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## Editorial

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Figure: Christmas at the Children's Hospital, University of Heidelberg in the 1930, © IGEM, University of Heidelberg

Dear Colleagues,

the past year was still very much influenced by the Corona pandemic. Most of us have gone through an infection with Covid-19 ourselves – I hope everyone is doing well!?

I also hope that everyone is doing well despite the crisis caused by the Ukraine war.

I wish all the best for the coming year and hope that more personal meetings will be possible again.

Wonderful, peaceful Christmas days and a good start into the new year 2023 I wish you all,  
your

*Karen Nolte*

## Belgium – The Belgian Association for the History of Nursing

by *Luc De Munck*

### Collaboration with *Network Nursing*

2022 was an important year for the Belgian Association for the History of Nursing. As talks with the *General Union of Belgian Nursing* on support and funding for the association remained unsuccessful, negotiations were started with [Network Nursing](#) (in Dutch: *Netwerk Verpleegkunde*), the largest and most important professional organisation of Flemish nurses. Contacts with the coordinator of this organisation went smoothly and resulted in an agreement with the Belgian association. It was agreed that *Network Nursing* would cover the association's costs (including the costs for the creation and maintenance of the website) and would also provide secretarial support. At the same time, it was stipulated that the Belgian association would keep its full autonomy in organising its activities.

### A new name for the Belgian association

The arrangements with *Network Nursing* were submitted to and approved by the association's enlarged steering committee. It was determined that the association would adopt the name *Network History of Nursing* (in Dutch: *Netwerk Geschiedenis Verpleegkunde*), and that the name *Belgian Association for the History of Nursing* will only be used in international contacts. With the new name, the association wants to illustrate its main objective: building a network with those interested in the history of nursing in Belgium.

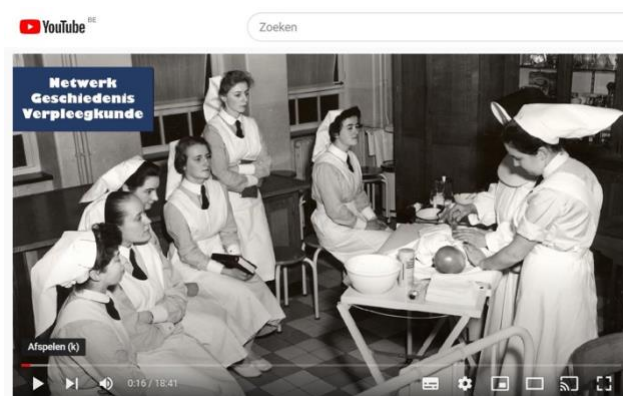


In doing so, the association will focus mainly on contacts in the Dutch-speaking part of the country, as the past few years have shown that it is very difficult to involve the French-speaking part in the work of the association.

### Educational package

A membership meeting was held on 14 February 2022, during which there was a detailed exchange of views on the priorities of the association. A priority focus will be the development of an educational package for nursing schools, because with the recent reforms there is no longer a course on the history of nursing in the curriculum.

This proposal was discussed several times by a working group, which included four lecturers from nursing schools. Historian and nurse Bert Kwaspen, lecturer in the nursing school of Antwerp, elaborated this package, consisting of a 15'' documentary film and an accompanying text. Intended for first-year undergraduate nursing students, the package was offered as a pilot project to a few selected schools just before the start of the academic year. Based on their feedback, we intend to offer this package to all bachelor's nursing courses in Flanders next year.



### Social media

There were 13 posts on the [Facebook page](#) of the association this year. These included five videos on the history of nursing, made by emergency nurse Geert Berden. Three historical texts were shared, written by the association's president: on the 100th anniversary of the *National Federation of Belgian Nurses*, on the 70th anniversary of the *General Union of Belgian Nursing* and on the emergence of 'white rage' in Belgium. There was also a focus on international news, with announcements of two lectures by the Royal College of Nursing and the *European Journal for Nursing History and Ethics*, a report on the annual meeting of

EAHN and on the thesis price of the Dutch Foundation Vernède, won by Flemish historian Tim Debroyer.



Tim Debroyer won the first price of the Dutch Foundation Vernède with his master's thesis on "The end of tuberculosis? Treatments and patient experiences at the Sanatorium Elisabeth in Sijsele (1945-1986)", written at KU Leuven under the supervision of Professor Joris Vandendriessche of the research group Cultural History since 1750.

Tim's research shows how big a part nurses played in the elimination of TB as a disease. It also shows how invisible the work of nurses often is. The thesis focuses on the work, duties and responsibilities of the nurse. In doing so, Tim Debroyer makes use of oral history and links this nicely to the results of the archival research. He approaches the subject from different perspectives: that of the patient, the medical angle, nursing and other disciplines. This approach shows that the history of nursing is not an isolated field.



A sister-nurse preparing antibiotics for the patients of Sijsele's TB sanatorium, ca. 1965  
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An Vandenberghe also hosted the association's [Twitter account](#), focusing on the sharing of interesting calls for papers and vacancies related to the field of the history of nursing, such as below vacancy for a PhD student to delve into the history of 'being tired of life'.



#### Participation at the conference of the Canadian Association

Luc De Munck, president of the Belgian association, participated in the international conference of the *Canadian Association for the History of Nursing/ Association canadienne pour l'histoire du nursing* from 9 to 11 June. The theme of this conference was *In the Shadow of Historiography: Toward Another History of Healthcare/ Dans l'ombre de l'historiographie: Pour une autre histoire des soins de santé*. This conference took place at the University of Ottawa. He gave a bilingual lecture on *the role of sister Jules-Marie Heymans in the establishment of university nursing education in Belgium (1939-1964)/ Sœur Jules-Marie Heymans et la formation universitaire belge en nursing (1939-1964)*. This conference allowed an overview of the current research on the history of nursing in Canada.

#### Publication in the Bulletin of the UK Association

The president of the association also wrote an article on *The British influence on the first university nursing school in Belgium* in the (peer-reviewed) *Bulletin of the UK Association for the History of Nursing*. Based on a comparative study of the programmes of the existing courses in London with the programme of the University School for Nurses-Monitrices in Leuven, founded in 1939, the article concluded that the British influence was clearly present. Nevertheless, the school in Leuven - probably the first university nursing school on the European continent - did also opt for a programme with its own Catholic emphasis, in line with the objectives of the school.

# Croatia – Croatian Nursing History Society (HNS)

by Sanda Franković, Zvonimir Kralj

The 8th Symposium of the Society for the History of Nursing was held in Opatija on June 8-12, 2022 as part of the 11th CNA Congress “Nursing without Borders”.

The Collection on the History of Nursing and the Society for the History of Nursing participated in the celebrations of the centenary of the Čakovec Medical Center.

