (EWGF) program, which included NURSES FOR EXPO, helped to draw attention to the fundamental contribution of women, nurses, and the service sector to policies favoring a more balanced distribution of resources and a healthier diet. The main Objectives focused on the World Health Organisation (WHO) program for the optimal use of health care workforce in order to improve health and prevent non-transmissible diseases and to reflect on the importance of training a qualified nursing leadership that may affect the health and wellbeing of individuals, communities and nations. Thanks to the participation of international professional experts (Jim Campbell, WHO; Yukiko Kusano and Leslie Bell, ICN; Tiziana Rivera, RNAO) and public personalities such as HE Archbishop of Milan, Angelo Scola, the conference reflected also on the most profound needs of human beings and mankind in order to contribute to a positive legacy for future generations. It helped to create synergies, and network to share knowledge and experiences in favor of people's health and wellbeing. The intensive audience involvement helped all Italian nurses to exchange good clinical practice experiences in the nutrition of people of different ages and in different con-

texts and to learn about RNAO's national and international work in primary prevention and, particularly, the outcomes of adopting the guidelines on childhood obesity.

Inside CNAI, The History of nursing section started a profitable working relationship with the reconstituted Italian Society of Nursing History and with the Nurses Council of Milan, Lodi and MB in a project covered in the official program of the commemorations of the centenary of the First World War by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers-Structure of Mis-



mission for the anniversaries of national interest. On May, The Group organised, at the military hospital of Milan, a Congress on National History - *IL PIAVE MORMORAVA* (The Piave whispered), Italian Nurses in the WWI. A hundred

years later, the events and the testimony of those who witnessed the soldiers at the front are an invaluable source for understanding the Great War and to make it understand the professionals of today. Retracing the historical scenario, the disease and the involvement of volunteer nurses of the Red Cross will include the lives of the period and the evolution of the profession throughout the twentieth century.



Netherlands: The Dutch Centre for Nursing History: the Florence Nightingale Institute (FNI)

by Nanni Wiegman

About us

The Florence Nightingale Institute (FNI) is the most important knowledge centre for the history of nursing and caring, within the broad spectrum of health care. The FNI researches, collects and distributes knowledge of this history. We do so by stimulating (scholarly) research, by offering educational material and by sharing our unique heritage. Our activities are based on the conviction that knowledge of the history of health care will stimulate self-confidence and professional pride in (future) nurses and care givers. For the general public, it is important to learn and experience that the professionals at your bedside are indispensable in Dutch health care. Our motto is: the future of nursing is built on the past. For more: <http://www.fni.nl/i/1362/the-future-of-nursing>

The Dutch Centre online

The website fni.nl is freely accessible to anyone interested in the history of nursing and caring and contains a hoard of information. Dozens of thematic files have been assembled from hundreds of items containing information, visual and audio material, film clips, objects, stories and education. Navigation of the website is possible by swiping and scrolling. All information can be shared with others and visitors can react interactively. The website is completely responsive and can therefore be consulted on all devices. Communication with the target group is conducted through an active social media policy. Within the foreseeable future, the most important files on our website will be available in English. At this moment, a short impression can be found on <http://www.fni.nl/english>

Spearhead Research

Research is a FNI spearhead. In this field, the FNI collaborates closely with the Sister Vernède Foundation in order to digitise hundreds of ego documents by nurses. In 2015, the FNI finished two important projects:

1: A research project into the life and death of nurse Rosa Vecht. As far as we know, she is the only Dutch nurse who was a casualty during World War One. As a private Jewish nurse, she first worked in Antwerp and later on at the hospital in Veurne, also in Belgium. During this bombardment of Veurne on 23 January 1915, she was killed by shrapnel. She was 33 years old. On 23 January 2015, the Florence Nightingale Institute honored this brave nurse by laying 33 red roses under the Menin Gate in Ypres, on the occasion of the Last Post Cere-

mony. The results of the research have been used in the thematic file on Rosa Vecht at <http://fni.nl/moedige-meid-in-oorlogstijd>

