

# 7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NEONATAL NURSING

## NURSING EXCELLENCE AWARD

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Neonatal Nurses Association of Southern Africa



# NEONATAL NURSING EXCELLENCE AWARD

## Background

Globally there are 3.8 million newborn deaths each year. Three quarters of these deaths are in South Asia and Sub Saharan Africa. Meeting the global Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 4 for child survival will be increasingly determined by how well countries can reduce newborn deaths as now around 43% of under-five deaths globally are newborn deaths. Despite the fact that nurses provide the majority of care to sick newborns in health facilities, very few nurses and midwives have the opportunity to work with or specialise in newborn care, which makes staffing neonatal units extremely difficult. There is an acute shortage of neonatal nurses internationally but in particular within low-resource countries where there is a desperate need for a national neonatal nursing advanced practice qualification.

The Conference theme “Excellence against all odds – Researching solutions for global challenges” reflects the aim of all neonatal nurses to constantly give of their best in their pursuit of excellence in patient care. The conference will support this aim by offering pre-conference skills workshops and a comprehensive scientific programme of local and international presenters. These workshops will equip delegates with knowledge of the latest research and practice to facilitate the implementation of evidence-based neonatal care. The objective is to encourage innovation, reward excellence, inspire, motivate and promote passion for newborn care.

Too often nurses receive little or no recognition for providing excellent care against all odds. ICNN together with Save the Children, COINN and NNASA would like to recognise and encourage excellence in neonatal nursing by presenting two nursing excellence awards from nurses working in newborn care in a low- or middle-income country where 99% of the world’s newborn deaths occur.

## Nomination and selection process

A nominator must submit the form below along with an accompanying letter justifying the nominee’s demonstrated excellence in nursing by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2010**. The nominations will be reviewed by a panel and winners will be notified by **1<sup>st</sup> June 2010**. The two winners will have their travel and expenses paid to attend the Conference and will be presented with their award at the opening ceremonies. Runners-up will be identified and acknowledged.

# NEWBORN NURSING EXCELLENCE AWARD: Nomination Form

## *Deadline for nominations: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010*

### **Purpose:**

- To recognise and encourage excellence in neonatal nursing in low-resource settings.

### **Selection Criteria:**

A nominee should-

- Provide an example of “excellence against all odds”
- Exhibit superior qualities in a neonatal nursing role
- Be actively working in the public or non-profit health sector, in clinical work, education, research or outreach
- Be a positive role model – dynamic, motivated, passionate, an agent for change
- Demonstrate excellence in clinical practice or in management of clinical practice
- Remain up to date with current neonatal nursing practice
- Promote and participate in building a positive work environment, including staff growth, mentorship, learning and development
- Show compassion and empathy for co-workers, newborns and their families
- Participate in some form of outreach beyond the unit or day-to-day tasks
- Be working in a low- or middle-income country

### **Application instructions:**

- A nominator’s letter of support must accompany this application. The letter should clearly address the selection criteria and provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated excellence in nursing, including examples of nominee’s leadership qualities and impact in the area of newborn care.
- Fill out the form online or submit this application and the accompanying letter to the attention of Nafeesa by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2010**.

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*By fax:* +27 31 303 9529

*By post:* NNASA c/o The Conference Company  
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PO Box 47156 Greyville 4023  
SOUTH AFRICA

### **Nominator Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Nominee Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifications \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

[World Bank country classification](#)

Low-income economies (43)

Afghanistan	Guinea-Bissau	Rwanda
Bangladesh	Haiti	Senegal
Benin	Kenya	Sierra Leone
Burkina Faso	Korea, Dem Rep.	Somalia
Burundi	Kyrgyz Republic	Tajikistan
Cambodia	Lao PDR	Tanzania
Central African Republic	Liberia	Togo
Chad	Madagascar	Uganda
Comoros	Malawi	Uzbekistan
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Mali	Vietnam
Eritrea	Mauritania	Yemen, Rep.
Ethiopia	Mozambique	Zambia
Gambia, The	Myanmar	Zimbabwe
Ghana	Nepal	
Guinea	Niger	

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Lower-middle-income economies (55)

Albania	Honduras	Paraguay
Angola	India	Philippines
Armenia	Indonesia	Samoa
Azerbaijan	Iran, Islamic Rep.	São Tomé and Príncipe
Belize	Iraq	Solomon Islands
Bhutan	Jordan	Sri Lanka
Bolivia	Kiribati	Sudan
Cameroon	Kosovo	Swaziland
Cape Verde	Lesotho	Syrian Arab Republic
China	Maldives	Thailand
Congo, Rep.	Marshall Islands	Timor-Leste
Côte d'Ivoire	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Tonga
Djibouti	Moldova	Tunisia
Ecuador	Mongolia	Turkmenistan
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Morocco	Ukraine
El Salvador	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Georgia	Nigeria	West Bank and Gaza
Guatemala	Pakistan	
Guyana	Papua New Guinea	

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Upper-middle-income economies (46)

Algeria	Grenada	Peru
American Samoa	Jamaica	Poland
Argentina	Kazakhstan	Romania
Belarus	Latvia	Russian Federation
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lebanon	Serbia
Botswana	Libya	Seychelles
Brazil	Lithuania	South Africa
Bulgaria	Macedonia, FYR	St. Kitts and Nevis
Chile	Malaysia	St. Lucia
Colombia	Mauritius	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Costa Rica	Mayotte	Suriname
Cuba	Mexico	Turkey
Dominica	Montenegro	Uruguay
Dominican Republic	Namibia	Venezuela, RB
Fiji	Palau	
Gabon	Panama	