Available: <https://regionalni.com/zupanijska-bolnica-cakovec-u-svecanom-ozracju-proslavila-veliki-jubilej-100-godina-postojanja>

They also participated in the promotion of Stories from our mill (Priče iz našeg mlina), a book written by Branka Duvnjak and Slavica Galić that was held in Information center of the Republic of North Macedonia. The book was written with regard to the centenary of the Nursing school Mlinarska in Zagreb and their 40<sup>th</sup> graduation anniversary and repeated travel on Ohrid in North Macedonia as a reprise of their graduation trip. This book is about one childhood and youth in seventies of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. (Figure 1.)



Figure 1. Review of Stories from our mill, Večernji list, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

As part of the book night, a contribution entitled “Virtual walk through the nursing journal (Sestrinski vjesnik)” was filmed: articles from the nursing journals of the past century were read out, which are still relevant today.

Available: <https://hums.hr/virtualna-setnja-kroz-sestrinski-vjesnik/>.

During the Remembrance Day for victims of the Homeland War and Remembrance Day for sacrifice of Vukovar and Škabrnja on 18<sup>th</sup> November Dubravka Trgovec prepared a segment during which nurses who participated in Homeland War (1991–1995) read their testimonies about that period.

Available: <https://hums.hr/obilježavanje-dana-sjecanja-na-zrtve-domovinskog-rata/#more-37438>

Both recorded segments are a valuable contribution to the history of Croatian nursing curriculum.

During this year research projects and gathering of historical material were started in three counties: Karlovačak (Snježana Mirilović), Koprivničko – križevačka (Marija Križić) i Primorsko – goranska (Marija Spevan i Marija Bukvić). These activities try to widen the circle of interested nurses in research of nursing in local communities. It became obvious during the publishing of the books that described development of health services on specific parts of Croatia that we encounter very little data about contribution of religious communities and nurses in that development.



Figure 2: The first generation of students at the College of Nursing School of Medicine in Zagreb, 1953/1954, with Professor Andrija Stampar



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

*by Pierre Pfütsch*

In 2022, the work of the German Association for the History of Nursing (GAHN) focused mainly on the development of a new textbook on nursing history. Susanne Kreuzer, Jette Lange, Karen Nolte, Pierre Pfütsch and Sünje Prühlen are the editors. With the participation of further experts as authors, a textbook intended as an introduction is to be created, which is oriented towards the curriculum of nursing training in Germany and thus has relevance for the theoretical training content. 16 different chapters present a comprehensive overview of the history of nursing in Germany. Thematically, the spectrum ranges from classic topics such as “Nursing under National Socialism”; “Nursing and Gender” and “Professionalization” to previously less considered topics such as “Nursing and Migration”, “Nursing in television” or “Relationship of Nurses with other health professions”. Online materials are also intended to facilitate the integration of nursing history into theoretical education for nursing teachers.



Conference for Korean Nurses in Germany 1968  
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A workshop on the contemporary history of nursing is planned for 2023. The aim is to provide an overview of the current state of research on the one hand, and on the other hand to offer the opportunity to discuss work on various topics. In terms of content, for example, the handling of the shortage of nurses in the 1960s, the change in the image of women, the specialization of nursing or the mechanization of nursing tasks could be considered. The academisation of nursing and other health care professions will also be another central aspect for the contemporary history of nursing.



A pediatric nurse  
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## Germany – The Historical Nursing Research Section of the German Society for Nursing Science

By Katharina Genz

The year 2022 has been influenced by the corona pandemic. Two meetings took place via Zoom in February and October. The meeting in October was supposed to take place on site at the Catholic University of Applied Sciences in Cologne, to be followed by a historical city tour by Prof Michael Rosentreter. Unfortunately, the meeting had to be held as a zoom meeting, but the invitation is still valid.

Despite the restrictions and obstacles members have been very active again in 2022. Our spokeswoman Prof Anja Katharina Peters represented the section with a contribution on peat moss as a historical dressing material at the convention of the German Society for Nursing Science on March 4, 2022. Peters also represented the section via Zoom at the EAHN meeting in Leiden (Netherlands) in May 2022.

On March 9, we had the opportunity to join an impressive webinar with Dr Hubert Kolling, who introduced members of the German Society for Nursing Science to historical biographical research. Kolling is the editor of the Encyclopedia on Nursing History. Again, volume 10 presents a range of 60 people from the Middle Ages to the 21st century, who affected nursing through their work. In addition to the focus on biographical-bibliographical portraits from German-speaking countries, there are significant persons in the history of nursing from Europe, Asia as well as Northern and Southern America.

The conference proceedings of the 5th workshop of the Section Historical Nursing Research in Berlin 2019 were published in September. Edited by Katharina Genz, Anja Katharina Peters and Andrea Thiekötter, the book “Pfleger und Politik im Spiegel der Zeit” [Nursing and Politics in the Mirror of Time] contains interesting articles, partially written by members, for example by Prof Anne Kellner about the persistence of the conflict between sisterhoods and trade unions

and Peters together with Robert Parzer about Margarete Lungershausen as a nurse, midwife, National Socialist, functionary and president of the German Nurses Society (see Fig. 1).



Figure 1: Conference Proceedings „Pfleger und Politik im Spiegel der Zeit“ (Nursing and Politics in the Mirror of Time) (Genz et al., 2022)

A further very enriching webinar about “Historical Nursing Research in Memorial Site Education” took place on September 21, also via Zoom. The webinar by Prof Michael Bossle (Technical University of Deggendorf) gave fascinating insights into the memorial work at Hartheim Memorial in Austria. Hartheim Castle became the scene of the killing of the

sick as part of the National Socialist “euthanasia” program. Focus of the current exhibition “Value of Life” are attitudes towards and treatment of people with disabilities. The exhibition gives an important contribution to commemoration as well as to social and political education.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, our member Prof Andrea Thiekötter (Fliedner University of Applied Sciences, Düsseldorf) together with her colleague Dr Norbert Friedrich (Fliedner-Kulturstiftung, Düsseldorf) invited to a conference “Pflege im Nationalsozialismus – Eine Profession unter Druck?” (Nursing during National Socialism – A Profession under Pressure?) in the mother house church in Düsseldorf Kaiserswerth (see Fig. 2). Members presented two papers at this successful event. Professor emerita Eva-Maria Ulmer gave a lecture on “Einführung in die Krankenpflege in der NS-Zeit“ (Introduction to Nursing during the Nazi Era). Katharina Genz presented the results of her master thesis about “Die Rolle der Pflege bei der ‚Kindereuthanasie‘ während der NS-Zeit am Beispiel der Kinderfachabteilungen Lüneburg und Hamburg” (The Role of Nursing in ‘Child Euthanasia’ during the Nazi Era using the Example of the Children’s Wards in Lüneburg and Hamburg). Both members were also present at the concluding panel discussion. The event ended with a guided tour by Dr Annett Büttner around the Nursing Museum by Fliedner Cultural Foundation.