2: The second project consisted of research into the 125 year history of the 'Maandblad voor Ziekenverpleging'. This 'Monthly' was founded in 1890 and was one of the first professional periodicals for nurses in the world. In 1890, the journal was conceived by two trend-setting women, who each in her own way played an important role in the professionalisation of nursing. Anna Reynvaan was one of the seven first registered nurses for the "White Cross" nursing association and would go on to establish a trendsetting nursing education in Amsterdam. Born a gentlewoman, Jeltje de Bosch Kemper was not a nurse herself but a feminist and therefore an advocate of paid work for women such as nurses. For a long period, these two ladies were members of the editorial board of the Monthly, which still exists. In this jubilee year, the FNI supplied columns, an interview and a special issue. A thematic file was also made at <http://www.fni.nl/een-eigen-vakblad-tvz>

Spearhead Education

FNI believes that the history of health care (nursing, caring, public health) deserves a proper contemporary treatment in education. Nurses and care givers have played a vital part in social developments, from 1880 on. To prepare students for this role, they can profit from knowledge of the development of their future profession. This is what we contributed in 2015:

1: To start out, we made a survey of requirements among nursing teachers at the level of intermediate and higher vocational education. We have visited 20 institutions and interviewed the teachers according to a fixed format. Questions were posed such as: in what way do you treat history at this moment, do you think this subject is important for students, how would you teach it and what could the FNI contribute in this respect? In the course of these interviews, it became clear that the teachers thought the subject was important but that they did not have modern, online material at their disposal to make it engaging. Another conclusion was that the subject is not obligatory and is therefore not readily selected by students. Teachers also indicated that they wished for the subject matter to be available in easily manageable chunks which they could then interpret themselves. Subsequently, we processed this important information into a work plan which became the basis of fni.nl

2: As a result of these interviews the FNI acquired a subsidy of €225,000 and went to work to develop suitable, modern educational material. After orientation, expertise for the subject matter and the didactical approach was hired. The FNI developed a set of 22 educational assignments, see <http://www.fni.nl/opdrachten-voor-het-onderwijs>. These assignments, unfortunately until now only in Dutch, are suitable for the two levels of education. The assignments can be found online, are freely accessible, and vary in educational goal, in format and in length. The teaching suggestions were developed on the basis of activating didactics and each assignment was supplied with an extensive toolkit with instructions and reading suggestions for teachers. This information is behind a wall and can only be accessed by teachers who have first registered with the FNI. During a national conference for nursing teachers, the educational modules were presented. Teachers could immediately apply for their use.

Spearhead Heritage

The FNI's historical collection consists of objects, photos, certificates, documents, textbooks and unique objects such as an original letter by Florence Nightingale, a number of Florence Nightingale medals and a collection of 1,000 badges, from 1880 on. On closing its physical museum in 2013, the FNI had its collection digitised professionally to be exhibit online. The collection itself was stored in the depot near the FNI office in Culemborg. Ongoing works on the collection consists of:



1: In 2015, we have further categorised our collection to be incorporated in the official registering museum system Adlib. A number of objects, accompanied by relevant information, was processed into theme files at fni.nl. Thus, the FNI website meets the requirements of a museum and was indeed recognised as an official museum by the Dutch Museum Society. We are registered and are thus the first online museum in the Netherlands.

2: Heritage should be shared. Therefore, we developed a mobile exhibition that can be rented by educational institutions and hospitals. We make this pop-up exhibition to size and according to the accents of the institution renting it. In this way, the collection travels through the whole country for the public to enjoy it. This exhibition was already on show at the Prinsengracht Hospital in Amsterdam and will shortly be at a caring organisation that celebrates its 140 year jubilee. Our prime exhibit, the demonstration doll of district nurse Antje Stieltjes from 1898, will then go 'on tour' for the first time.

