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After several months of planning by the participating regions and schools, the International Council for Nurses (ICN) Students Assembly was conducted successfully into two (2) separate sessions covering six regions of the ICN and the WHO. The first session was conducted at 10:00 am UAE time with hundreds of attendees and delegates from EMRO with SEARO and WPRO, as such:

1. EMRO - Eastern Mediterranean Region
2. SEARO - South-East Asian Region
3. WPRO - Western Pacific Region

The afternoon session was conducted at 6:00 pm UAE time with delegates from PAHO, EURO and AFRO.

1. PAHO – Pan American and Hispanic Region
2. EURO - European Region
3. AFRO - African Region

The ICN 2021 Students Assembly was originally scheduled for face to face assembly in Abu Dhabi but due to exigent circumstances and the COVID 19 pandemic, the ICN Secretariat finally decided to hold it virtually with the Eastern Mediterranean Region as host.

The EMRO tasked the United Arab Emirates to organized the International Council for Nurses (ICN) Congress for the year 2021 in Abu Dhabi and consequently, the Emirates Nursing Association and all the different nursing colleges with the assistance of the ICN Secretariat based in Geneva, Switzerland were tasked to plan the global student assembly of nursing students that would run before the ICN Congress from November 2 - 4, 2021.



A. THE PLANNING STAGE OF STUDENTS ASSEMBLY

From June 2021, all the colleges of nursing in the United Arab Emirates started planning the students assembly. The meeting was initiated by Abu Dhabi Health Services Company PJSC (SEHA) and the ENA. All universities with nursing colleges in the UAE were invited and selected student representatives from these colleges in the initial stage of planning the regional as well as the global students' assembly. Eventually, the Student Nurses Forum (SNF) of the RAK College of Nursing represented by its president, Dr. Vijaya Kumardhas, Dr. Arnel Banaga Salgado, faculty representative and the student representative, Ramah Nemr Selmi took the leadership role with the assistance of SEHA, ENA and ICN representatives in final stages of planning the students assembly.

Student Rahma of the RAK College of Nursing constituted the students working group in order to come out with the plan and presented the same in several high level meetings attended by the ICN Secretariat and other global student representatives from the different ICN and World Health Organization (WHO) regions such as: *Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO), South-East Asian Region (SEARO), Western Pacific Region (WPRO), Pan American Hispanic Region (PAHO), European Region (EURO) and the African Region (AFRO)*.

Finally, the ICN Students Assembly 2021 working group decided to conduct the global event in two (2) time zones catering the need of both the eastern and the western hemispheres. The first ICN students' assembly meeting was conducted at 10.00 am UAE time accommodating nursing students and recent graduates from the EMRO, SEARO and WPRO regions. The second meeting was conducted at 6.00 pm UAE time which was hosted by EURO (France) and attended by the delegates from PAHO, EURO and AFRO regions.

B. THE EVENT - ICN CONGRESS 2021 STUDENTS ASSEMBLY

It is customary that whenever ICN Congress would be held, nursing students from around the world would be gathered to discuss key priorities for nursing students, early career nurses and youth. As such, the assembly would also help delegates to explore and enhance their voices as well as influence the development as future leaders in policy making and their nursing practice. Students assemblies were conducted prior to the the ICN Congress would also allow student delegates in



the formation of their personal and professional networks from among the participants as well as sharing their experiences and information with one another to improve themselves professionally. The previous assembly was held in Singapore and attended by hundreds of nursing student leaders from around the globe. The meeting was face to face with breakout sessions for discussions and due to exigent limitation this year, the meeting was conducted virtually.

The two times zones were covered during the assembly with the inclusion of various topics such as: (1) COVID-19 pandemic experience for students; (2) Nursing student mental health; and (3) Nursing students' vision for future healthcare. The assembly speakers were carefully vetted and chosen representing various languages and countries covering the three (3) topics specified earlier. The first assembly exclusively used the English language as a medium of discussion while the second assembly used both Spanish and English as mode of deliveries. Both the assemblies were attended by Student Nurse Rahma from the RAK College of Nursing who gave the introductory remarks as well as a lecture on the history of nursing the University Arab Emirates. Her instruction and lecture were exceptionally delivered based on the feedbacks by the delegates.

C. CONCLUSSION

The ICN Congress 2021 Students Assembly was a resounding success attended by thousands of nursing students, new graduates and nursing academics from around the globe. The representatives from the UAE, particularly from the RAK College of Nursing were applauded for their participation since they joined actively in the discussion like Student Nurse Firdous of BSN 3 and Student Rahma who participated in both the assemblies. The video covering the RAK College of Nursing, HBRMU and the University of Sharjah was presented in both the assembly highlighted the programs of the United Arab Emirates in the process of educating and training nursing students to become student leaders. Both the assemblies were ended by the showing a video of students (*2 from RAKCON*) thanking nurses who played very important role in beating the COVID 19 pandemic.

Programme



SESSION	SPEAKER TIME ZONE 1: UTC +4	SPEAKER TIME ZONE 2: UTC -4
	Moderator: Jamilah Eshaq	Moderator: Julian Vadell Martinez
Welcome & Opening remarks	Video from Howard Catton, ICN CEO Video from Michelle Acorn, ICN CNO Rahma Nemer Silmi, UAE Student Representative Avani Jain, ICN NSSG Chair	Video from Howard Catton, ICN CEO Video from Michelle Acorn, ICN CNO Rahma Nemer Silmi, UAE Student Representative Ayush Belwal, ICN NSSG member
UAE Nursing Student Assembly video	<i>video</i>	<i>video</i>
History <i>How nursing started in the UAE</i> <i>Introduce ENA</i> <i>Famous nurses in UAE</i> <i>Hospitals of the UAE</i>	Rahma Nemer Silmi	Rahma Nemer Silmi
Panel 1 COVID-19 pandemic experience for students Q & A Discussion Panel 1	1. Annisa Fiqih, Indonesia 2. Sherry Lee, Taiwan 3. Sumaya Sher Mohammed Al Bloushi, UAE	1. Michael Orellana, Chile 2. Katunzi Mutalemwa, Tanzania 3. Hilal Shide Gure, Norway
Panel 2 Nursing student mental health Q & A Discussion Panel 2	1. Emily Siebenhausen, Australia 2. Jyoti Singh Latwal, India 3. Fahmi Twahir, UAE	1. Aimee Horcasitas, Mexico 2. Moneko Zoto, Malawi 3. Pilar Lozano González, Spain
Panel 3 Nursing students' vision for future healthcare	1. Tala Marwan Nabil El- Zein, Bahrain 2. Naoko Tokana, Japan 3. Daniel Pieter Adisorn Vijfwinkel, Thailand	1. Rachel Radyk, Canada 2. Hugo Cunha, Portugal 3. Newal Kormi, Ethiopia

Q & A Discussion Panel 3		
3 minute break	<i>Breakout questions on screen</i>	<i>Breakout questions on screen</i>
Breakout Session	--	--
Appreciation message video	<i>Video</i>	<i>Video</i>
Summary & Conclusions	Ahmed Sabry	Julian Vadell Martinez
Closing remarks	Video from Erica Burton, ICN	Erica Burton, ICN
	Video from Aysha Al Mahri, ENA President	Video from Aysha Al Mahri, ENA President

ICN CONGRESS 2021 STUDENTS ASSEMBLY SCREENSHOTS