In November, Anja Katharina Peters, together with other nursing professionals, took part in a History Podcast by Mirko Drotschmann for German television station ZDF about “Krankenpflege: Die Geschichte eines Notstandes” (Nursing: The History of a Crisis). In the almost one-hour podcast, an important contribution was made by highlighting the current precarious situation of the nursing profession in Germany visible by historical references and linking it with nursing history. The podcast can be found via <https://terra-x-geschichte.podigee.io/34-krankenpflege-die-geschichte-eines-notstandes> [03.12.2022].

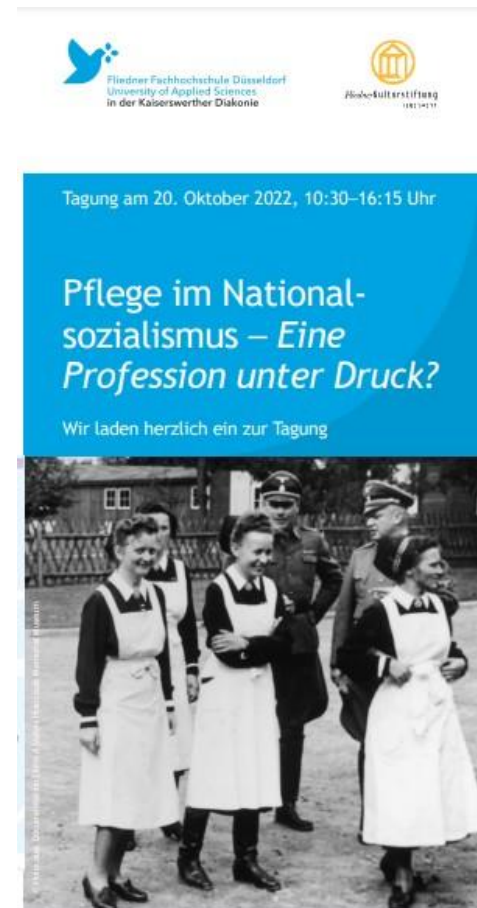


Figure 2: Conference flyer „Pflege im Nationalsozialismus – Eine Profession unter Druck?“ (Nursing under National Socialism - A Profession under Pressure?) (Fliedner University of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, n.d.)

In summary, 2022 was a successful year from the section’s point of view. We look optimistically into 2023.

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## Israel – The Israeli Society for the History of Nursing (ISHN)

by Hava Golander and Nira Bartal

On June 22, 2022, after enduring the COVID-19 pandemic for three years, we were able to hold the ninth conference of the ISHN. As in most of the previous years, the event took place at the Tel Aviv University Department of Nursing. The theme of the conference was “From Narrative to Documentation—People Making History,” and some forty people participated.

The first session dealt with oral documentation and three leading nurses, pillars of nursing in Israel, shared their professional experiences during the 1950s and 1960s and discussed their insights about the past and the present state of nursing.

The second session was devoted to written, photographic, and film documentation. The last session was dedicated to documentation through research, focusing on “The COVID-19 Pandemic from the Perspective of the Scholar of Nursing.”

The ISHN awards certificates of appreciation, akin to induction into a Hall of Fame, to pathbreaking nurse-leaders who laid the foundations of nursing in practice, research, teaching, and policy setting. Twelve such certificates have been awarded thus far. This year 2 certificates were awarded for special documentational initiations: Ms. Yael (Eitan) Gilad - for her contribution to the preservation of nursing legacy by documenting her early nursing experiences as a nurse in helping Jewish immigrants and Arabs in southern Israel. Ms. Ettie Rosenberg - for her initiative in establishing and managing a set of digital forums for information, discourse, and support for the nursing community in Israel, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Professor Hava Golander edited the elaborated digital book of the conference abstracts that included photos.

The class of 1968 of Hadassah school of nursing decided to document and publish collectively their nursing experiences and history.

The ISHN is planning to publish a new book which will present the unique development of nursing in Israel.

Dr Dorit Weiss published her PhD dissertation as a book titled – *A Mission in White: Healthcare Services for Immigrants in the British Detention Camps (1940–1948)* [Hebrew]. The detention camps, located in Cyprus, Mauritius, and Aden, were meant for Jewish refugees whose entry to Israel was thwarted by the British at that time.

Professor Hava Golander, chair of the Society, published in September 2022 in *Ha-Abot be-Yisrael* [The nurse in Israel], the journal of the National Association of Nurses in Israel a short article titled “Calling Card: The Israeli Society for the History of Nursing” [Hebrew].

The paper “Diary of a Jewish Nurse on the American Zionist Medical Mission of Hadassah to the Land of Israel, 1918–1920: A Case Study,” by Professor Zipora Shehory-Rubin, was published in *Massekhet, Women of the Jewish World*, 2022, Vol. 17.

Two members of the ISHN presented studies at the annual conference of the Israel Society for the History of Medicine at Haifa University on November 9, 2022. A discussion titled “Epidemics and the Vaccine Dilemma—We’ve Been There Before: The Polio Epidemic of the 1950s” [Hebrew] was presented by Dr Dorit Weiss along with Professor Eran Dolev. Dr Michal Mann dealt with the topic of “Morbidity and Epidemics in Kibbutzim in 1910–1948, What Did We Learn for Today?” [Hebrew]



Figure: The growing numbers of nursing history books in Israel

Dr Ronen Segev (a lecturer at the Tel Aviv University)



Nursing Department, E-mail: [ronensegev@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:ronensegev@tauex.tau.ac.il)) was a guest speaker on September 9, 2022, at the-Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry, University of Virginia. His paper was titled “Military and Civilian Nursing in Ottoman

Palestine during World War I.”

The ISHN will be marking its tenth anniversary in June 2023, and we are planning to organize a special conference for the occasion.

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

by Cecilia Sironi

*“When one wants to innovate one should not be afraid to disturb”.*

The Italian Nurses’ Association with Nursing History Group, CNAI, would like to share some news about a Nursing History event held in Rome last June. In 2022, we celebrated the centennial of the birth of prof. Italia Riccelli, one of the most influent Italian nurses. The title of the event is in itself very meaningful: “When one wants to innovate one should not be afraid to disturb”.

This nurse has held relevant positions in CNDI (the Italian Women Association affiliated to the International Council of Women), in CNAI (that is still the only Italian Nurses Association affiliated to the International Council of Nurses), and she was among the few visionary nurses who lobbied to start the first post basic course for nurse teacher and manager at University La Sapienza in Rome in 1965.