Communication

Apart from our online strategy, we think it is important to re-



main visible to the public and to our target group. This is how we accomplish it:

1: To stimulate the experience, we organise the already mentioned pop-up exhibitions, historical fashion shows and lectures. On 12 May, International Nursing Day, the FNI opened the Amsterdam Stock Exchange by sounding the gong, together with six American student nurses. Now that the FNI is online, communication with the target group is of the utmost importance. For that reason, we are very active in social media, to establish a community of people interested in the history of nursing and caring. In this respect, we are always looking for connections with international developments. The monthly online newsletter is delivered to 6,000 contacts, we have almost 2,000 Twitter followers and our Facebook page has some 800 likes. We regularly update our blog. All of this needs to grow!

2: We also make ourselves heard through the printed press. For instance, we have a monthly column in *Nursing*, a professional journal with 45,000 subscribers. A glossy, *Zin in Zorg*, was published, for which the FNI supplied the visual material. We made the summer issue of the PGGM, the National Pension Fund for the health care, as well as a contribution to the 150 year jubilee of the Emma Children's Hospital in Amsterdam.

Ambitions 2016

Nurses and care givers play an essential role in social changes. They do so since 1880. To prepare students for this flexible role, they can profit from knowledge of the development of their future profession. See for instance the return of the district nurse and the shift from hospital to home care. Research and education are therefore our spearheads. This is what we want to accomplish:

1: The website should also be made available in English.

2: We wish to develop an English-language course on the European history of nursing. In this regard, we aim for collaboration with existing initiatives.

Brooks, Jane and Hallett, Christine, *One Hundred Years of War-time Nursing Practices* (Manchester, Manchester University Press, 2015): Winner of the Mary M. Roberts Award

Christine Hallett gave the Hannah Lecture at the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing/ Canadian Association for the History of Medicine Conference in June this year; and a Plenary Lecture at the 32nd Annual Conference of the American Association for the History of Nursing.

UKAHN Website

UKAHN welcomes its new Web Manager and Editor, Keiron Spires who has produced an excellent, and very accessible, new website for the Association. Follow this link to view our new website: <http://ukahn.org/web/index.html>

Norway – The Norwegian Nursing History Group

by Åshild Fause

The main purpose of the interim board of The Norwegian Group of the History of Nursing, has since the board was established in 2013, been to found a Norwegian group. The plan was originally to launch the group at a conference in Hammerfest, Norway in 2015, but for various reasons, the launching has been postponed. Meanwhile, some nurse historians, historians, philosophers, social anthropologist etc., have met regular to discuss and publish a joint book in the history of nursing in Norway. In order to gain recognition for the discipline of Nursing History throughout Norway we have sought close relation to the Norwegian Nurse Association during the last year. The work has resulted in some funding in order to organise a conference in Norway in 2016. At the conference we also will launch the book based on contribution from 9 members of the group. An invitation to attend the conference will be sent to all members of EAHN in January 2016.

In January 2015, the Norwegian Group hosted an EAHN meeting in Tromsø, Norway with participants from Germany, Denmark, England, Ireland, Italy and Switzerland. At a seminar in connection to the EAHN meeting, some of the results of the international project “Living the War in the Barents Region” was presented.

Some members of the Norwegian group have also been engaged in producing a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) in European Nursing Tradition and History. The University of Tromsø – The Norwegian Arctic University is hosting the MOOC in cooperation with members of the European Association of the History of Nursing (EAHN). A meeting in order to develop the content will be held at The Danish Nursing History Museum in Kolding,

Denmark in December 2015.



Christmas celebration in a tuberculosis nursing home in Norway. (Private photo ca. 1924)

Spain: Qalat Chábir. Asociación Cultural para el Estudio de las Humanidades

by Antonio Claret García Martínez

Held the 14th National and 9th International Conference on Nursing History. Santander (Spain), 7 to 9 may 2015

A Centenary of the Nurse Official Recognition in Spain “A Century looking after Society”

Under the slogan “A Century Taking Care of Society”, last month of May 2015, it took place in Santander the 14th National and 9th International Conference of the History of Nursing.

