

ISNCC Member Update

The ISNCC Board of Directors met on 25 August 2026 to review organisational progress, discuss strategic priorities, and plan future activities. Following the 2026 Board election process, we farewelled Lisa Kennedy Sheldon and thank her for her dedicated service in the Membership Development Portfolio from 2022 to 2026. During her tenure, ISNCC experienced growth in both membership and Global Citizen engagement. We are delighted to welcome Kristin Ferguson as the new lead for the Membership Development Portfolio and to acknowledge the continued service of Dorothy Ngo Sheung Chan in the Knowledge Development & Dissemination Portfolio and Jo Visser in the Corporate and Philanthropic Development Portfolio.

The Board is pleased to share the following updates with members.

Strengthening Global Influence

ISNCC has been accepted as a member of the [WHO Acute Care Action Network](#) (ACAN), an important international network that supports collaboration in healthcare systems worldwide. The Board views this as a significant achievement that strengthens ISNCC's global profile and supports our strategic goals, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

Advancing Education and Professional Development

African Oncology Nursing Leadership Program

The African Oncology Nursing Leadership Program continues to progress successfully, with the second cohort of nurses recently completing the program. Participants attended a one-week face-to-face session and presented their leadership projects. The third cohort is planned to commence in early April 2027. This initiative is a collaborative partnership between the University of Health and Allied Sciences (UHAS) in Ghana, City Cancer Challenge (C/Can), and ISNCC, with funding support from Amgen.Oncology Nurse Training Program, Vietnam.

Oncology Nursing Foundation Program, Vietnam

In partnership with Hue Central Hospital, a second cohort of the Oncology Nursing Foundation Program for nurses in Vietnam was successfully completed in July 2026. A total of 255 nurses from 15 provinces and cities enrolled the program.

Work is continuing on engaging future cohorts and recognition processes with the Ministry of Health. Members can also look forward to stories and experiences from participants being shared through ISNCC communication channels.

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Upcoming events in 2026 include:



ISNCC's London Global Cancer Week Symposium: *Empower Nurses, Strengthen Cancer Care*, scheduled on **November 2, 2026**. You can find out more and register for the event.



The 3rd Annual Collaborative CANO and ISNCC Webinar: *The Use of Virtual Nursing to Reduce Inequities in Cancer Care* scheduled **November 18, 2026**. You can find out more and register for the event [here](#).

Progress in Research and Advocacy

ISNCC's advocacy and scholarly work continues to expand. Three recently submitted position statements have been accepted for publication, contributing to the global evidence base for cancer nursing. Additional work is progressing on topics including:

- Cancer nursing and climate change
- Cancer health equity
- Equitable cancer nursing research

The Board also highlighted growing collaboration with the International Council of Nurses (ICN), including a joint palliative care webinar planned for September.

Meanwhile, the Knowledge Development and Dissemination Committee has received 47 applications for the ISNCC Research Grant, demonstrating strong international interest in cancer nursing research.

Looking Ahead to the 2027 ISNCC Conference



Planning for the 2027 conference continues to gain momentum. ISNCC is proud to be co-hosting the conference with the Asian Oncology Nursing Society in Tokyo, Japan. Approximately 15 session proposals have already been received, and the abstract submission portal is now open until 1 December 2026. Members are encouraged to submit abstracts and share [conference](#)

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[information](#) with colleagues as we build on success of our recent conferences in Adelaide Australia in 2025 and Glasgow, Scotland, in 2023.

Our plenary speakers have been confirmed and we are excited to announce them here and look forward to their engagement during the conference.

1. Dame Laura Lee DBE, Maggie's Chief Executive (UK)
2. Dr Kristen Haase, Associate Professor of University of British Columbia (Canada)
3. Prof Lydia Aziato, Professor, Vice-Chancellor, University of Health and Allied Sciences (Ghana)
4. Prof Janelle Yorke, Chair Professor of Nursing and Head, School of Nursing, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (China)



Call for Award and Travel Scholarship Nominations

The International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care is pleased to invite nominations for the ISNCC Awards and Travel Scholarships below:

Distinguished Merit Award

The Distinguished Merit Award is offered once every two years in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the international advancement of the science and art of cancer nursing.

Past Presidents' Award

This award is given in recognition of a cancer nurse from a low or middle-income country who has initiated and sustained a program of cancer care in her/his country/region which has been in place for three or more years and has the potential for replication or adaptation beyond the country/region's borders.

Robert Tiffany Lectureship

This lectureship was created to keep alive and honour the memory of Robert Tiffany, founding member and first President of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care. Robert Tiffany was an inspiration to many nurses around the world and the intention of the named lecture is to honour those who have a similar capacity to inspire cancer nurses of today and of the future and advance cancer nursing globally.

Travel Grants Program

The travel scholarship program has been established to further the mission and vision of the ISNCC to foster the development of cancer nursing internationally. The travel grants program particularly focuses on supporting our mission and vision in low and middle-resource countries. Travel grant recipients will share their experiences and newly acquired knowledge with colleagues following attendance at the International Conference on Cancer Nursing.

Application Deadline: **November 15th, 2026.**

Please click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

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Communications and Member Engagement

The Communications Committee continues to promote ISNCC publications, events, educational opportunities, and partnerships through the website, blog, and social media channels. Multilingual communication initiatives are also supporting broader global engagement.

Membership Growth

The Member Development Committee, under the leadership of Kristin Ferguson, has commenced work on reviewing membership data and developing strategies to build on recent membership growth. Expanding engagement and supporting members around the world remain key priorities.

Financial Position

The Board reviewed the organisation's financial status and confirmed that ISNCC remains operationally stable. Efforts continue to strengthen revenue streams through grants, sponsorships, educational activities, and member engagement initiatives, ensuring the organisation remains sustainable and able to deliver on its mission.

If your organisation has not yet renewed its 2026 membership, we encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. A reminder will be sent shortly.

Thank You

The Board thanks all members, volunteers, committee members, partners, and supporters for their ongoing contributions to advancing cancer nursing globally. Together, we continue to strengthen cancer nursing leadership, education, research, advocacy, and collaboration across the world.