She was born in 1922 and she was a woman who worked hard all her life for women as well as for nurses. One has to remind that women had no rights in those years: no right to vote, no access to most of the jobs (much less did they have access to management positions), they earned half a man’s salary, and they were mainly seen as “means of social reproduction” (Rosangela Pesenti’s paper). Another influential contribution of Italia Riccelli to promote culture development of Italian nurses and improve the quality of nursing care was through CNAI Journal *Professioni infermieristiche*. She was a member of the Editorial Board since 1973 and she was appointed as Chief-Editor in 1978, position that was held until 1985. Italia had an important role in lobbying both directly and indirectly for improving nurses’ education and status thanks to her friendship with Elena Marinucci. Marinucci was elected as a Senator of the Italian Republic in 1983 and

re-elected in 1987 and 1992 (socialist party). She became very competent in health issues as she was undersecretary for the Ministry of Health for many years and also President of Hygiene and Health Commission (1992-1994).

The event began in memory of Lia Pulimeno, a member of the event’s scientific committee who, unfortunately, passed away during the 2022.

This was followed by greetings from Prof. Emami, Dean of the School for Nursing at the University of Washington (USA), one of the most important American universities, where nursing faculties and advanced skills have been consolidated for decades.

During the morning, some of Riccelli’s former students gave their testimony about lessons learnt from this influential woman. Some key adjectives from these presentations, describing her character are innovative, brave, strong, imaginative, and tenacious. She, in fact, was a woman of vision and a true mentor.

Finally, the most touching testimony, has been from a non-nurse, prof. Mino Vianello. He had been professor of statistics at La Sapienza University and, even if with health problems, he wanted to be present at the commemoration. He reminded Italia Riccelli and her determination in choosing the best University professors to teach to “her nurses as they had to become leaders” in their field.

As recalled through a testimony, Italia Riccelli lived her entire life always with dignity, intelligence and sensitivity for the development of nursing. During her life, she gave a lesson to all the nurses at her times and for the future. She was a serious and truly free person, who lived her Protestant heritage in secular terms and left a

deep mark on the spirit of CNAI and professional associations.

Everything else comes later, and freedom itself does

not develop where life is not approached with the determination to defend that fingernail of dignity we have been given.



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**Italia Riccelli**  
**a cento anni dalla nascita**

**Roma, 24 giugno 2022**  
ore 09.00 – 13.00  
Aula Magna Presidio *George Eastman*  
Policlinico Umberto I  
Sapienza Università di Roma

## The Netherlands – The Historical College FNI (FNI.nl)

by Hugo Schalkwijk

### About us

The Dutch Museum for the History of Nursing FNI ([FNI.nl](http://FNI.nl)) is part of the Dutch Nurse Association ([V&VN](http://V&VN)). A 'historical college' of nurses, historians and heritage professional advice on the museum's strategy. The goal of our museum is to collect, preserve and present the rich heritage of nurses in the Netherlands. Furthermore, as part of the Dutch Nurse Association, we form the centre of a growing network for the history of nursing in the Netherlands.



### New year, new strategy, new people

After two tumultuous COVID-years, 2022 has been a year in which we focused on embedding our museum in the Dutch Nurse Association, and we further developed our strategy for collecting and preserving our heritage. To do so, we hired a young historian to assist us in this process. Alongside this, we hired a senior and a junior researcher who will conduct historical research on the position and leadership of Dutch community nurses. With this, we aim to contribute to contemporary policy making and to further increase attention to the history of nursing in nurses' education.

### International Nurses' Day

On International Nurses' Day we opened our exhibition *On the Frontlines of Society*, an exhibition on the crucial work of nurses during times of crisis. Our curator Hugo Schalkwijk featured in a [video](#) on infection prevention, telling the historical connection between this topic and the work of nurses throughout the past century. Finally, we participated in the festivities, giving lectures on multiple locations in the Netherlands and participating in a national radio broadcast.



Figure 1: *On the Frontlines of Society*: In the middle standing is Dutch nurse Jannie Folmer during her service in the Great War in France, 1916-1919.

### Highlights 2022

In 2022 FNI was involved in numerous projects regarding the history of nursing. First, we co-organized an exhibition on [40 years of AIDS community care in the Netherlands](#). In this exhibition, which was hosted by a number of organizations throughout the city of Amsterdam, we highlighted the major role nurses played in the care for people with HIV/AIDS in the past decades. In the picture you can see Gust de Wit, one of the nurses that we interviewed for this project. During his career, De Wit had actively promoted proper care for iv drug users living with HIV/AIDS.



Figure 2: Nurse Gust de Wit, featured in the exhibition *House of HIV*

Together with nurse scientist Johan Lambregts and with the Foundation for the History of Nursing (*SHVB*), we worked on an exhibition on [the history of](#)

[the image of nursing](#). The exhibition is hosted in the province of Drenthe and was opened in November 2022.

This year we also celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bachelor of Nursing. We did so by making three short films, in which (former-) students and teachers tell their experiences of the Bachelor of Nursing. The films can be viewed in three parts, [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

Finally, we conducted several smaller projects, such as an oral history project in collaboration with history students from the University of Amsterdam on Amsterdam's old inner-city hospital, an online exhibition during the Dutch Museum Week and research on occupational health workers.

### Research and presentations

In 2022 we conducted research on nurse activism in the Netherlands. We gave presentations on different parts of our collection on a number of occasions, such as the [European Nursing Conference](#), the EAHN conference on [Suicide and its Prevention](#) and the workshop of the History Health and Healing network. We have done multiple studies on famous Dutch nurses in our collection, such as Jannie Folmer and Kitty Verbeek. These studies were published in the magazine of the Dutch Nurse Association.

### Plans for 2023

Next year we will focus our efforts on making our largely digitized collection better accessible for a wider audience. We expect to launch multiple (online) exhibitions on Dutch community nurses. Furthermore, we aim to set up a temporary exhibition within the headquarters of the Dutch Nurse Association to increase the visibility of our collection. Finally, we seek to further intensify our collaboration with the Dutch Foundation for Nursing Heritage (*SHVB*).



Figure: Red Cross Pediatric Nurses at the Children's Hospital of the University of Heidelberg around 1900, © IGEM, University of Heidelberg

## The Netherlands – The website: [www.Suicide-and-its-Prevention.eu/](http://www.Suicide-and-its-Prevention.eu/)

By *Cecile aan de Stegge*

From 19-21 May 2022 the Rijksmuseum Boerhaave in Leiden, The Netherlands, was the venue for the annual EAHN conference 2022 under the title “Suicide and its Prevention. Contemporary and Historical Perspectives in Nursing, 1880–2020”. This conference was hosted by the Faculty of Health at the Academy of Applied Sciences in Leiden, with as consequence that it also became part of the EuroScience Open Forum in the ‘2022 European City of Science’ Leiden.

The organizing committee, Prof Dr Manon Parry, University of Amsterdam and Dr Cecile aan de Stegge, Faculty of Health at the Academy of Applied Sciences in Leiden, had invited historians as well as nurses (via EAHN), psychologists, psychiatrists, an artist and a philosopher to express their ideas about ‘suicide and its prevention’, and pay special attention to the role of nurses who had/have to deal with suicidal patients.