On the occasion of the centenary of the “Official Recognition of Nursing in Spain”, the Seminario Permanente para la Investigación de la Historia de la Enfermería (Permanent Seminar for the Research of the History of Nursing), along with the Colegio Oficial de Enfermería de Cantabria (Official Association of Nursing of Cantabria) and the Presidency of María Luz Fernández Fernández (Professor at Universidad de Cantabria – University of Cantabria –) and Rocío Cardeñoso Herrero (President of the Colegio Oficial de Enfermería de Cantabria – Official Association of Nursing of Cantabria –) took this event as a theme for reflection and research, and organises this Conference as an area in which to analyze not only the event as such, but the most relevant milestones of the nursing profession in these last hundred years.



Inaugural Session. Left to right, Antonio Claret García Martínez, Judith Shamian (ICN President), Manuel Jesús García Martínez

This edition deals with one of the most decisive moments in the history of nursing, which was the establishment of the foundations of the current nursing: the official recognition of the qualification of nurse and its interweaving into the rest of the world.

Lectures and Papers

The lectures and papers dealt with varied aspects of the historical development of the profession in the last two centuries of its history, something which will help to learn in depth about this period and its changes.

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The inaugural conference, with the title of the Congress “A Century Taking Care of Society”, was given by Dr. Judith Shamian, President of the International Council of Nurses (Consejo Internacional de Enfermería), a body that oversees the development of the profession internationally. Therefore, she, as a representative and connoisseur of the role that nurses have been developing around the world, focused on what this fact means.

The memory of the gestation of this event (the official recognition of Nursing in Spain), recognised by the Provision of the Royal Order of H. M. King Alfonso XIII, on

May 7th, 1915 (Gaceta de Madrid, May 21st, 2015), at the request of the Congregación de las Siervas de María (Congregation of the Servants of María), highlighted the contribution of the religious orders to the professional recognition of nursing and their vocational dedication to the assistance to and care of the sick in hospitals and other institutions both in Spain and in America. To tackle this last aspect, we had the discourse of Dr. Barbara Mann Wall (now at the University of Virginia), Associate Director of the Barbara Bates Center, considered one of the most important research centres for the study of the history of nursing, located in the University of Pennsylvania (USA).

The closing conference “Keys to Facing the Professional Future” was given by Mrs. Rocío Cardeñoso Herrero, President of the Colegio Oficial de Enfermería de Cantabria (Official Association of Nursing of Cantabria), who has held various positions in the Servicio Cántabro de Salud (Health Service of Cantabria), in Primary Care, and is a good connoisseur of nursing.



Foto: Left to right: Francisca J. Hernandez Martín (President of Permanent Seminar for the research of Nursing History, Universidad Complutense de Madrid), Manuel Jesús García Martínez (University of Seville, Spain), Rocío Cardeñoso Herrero (President of the Professional Nursing College of Cantabria), María Luz Fernández Fernández (President of the International Conference), Barbara Wall Mann (Key note, University of Virginia), Antonio Claret García Martínez (Professor at University of Huelva, Spain)

Also, through several sessions, we will analyse the different ways in which nursing has been developed, its role and contribution to the field of health from the dimension of assistance, teaching and research, and the scientific-technical, human and ethical progress.

On the other hand, other fields of interest of the Conference were the Papers, in which we analyzed specific issues which broadened the scientific content. These contributions, as well as the debates arising from them, brought a wealth of knowledge of our historical legacy. All in all, this will constitute a net which will lead us to enjoy the value of our profession and to highly appreciate the importance of researching its history.

Last June 2015 was published the number 11 *Híades. Revista de Historia de la Enfermería (Híades. Journal of Nursing History)*

In 1994 the number 1 of a monographic publication devoted to the History of Nursing was published in Seville (Spain). Its main objectives were to create a space dedicated to the research of the history of nursing profession in Spain and its international presence, especially America. Its immediate objectives were searching for historical sources that could provide data on the development of nursing and its evolution over the centuries and the publication of monographs to help understand the changes in nursing, especially since the late Middle Ages (XV century) to the present day.

