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Welcome to new and old colleagues to the revised version of the WFNN web page. This has been a year of significant change within the WFNN and I would like to share with you some of our accomplishments:

1. Web site: Due to a generous grant from Integra Neurosciences, our web site has undergone several major revisions. Application forms for Educational Grants, nomination forms for Executive Committee positions, and the latest in educational offerings are all available.

Another new feature is the ability to register for automatic updates on WFNN via email when you first log-on. In addition, you can post messages or general questions to the global neuroscience community. I hope all members will take advantage of both options!

2. Grants: Due to a generous grant from Codman, we are able to support neuroscience nurses travel to other countries to expand their knowledge of nursing in a clinical, educational, research, or management arena. For further information, please refer to the Grants section on our web site. Application forms can be obtained from that section. Please note that the deadline for grant applications is October 30, 2006!

3. 10th WFNN Congress: Toronto, Canada has been chosen as the host city for the 10th WFNN Congress to be held 23-27 May, 2009. Due to the diligence of Wilma Koopman, Diane Duff, and Patsy Gallagher, the CANN will host the congress. The venue will be York University with substantial discounts to registrants for rooms, free meeting space, and free access to a computer lab with > 60 computers to allow registrants to check emails etc. More details will soon be found on the web. The first announcement and additional information will be available on our web site after the first of the year and at the EANN meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland.

4. Elections: During the next full board meeting in 2007, there will be elections for the following offices:
President 2007-2011
Secretary 2007-2011
Treasurer 2007-2009

Please refer to the nomination form (see Leadership page) for full

information on the position, requirements, and necessary forms to be completed. Ballots will be ready in February of 2007 for full vote of the WFNN board in the spring of 2007.

And finally, thanks to the strong work of the Executive Committee members: Vicki Roach, Rochelle Firth, and Paul Bours, the infrastructure to help guide WFNN thru the next several years has been developed. Without their volunteer efforts, rapid response to issues, and willingness to serve the global nursing community, we as an organization would be less strong. Please advise me if there are any further opportunities you see for increased WFNN activity.

Sincerely,
Virginia Prendergast