Due to (fear of) corona only a few members of EAHN sent in an abstract. For the same reason predominantly core members of the Association (the board: María Eugenia Galiana Sánchez, Anna LaTorre, Gerard Fealy) and Karen Nolte (editor of the European journal for Nursing History and Ethics) visited the conference.



Figure 1: María Eugenia Galiana Sánchez opening the conference

Yet, the audience counted about 40-50 persons a day, including nurse practitioners, historians and (representatives of) patients or their family from six countries, who lively mixed and discussed (see figure 2).



Figure 2: A discussion between members of three countries



Figure 3: The audience at the conference

They were quite content with the great number and variety of themes, such as how many persons actually commit suicide per year (worldwide 700.000; in The Netherlands 1800; in Ireland 500); how many unemployed males in 19<sup>th</sup> century Great Britain committed suicide to prevent the shame of living in a workhouse; the history of the crisis hotline since the fifties; the possible counterproductive or even lethal effect of chronic use of anti-depressants; the fact that instead of being considered a madmans’ act, under certain societal/political conditions suicide can become an acceptable choice (such as for the Jews in 1940 –1945); the high risk for especially women in the caring professions themselves to commit suicide, and, last but not least, the question on the dominant theme of the conference: is the prevention of all suicides worth emulating or would it be wiser to accept its impossibility and start up building a more tolerant and egalitarian climate in the interaction with suicidal persons? What would happen if society would consider these persons to be ‘experts’ in the field instead of the psychologist? Three different (teams of) nurse specialists who presented their effort to create such a climate explained how difficult it is to grant such a climate an enduring character.

The conference ended with a surprise: the Dutch Stichting Zuster Vernède presented Tim Debroyer (KU Leuven) as the first winner of a brandnew Prize for the Best Historic Bachelor or Master Thesis on 'History in Nursing' of the Netherlands and Flanders

2020-2021.

Almost the whole conference can still be watched on YouTube until September 2024 via [www.Suicide-and-its-Prevention.eu/](http://www.Suicide-and-its-Prevention.eu/)

## Poland – Central Historical Commission in Cooperation with The Main Board of Polish Nurses Association

*by Krystyna Wolska-Lipiec and Małgorzata Marcysiak*

The Central Archives of Polish Nursing, and also the Nursing History Museum, which has been operating for four years, are becoming more and more popular, not only among nurses. Increasingly, the museum is also visited by representatives of other medical, social and humanities professions. The activity profile of the archive and the museum is expanding. In addition to providing access to archives, digitizing collections, presenting exhibitions, educational activities are also carried out. In 2022, meetings/lessons on the history of nursing for children and youth were held at the Museum in cooperation with schools. They are aimed at promoting the profession among potential candidates for the nursing profession.

In addition, there are classes for nursing students. Teaching about the history of the profession of future nurses builds professional identity and strengthens the image of the profession.

There is a systematic increase in the number of collections in the archive's resources. This year, they were enriched with the archives of Dr Barbara Dobrowolska (nurse, academic teacher, author of many publications). She undertook activities for nursing on the local, national and international arena. She died on April 11, 2022.

An important achievement was establishing cooperation in 2021 with the Center for Social Archiving at the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. As part of this cooperation, in 2022, actions were taken to make the archival material from the resources of the Central Archives of Polish Nursing widely available. 32 collections of distinguished nurses were selected - collections that are extremely important and valuable for potential scientific research on the history and activities of Polish nurses.

Information about the contents of the collection will

be made widely available by introducing its inventory with indexes and some digital files to the Open Archiving System and making it available on the website: [zbioryspoleczne.pl](http://zbioryspoleczne.pl).

In 2022, the publication "Medalists" was published by President of the Commission of History at the Polish Nurses' Association Main Board – Krystyna Wolska-Lipiec and members of the Commission – Małgorzata Marcysiak and Grażyna Gierczak. The book includes 103 biographies of Polish women – nurses and orderlies, who in the years 1920-2017 were honored with the Florence Nightingale Medal. The International Committee of the Red Cross recognized that they meet all the criteria of the regulations, and their attitudes and actions are an example of merciful, Samaritan service and faithfulness to the idea of humanism. They undertook the most difficult tasks out of their own choice and the need to fight evil. The publication allows you to discover who the heroes of the events of that time were, what environments they came from, what values they represented, how they were prepared to perform their tasks.

On November 8, 2022, a unique event took place. One of the Medalists, Mrs. Wacława Juszkiewicz-Kamińska, celebrated her 100th birth anniversary. The ceremony was of a solemn character. It was attended by state and local authorities, representatives of nursing and veterans' communities as well as friends and family. During the ceremony, the Jubilarian was promoted to the rank of major of the Polish Army. The Main Historical Commission of The Polish Nurses' Association had a special participation in the event.



Figure 1: Krystyna Wolska-Lipiec (President of the Commission)

The culmination of the activities of the Committee members was participation in the organization of the International Conference: Support and development of nursing in Ukraine - a challenge for the nursing community of Europe, which was held in Warsaw on November 17–18, 2022.

On the second day of the conference, nurses from Ukraine visited the Museum of Nursing History. They could get acquainted with the achievements of Polish nursing in the documentation and exhibits collected in the Museum. Krystyna Wolska-Lipiec (President of

the Commission) [figure 1] and Jadwiga Gnich [figure 2], an archivist, took professional care of the guests. The meeting aroused great interest. It was a great opportunity to integrate environments and to announce cooperation in this area.



Figure 2: Jadwiga Gnich

## Slovenia – Working Group for Preserving the History of Nursing and Midwifery of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia

By *Irena Krešič and Darinka Klemenc*

The mission of the Working group for preserving the history of nursing and midwifery (<https://www.zbornica-zveza.si/o-zbornici-zvezi/delovne-skupine/delovne-skupine-za-ohranjanje-zgodovine-zdravstvene-in-babiske-nege/>), a part of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia (<https://www.zbornica-zveza.si/>), is to preserve the history of nursing and midwifery in Slovenia by employing a systematic, chronological, ethical and objective approach in its historical exploration. The Group searches for, collects, archives and retains documentary material, pictures and objects with permanent, special importance for the nursing and midwifery professions.

The vision and goal of the working group is to establish an institute for the history of nursing and midwifery, which is part of the Association of Nurses and Midwives of Slovenia. The history of nursing and midwifery is created by individuals and experts with

different areas of expertise and work, by each and every registered nurse, assistant nurse, healthcare assistant and midwife and their respective personal, social, educational, professional, research, and working environments. Collective work helps strengthen the importance and identity of both professions. In Slovenia, midwifery has been developing since the first school for midwives was founded in 1753. Nursing started to develop much later, with the start of modern-day nursing in Slovenia on February 3rd, 1919, when ‘social care’ nurse Angela Boškin started her work in Jesenice. The development of both professions and the professional organization, founded on November 27th, 1927, is the result of our forerunners’ endeavors. Understanding the past enables us to understand the present and plan the future. Researching our past takes time, but it also requires will and knowledge. The members of the working group and others who are interested in this field have a special affiliation for the past and the present because they

care about the future. The working group would not exist without respect for these values and for the past.