Today, 21 years later, has left its number 11. A print volume of 900 pages collects papers presented at the XI national and VI International Conference of the History of Nursing, held in Barcelona in October 2010. The Conference was organised by the School of Nursing of San Juan de Dios de Barcelona, led by the Hospitaller Order (with the presence of senior officials from the healthcare institution), under the direction of the Permanent Seminar for Research on the History of Nursing, which President, Professor Francisca Martín J. Hernández (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), is one of the main representatives of the investigation of the History of Nursing in Spain.

The volume includes 82 research papers, 77 of which are written in Spanish, Portuguese 5 and 1 in French, including all abstracts in English. It also includes reviews on other activities organised during Conference sessions, as a tribute to the historian of Nursing Roser Tey, exhibitions and book presentations. In total, 176 historians have collaborated, coming from Spain, Brazil, Portugal, UK, France and Mexico.

Under the title “The influence of history in the construction of the nurse thought” the works

addressed a rich and varied historical research space, showing the vast possibilities of studying the History of Nursing in Spain and its projection for the whole world.

The scientific content is organised into four thematic sections, plus the posters and scientific activities around the Conference:

During the Conference sessions it was presented the book with the lectures and papers, too.

In the event participated more than 300 delegates, including historians and interested persons in knowing the History of Nursing, with 150 studies, between lectures, round tables and papers.

Finally, Francisca J. Hernández Martín, President of the Permanent Seminar for Research of the History of Nursing, invite to participate in the next Conference, to be held in Salamanca, Spain, in 2017.

1. Research on History of Nursing and building discipline.
2. Pioneers and leaders in the consolidation of nurses thought.
3. Social throughout history demands as an engine of change in the praxis nurse.
4. The history of nursing education and its contribution to the profession.
5. Posters.
6. Tributes and Exhibitions.

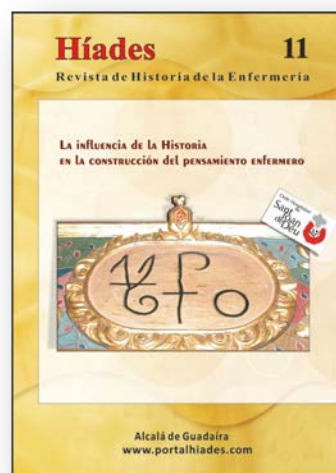
Overall, the research of the History of Nursing in Spain has become one of the most solid pillars of nursing research.

Currently, *Híades. Revista de Historia de la Enfermería* has a web page written in Spanish language, but we hope

that soon also it'll be in English. Similarly, the work of recent issues of the publication are in the repository “Acadmia.edu” and we hope that over 2016 are already uploaded in PDF format remaining numbers.

You can check the Web Research Project on the History of Nursing:

www.portalhiades.com



The full index of all numbers can be seen in: http://www.portalhiades.com/Otros%20enlaces/C_NUME_PUBLI/HIA_PU.htm

We encourage fellow of the *European Association for the History of Nursing* to participate in this research project by sending their works to the publishing address: hiades@arrakis.es to: Manuel Jesús García Martínez and Antonio Claret García Martínez. Directors.

Switzerland: Swiss Society for the History of Health and Nursing

Stand of history in the education of health professions – Summary of a workshop (June 2015, Berne, Switzerland)

by Sabina Roth

At its 3rd workshop, the Swiss Society for the History of Health and Nursing discussed the significance of history in the bachelor-courses of nurses, midwives and physiotherapists. In his address of welcome Hubert Steinke, head the Institute for the History of Medicine at the University of Berne and host of the workshop, underlined that history had lost its self-evident position in medical education and needs good arguments.

Susanne Kreutzer (Fachhochschule Münster, Germany) with the case of nurses, stated four functions of history in the education of health professions. History contributes to the identity of the future professionals, highlights the historic background of present conflicts, imparts general education (Allgemeinbildung) and creates attentiveness to the different generations' cultural imprints. With Nelson/Gordon, Kreutzer criticised the “rhetoric of rupture” impregnating the attitude of nursing towards history. This rupture with older practices of nursing goes along with political fights for professionalisation, for science and research in nursing. But learning about the history of nursing make students capable to recognise not only negative but also positive aspects of the past.