### Initiatives for preserving the historical heritage of nursing and midwifery

The first paper on the history of the professional nursing society in Slovenia was presented by Viktorija Kecelj Pičman at the organization's founding assembly on January 23rd, 1952, after WWII. We could not find the paper in our archives, just as our predecessors could not, so it is probably lost. In 1969, when the 50th anniversary of the nursing profession in Slovenia was celebrated, Anica Toni Gradišek stressed it was still time to draw an important, concise, historical document on the contribution and role of nurses during World War II. The report by the President of the Nurses Association of Slovenia, Marija Miloradović, at the general assembly held on May 11th, 1974, reveals that a Committee for recoding nurses and healthcare assistants during the national liberation movement was founded under the Nurses Association of Slovenia with the aim of collecting data on nurses and healthcare assistants who participated in the war, of helping to create a common register of partisan medical services at the Slovenian Medical Association, and of preparing material on the role of nurses during World War II to be published in the professional journal.

### Establishing the Working Group for Preserving the History of Nursing and Midwifery

The Working group for preserving the history of nursing and midwifery was founded on January 11th, 2011. At the founding meeting, the importance of a systematic, chronological, objective and ethical approach to the historical exploration of the professions was emphasized. Key tasks were identified as searching for, collecting and archiving primary sources of documentary material, pictures and objects, cooperating with healthcare faculties and colleges by offering assistance to candidates writing diploma papers, master's theses, and doctoral theses dealing with the history of nursing and midwifery, reaching an agreement on collecting and archiving material at the premises of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, and including a midwife into the working group to cover the field of midwifery. Finally, tasks were distributed among different members of the working group.

The future vision and goal identified by the working group at the very beginning was and still is the establishment of an Institute for the history of nursing and midwifery under the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia—this goal is yet to be achieved. The current position of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia is that a national institute should be founded as part of the national professional organization which would also deal with historical aspects.

The working group is a permanent working group; some of its members have changed during the ten

years of its existence and some members have remained the same from the beginning.

### Some of the working group activities:

In 2016, the idea of establishing a Nursing and Midwifery Museum of Slovenia was revived, yet no concrete action has yet been taken (the issue is mainly obtaining appropriate premises). One of our endeavors includes standardizing lectures on the history of nursing and midwifery in the curricula of colleges and faculties where students can also select a diploma paper topic or a master's thesis topic from the history of nursing and midwifery. In 2017, Bor Zavrl defended his diploma thesis Partisan health care and nursing in the Kočevski Rog region and in 2021, he defended his master's thesis Slovenian nurses in Central Slovenia from 1919 to 1945.

2017 marked the 90th anniversary of establishing a professional nursing association. On this occasion, an extensive book entitled Preserving our heritage through nine decades—organized work of nurses in Slovenia was published (available at: [https://www.zbornica-zveza.si/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ZZ\\_Devet\\_desetletij\\_spl\\_et\\_2021.pdf](https://www.zbornica-zveza.si/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ZZ_Devet_desetletij_spl_et_2021.pdf)). The book was presented on November 27th, 2017, at the celebratory academy of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia. A special value of the book is the wide array of material it features: founding documents on naming and renaming the professional organization, organizational schemes of operation, different stamps of the organization throughout time, the organization's image, vision, and logo, the image of nursing and midwifery practitioners, a presentation of work clothes of nursing employees and of badges from former Slovenian nursing schools. Special chapters of the book explore membership in the organization and feature the presidents of the professional nursing organization and the presidents (Slovenians) of the Nurses Association of Yugoslavia. In addition, the activities of the 11 professional regional societies and 32 professional sections are presented, the regulatory framework is presented, etc. The publishing activities of the monthly bulletin Utrip are presented chronologically, as are the main educational events, celebrations of the international nurses and midwives' day from 1993 on, awards and recognitions given by the organization, and the use of Angela Boškin's name and its designation. The book served as the basis for the bulletin board overview at the main office of the Nurses and Midwives Association.

The year 2019 marked the centenary of the first 'social care' nurse Angela Boškin taking up her post in Jesenice and thereby setting the foundation for the development of the nursing profession in Slovenia. The working group, especially its President Irena Keršič, actively participated in the planning of the celebratory academy at Brdo pri Kranju (protocol building) on

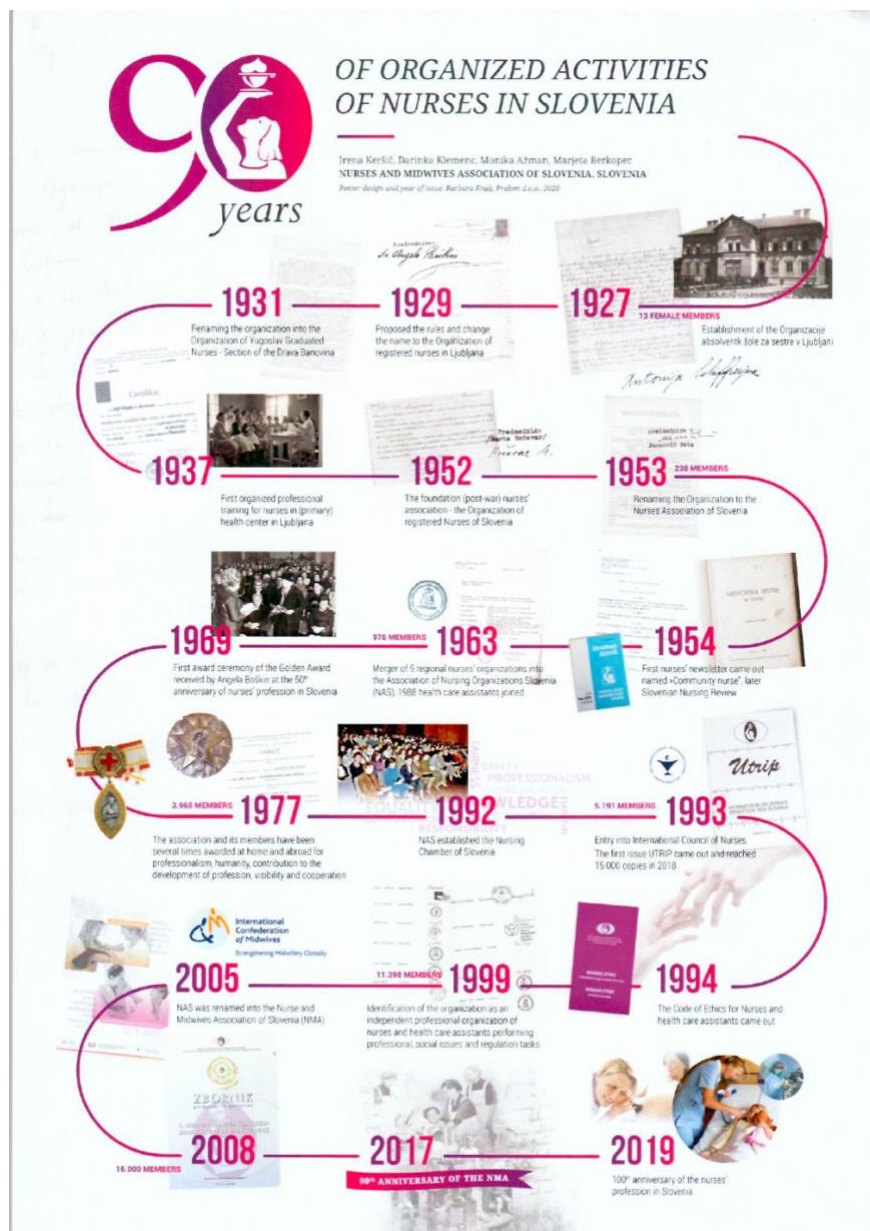


May 10th, 2019. The common thread running through the celebratory academy was the historical overview of the rise and development of the nursing profession through the development of the work clothes/uni-form of nursing employees in Slovenia.

The year 2020 with the onset of the COVID-19 epidemic was when some of our members wrote their impressions and memoirs connected with the epidemic. Three members of the working group were returning home from Florence from the EAHN conference, al-

ready equipped with masks, when COVID-19 broke out. Impressions of this seminal corona time which deeply influenced life in Slovenia and across the world were written by our members in their unique style. Their texts will also be sent to the EAHN.

On February 19, 2021, the Working group became a member of the European Association for the History of Nursing; a fact of which we are very proud. The contact email address can be found on the EAHN website (EAHN: <http://eahn.net/>).



## Spain – Febe Association for the History of Nursing in Catalan Language

by *María Eugenia Galiana-Sánchez and Gloria Gallego*

The Febe Association has developed numerous initiatives throughout the year 2022. The most relevant activity that is giving greater visibility to our association, is a travelling exhibition focused on the history of nursing. Our association, in collaboration with Catalan Nursing Associations and professional associations, has organised the travelling exhibition entitled: Nurses in memory. The invisible strength of a profession. (May 12, 1922, to May 12, 1923). The exhibition has been installed in ten historically significant locations for the history of nurses. The purpose of the exhibition is to understand the activities of nurses in the context of development in which they took place, promote a culture of conservation, recovery and custody of material and immaterial goods, and encourage historical research into the past of nurses. Temporally, the exhibition follows the evolution of Spanish Nursing from the first documented mentions in the Middle Ages, until the incorporation of studies at the university, in 1977, detailing especially what happened in Catalan lands.



Figure 1: Rollup of the exhibition

Continuing with the exhibition projects, mention should also be made of the exhibition that will be inaugurated on 13 December at the University of Alicante. The exhibition is based on the idea that studying the past can help us understand the present and face the challenges of the future. In the case of Spain and Italy, the eradication of infectious diseases associated

with poverty was possible thanks to scientific, political, demographic and social synergies. The exhibition Synergies shows how the historical experience of Mediterranean Europe can help in tackling these diseases today.



Figure 2: Impression of the exhibition

In addition to the exhibitions, Febe has developed other types of projects such as the Preserving the memory project, whose objective is, through the methodology of oral history, to compile audio testimonies about nurses who carried out their professional activity in the past. Up to 2022, 94 interviews have been conducted and 35 have been transcribed.

In line with the new forms of social communication, Febe is collaborating with the communication department of the Barcelona College of Nurses in the creation of podcasts, to bring the history of nursing into the spotlight, based on a biographical approach to the figure of relevant nurses and also with the analysis of historical events of interest. To this date, podcasts have been produced on prehistory, ancient cultures and classical cultures and it is planned to continue with this activity developed by different members of the association. Continuing with the work started with the publication of the book *Anonimat, invisibilitat i reconeixement de les pràctiques cuidadores a Catalunya, les illes Balears i Andorra*, a choral book, written by university professors linked to the *Associació Febe*, during 2022 we have been working on the book *Invisibles II*, which is expected to be published in 2023.

In the spring of 2023, it is planned to hold the 1st Febe Conference, postponed due to the COVID pandemic, and that will focus on teaching the history of nursing.

There are numerous initiatives of interest developed by Febe members in academic settings. For example, at the University of Girona, innovative methodologies have been incorporated for the study of the History of Nursing using the stages described by Colliere, the techniques of cooperative work methodology and the photo-voice technique.

In addition, members of the association have published papers, book chapters and books in journals such as *Dinamys*, *Asclepio*, *Index* and *Temperamentvm*. They have also actively participated in congresses and scientific meetings, such as the 8th International Congress of Anthropology, the 18th Congress of the Catalan Society for the History of Science and Technology, and the 5th International Meeting on Nursing History and Thought. It was precisely at this congress where Febe received the award for its contribution to the development of the nursing profession through the dissemination of nursing work and its history.



Figure 3: Award

## Switzerland – Swiss Society for the History of Health and Nursing

Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Gesundheits- und Pflegegeschichte – Société suisse d'histoire de la santé et des soins infirmiers

GPG  HSS

by *Véronique Hasler*

The activities of the GPG-HSS were few in 2022. The Committee met three times in person and remotely.

In May, our member Sabine Braunschweig represented the GPG-HSS at the EAHN Committee in Leiden. She also moderated one of the panels at the conference which took place at the same time. She also carried out several editorial activities in connection with the *Institut für Geschichte und Ethik der Medizin der Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg*.

Instead of the annual workshop, the Committee decided to organise a city tour on the theme of health and care in October. The idea was to revive the tradi-

tion of combining the General Assembly with a convivial moment. Unfortunately, due to organisational difficulties and the coronavirus, which continues to play tricks on us, the General Assembly is finally being held remotely and in writing. We plan to reschedule our activities in June for the year 2023, hoping to meet our members in person.

The ordinary General Assembly, which has adopted a particular form this year, is still in progress. The results of the votes will be known at the end of December. The current Committee members – Kristin Hammer (treasurer), Sabine Braunschweig (member) and Véronique Hasler (president) – stand for re-election.

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

*by Sue Hawkins*

2022 was a pivotal year for the UK Association for the History of Nursing. On the one hand it celebrated its tenth anniversary, but on the other, faced a somewhat uncertain future with the resignations, in July, of two of its founding members Christine Hallett and Jane Brooks. This left the organising Committee, which had once numbered at least 10 members, reduced to just four. More about that later.