Annie Oulvey-Bachmann (HEdS-La Source et UNIL, Lausanne) demonstrated how, during the many reforms of the bachelor-curriculum history became one of many other contributing sciences („sciences contributives“). She explained it with the change of orientation from subjects to competences in the syllabi.

Véronique Hasler (HESAV et UNIL, Lausanne) observed a marginal position of history in the institutes of physiotherapy in Switzerland. She contrasted it with the obsession for evidence based medicine and the efficiency of treatments.

Christine Menzi-Kuhn (ZHAW, Winterthur) taught history in the non-academic schools of nursing of the past. Then, history strengthened the identification of the students with the spirit of „their school“; now, it can promote the understanding among differently educated personnel in health services. Only

Christine Loytved and Kristin Hammer (ZHAW, Winterthur) could talk about the ongoing significance of history in the study of midwifery in Switzerland and Germany. The students learn to take a critical distance from the present practices and professional identities of midwives.

Jolanda Nydegger (Pädagogische Hochschule Schwyz, Goldau) advocated that teaching history is more than the history of a specific profession or knowledge. In fact, students get in touch with the arts of historical methods and thinking, or, as also Hasler underlined, they learn that history is not only a chronological description but a search for a deep and critical understanding of changes through time. Theresa Scherer, head of the bachelor course (BFH, Bern) gave a brief information about a survey among teachers and professionals in the field of health sciences in order to pinpoint their interest among the different social sciences and humanities. First results show that as in the medical education, the future of the history of health professions might be part of a teaching module in humanities.

Sabina Roth (Zurich), president of the Swiss Society for the History of Health and Nursing, added to the discussions of the workshop that the focus of historians on the question of good care in health practice is desirable. For that purpose, arguing for a better institutionalisation of the subject in historical research as well as in the health sciences is crucial.

Sabina Roth, Zurich.

Programme and reports of the workshop in German and/or French on www.gpg-hss.ch



United Kingdom: The UK Association for the History of Nursing (UKAHN)

by Christine Hallett

The UK Association for the History of Nursing (UKAHN) has had a good year, with a well-attended Colloquium, several new publications and some pleasing recognition for our work.

The UKAHN Colloquium



This year's Colloquium was held on 9 July at the Infirmary Museum, The University of Worcester. There was a wide range of papers. UKAHN committee members, Claire Chatterton and Pauline Brand opened the proceedings with: "Britain's

Fight against the Cruel Sea": disaster nursing and the East Coast Floods of 1953'. There followed a full day of paper-presentations, including contributions from the USA (Mary Ann Thompson and Sara S. Bolton: 'Sisters of Charity: Nurses in Civil War Louisville, Kentucky') and South Africa (Ingrid Ussher: 'A Calling to Emancipation: Race and Gender in the Arena of Public Nursing among Swedish Mission Nurses in South Africa'). The keynote lecture was given by Professor Rima Apple of the University of Madison-Wisconsin, USA, who spoke on: 'Politics and Public Health: A History of Community Nursing'. The Colloquium was very well-attended and a formal evaluation by the Infirmary Museum



revealed a high level of satisfaction with both the academic content and the venue. Next year's Colloquium will be hosted by the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps at the Officers' Mess, Camberley, Surrey, and will have a wartime nursing theme. If you are interested in submitting a paper, please contact, UKAHN committee member, Keiron Spires at: keiron@boerwarnurses.com



The UKAHN Bulletin

The Bulletin (ISSN 2049-9744) our annual electronic journal, under the editorship of Dr. Jane Brooks, is a meeting point for everyone who is interested in any aspect of the history of nursing in all its branches. All contributions are double-blind peer reviewed. We especially welcome contributions from neophyte researchers in the history of nursing for whom the Editorial Board have established a 'buddy' system to support the preparation of their publications. The production of the Bulletin is managed by Carolyn Gibbon. The next issue of the Bulletin will be available from December 2015, and the Editorial Board is seeking contributions for next years' (2016) issue. See the 'Bulletin' page on our website: <http://ukahn.org/web/bulletin.html>