### The Colloquium

The Colloquium was the highlight of the year, and very much welcomed by all attendees. This was the first time we had been able to organise and run a Colloquium since the start of the Covid Pandemic, having for obvious reasons cancelled the planned Colloquium in 2020, and then feeling the ongoing situation was too uncertain to plan a similar event in 2021. However, in late 2021, we decided to bite the bullet and announce our plans for a 2022 Colloquium, to be held at the Portico Library in Manchester. We were not sure how this would be received or whether people would be ready to travel to Manchester for a physical meeting. Our worries were completely unfounded. We were inundated with offers of papers, so many in fact we were able to organise a second event on the afternoon beforehand, where a number of PhD students were offered the chance to present their work a small audience of six or so UKAHN Committee members. At the main event, the following day, we had a stimulating programme of papers on a wide range of themes, all presented within the historical and atmospheric environment of the historical Portico Library. And while the research presented was fascinating, I think everyone would agree that the best thing about the 2022 Colloquium was the opportunity, so lacking during the era of ‘remote’ conferences, to get together with colleagues, to discuss face-to-face what we have been doing for the last two years, to network, make new contacts and just socialise again. (And there was certainly some socialising!) We also took the opportunity of the

gathering to say a very public thank you to Chris Hallett and Jane Brooks who formally resigned from the Committee at the Colloquium, for their unstinting work and steadfast support of UKAHN over its 12 years’ existence, and before that in its predecessor organisation UK Centre for the History of Nursing and Midwifery. Jane Brooks also got a special thanks as it was her hard work and determination as Colloquium organiser, which resulted in such a successful event.

### The Future of UKAHN

The Colloquium also offered a chance to put the first tentative steps in place in deciding the future of UKAHN, in the absence of Chris and Jane, two leaders of UK nursing history. A session was included in the programme for anyone interested in discussing the subject, with the main question being ‘Do we need UKAHN?’ And the answer (to our relief) from a full hall, was a resounding yes. There was unanimous agreement that UKAHN has provided a valuable forum for researchers in nursing history to discuss and receive feedback on their research, to ask for advice on sources and methodologies and generally chew the nursing history cud, and should not allowed to die. The outcome was the commitment of a number of members of the audience to gather later in the year to agree how to make this enthusiasm into a reality, and to decide what UKAHN should be, going forward. These discussions are still underway, but some important decisions have been made.

Firstly, the Colloquium must continue – and this has already been acted on. The 2023 Colloquium has just been announced, with a call for papers going out this week. It will be held at the University of Chichester on 28 June 2023. More details can be found here: <https://ukahn.org/ukahn-colloquium-2023/>

Secondly (and closely linked to the Colloquium), the Bulletin should continue. The 2022 issue of the Bulletin is due to be published in December 2022, its content

closely mirroring the programme of the 2022 Colloquium, with a couple of additional articles submitted independently of the Colloquium.

Thirdly, the website must also be continued (in some form or other, to be decided) as this is the platform for publishing the Bulletin and UKAHN's main communication tool.

Finally, the relationship between UKAHN and EAHN should also be maintained: everyone saw the links with our European counterparts being of great importance.

What format this new iteration of UKAHN will take outside these core activities remains to be fully decided, but it is clear from the strength of feeling at the Colloquium that its continuation has strong support within the UK nursing history community.

### New PhD

And finally, more good news. One of our stalwart committee members, Sarah Rogers, was awarded her PhD this year at a ceremony which took place on 9 November at the University of Huddersfield. Christine Hallett was Sarah's (or Dr Rogers as I shall properly refer to her from now on) primary supervisor. Dr Rogers' thesis is entitled 'A Maker of Matrons'? A study of Eva Lückes's influence on a generation of nurse leaders: 1880–1919'. This meticulously-crafted prosopographic study traces 474 nurses who became matrons having trained or worked under Eva Lückes, and explores their careers and social class. Free from the constraints of a PhD, Dr Rogers now hopes to use this work to construct a full biography of this (sometimes controversial) nurse, whose career spanned a most important period of time in the development of the nursing profession in the UK.

So, UKAHN looks forward with hope to 2023, to a Colloquium in the lovely setting of Chichester, to which all EAHN members are warmly invited, and to a year of change and growth.



Figure: St. Nicholas party at the Children's Hospital of the University of Heidelberg 1964, © IGEM, University of Heidelberg



## 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

(Contact email addresses see: <http://eahn.net/member-organisations/>)

**Austria:** Historical nursing research in Austria

**Croatia:** Croatian Nursing History Society

**Denmark:** The Danish Museum of Nursing

**Finland:** Finnish Association for History of Nursing Science

**Germany:** German Association for the History of Nursing (GAHN)

**Germany:** The Historical Nursing Research Section of the German Society for Nursing Science

**Ireland:** The Irish Association for the History of Nursing and Midwifery

**Israel:** The Israeli Society for the History of Nursing (ISHN)

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

**The Netherlands:** Historical College Florence Nightingale Institute

**The Netherlands:** Stichting Historisch Verpleegkundig Bezit (SHVB)

**Norway:** The Norwegian Association for the History of Nursing

**Poland:** Museum and Archive for Polish Nursing History at the Polish Nurses Association

**Portugal:** Sociedade Portuguesa de História da Enfermagem

**Serbia:** Association of Medical Nurses-Technicians

**Slovenia:** Working Group for Preserving the History of Nursing and Midwifery of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia

**Spain:** Associació Febe d'Historia de la Infermeria de llengua catalana

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

**Sweden:** The Swedish Society of Nursing (Svensk sjuksköterskeförening)

**Switzerland:** Swiss Society for the History of Health and Nursing

**United Kingdom:** The UK Association for the History of Nursing

### EAHN Coordinating Committee

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

### EAHN Coordinating Committee elected officers

President Dr María Eugenia Galiana Sánchez, Spain

Deputy President Secretary Dr Gerard Fealy, Ireland

Communications Officer Anna La Torre, Italy

Treasurer Prof Dr Karen Nolte, Germany

### EAHN Bulletin

The annually EAHN Bulletin is published on the EAHN web page. Editor of the Bulletin is Prof Dr Karen Nolte, Germany (<http://eahn.net/contact/>)

### EAHN webpage

The EAHN webpage <http://www.eahn.net> is managed by web-master Anna LaTorre, Italy (<http://eahn.net/contact/>)

### EAHN Twitter account

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

### Membership

If your association would like to affiliate with the EAHN

please contact EAHN president Anna La Torre, Italy (<http://eahn.net/contact/>). There are no fees for membership.

### EAHN meeting 2023

The next EAHN Coordinating Committee meeting will be held online via ZOOM on February 10, 2023:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6867639426?pwd=Q25ZaGljQmx3R25yQTIIUy9weXFxUT09>

Meeting ID: 686 763 9426

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Figure: Reading nurse of the Ludolf Krehl Clinic of the University of Heidelberg around 1910, © IGEM, University of Heidelberg