The Nursing History and Humanities Book Series

UKAHN supports the work of the Manchester University Press Nursing History and Humanities Book Series, which publishes monographs and edited works. UKAHN Committee Chair, Christine Hallett is one of the Editors, along with Professor Jane Schultz of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). The Press welcomes scholarly contributions in the two related fields of Nursing History and Nursing Humanities. Follow this link to view the seven existing books in the series: <http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/cgi-bin/indexer?series=107>

Invitations, prizes and awards

Committee members, Tommy Dickinson, Jane Brooks and Christine Hallett were awarded American Association for the History of Nursing prizes for their latest books: Dickinson, Tommy, *Queer Treatments* (Manchester, Manchester University Press, 2015): Winner of the Lavinia Dock Award

The European Association for the History of Nursing (EAHN)

The European Association for the History of Nursing (EAHN) was established 2012 to promote development and advancement of Nursing History through scholarly work and public outreach. The Association brings individuals and associations together in order to provide mutual support and opportunities for collaboration.

The purpose of the Association is to provide a European focus for the development of the discipline of Nursing History. It has three aims:

- To promote scholarly work in the Nursing History, by providing a mutually supportive network of individuals working in the field and by creating opportunities for direct collaboration on significant research projects.
- To promote the public understanding of Nursing History, by supporting initiatives for public engagement.
- To gain recognition for the discipline of Nursing History throughout the European region.

The Association has a federal structure. Constituent member associations are autonomous and self-governing. A constituent association may be administered through an academic centre, a scholarly society or an interest group. Each constituent association will be eligible to send at least one member to a European Coordinating Committee.

The membership comprises individuals who are members of a constituent association. The membership is intended to be inclusive. Members may be nurses or non-nurses, and might or might not hold an appointment in a recognised academic institution. An individual from any part of the world may join any of the constituent associations, and thereby become a member of the EAHN.

EAHN member associations (and contact e-mail addresses)

Austria: *Historical nursing research in Austria* (golla@pflegeprofessionell.at)

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Spain: *Qalat Chábir. Asociación Cultural para el Estudio de las Humanidades* (hiades@arrakis.es)

Sweden: *The Swedish Society of Nursing (Svensk sjuksköterskeförening)* (cattrine.jacobsson@umu.se)

Switzerland: *Swiss Society for the History of Health and Nursing* (gpg@gpg-hss.ch)

EAHN Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee consists of delegates from the member association. The committee meet at least once per year.

EAHN Coordinating Committee elected officers

President Prof Dr Christine Hallett, UK (Christine.Hallett@manchester.ac.uk)

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EAHN Bulletin

The annually EAHN Bulletin is published on the EAHN web page. Editor of the Bulletin is PD Dr Karen Nolte, Germany (karen.nolte@mail.uni-wuerzburg.de)

EAHN webpage

The EAHN webpage www.dsr.dk/dshs/EAHN is managed by web-master Gunilla Svensmark, Denmark (GunillaSvensmark@dsr.dk) (The webpage is hosted by the Danish Nurses' Organisation)

EAHN Twitter account

The EAHN Twitter account [EAHN@HistNursingEU](https://twitter.com/EAHN@HistNursingEU) is edited by Dr Anja Peters, Germany (pflegewirtin@web.de)

Membership

If your association would like to affiliate with the EAHN please contact EAHN president Prof Dr Christine Hallett, UK (Christine.Hallett@manchester.ac.uk). There are no fees for membership.

EAHN meeting 2016

Italian Nurses' Association with a Nursing History Group, CNAI is hosting the EAHN Coordinating Committees annual meeting in Milan, Collegio IPASVI di Milano, Lodi e Monza-Brianza, Italy, 18-19 February 2016.