



# **Sigma Europe Region Newsletter Summer 2023**

**Sigma Europe Region  
celebrates  
100 nurses  
over the last 100 years  
in recognition of the  
Sigma centenary year  
2022-23**



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Welcome to the Sigma Europe Region Summer 2023 newsletter.

In recognition of the amazing work of nurses over the last 100 years, we wish to celebrate 100 nurses in the Sigma Europe Region who have each contributed to the nursing profession in education, practice and research.

In the last 100 years Europe has experienced political upheaval, wars, the development of the Europe Economic Union and healthcare has been transformed by the advent of antibiotics, cancer care treatments and new technology. Our education has been transformed from being rote learned to being research and evidence based and from predominantly being illness based to leading the way in health education and prevention.

It's borders may have altered and many countries have suffered great loss and tragedy but throughout this time nursing has been at the heart of healthcare to provide health, comfort and compassion to it's populations.

This newsletter celebrates a representation of the millions of nurses who over the last 100 years have made a difference to billions of lives. There are examples of Courage, Heroism, Innovation, Advocacy and Boldness to bring Nursing to the point we are today.

It is an honour to celebrate our 100 nurses and we hope you enjoy reading about our fantastic legacy and thank you to all the Sigma Europe Region Chapters who have contributed to the Sigma Europe Region 100 Nurses Newsletter.

Dr Liz Westcott  
Sigma Europe Region Coordinator 2021-23





The Europe Region currently consists of 12 Chapters.

Our first Chapter RhoChi at Large, The Netherlands was chartered in 2002 and our most recent Alpha Beta Nu, Finland in 2022.

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## Jehad Omar Al-Halabi

Jehad has excelled in all aspects of scholarly activities: teaching, mentoring, research, dissemination through presentations and publications, international collaboration and exchange, professional society membership, chairing professional committees, and finally, performing editorial and peer review activities.

She was nominated as an excellent example of an alumna at the UIC, College of Nursing and was nominated a Transcultural Scholar and Fellow for the Transcultural Nursing Society in 2014.



Prof. Halabi has worked as associate dean, nurse educator, international coordinator in academic setting, manager, editorial board for Image Journal of Nursing Scholarship and Associate Editor, Educational Research Journal, Associate Editor for the Journal of Transcultural Nursing, Research and Scholarship Advisory Council (RSAC) and researcher. She has contributed to the development of professional nursing through lectures, research, publications, external examinations, conferences, workshops, mentoring, book chapters, worked with SIDA and collaboration with colleagues in several Middle Eastern countries, Syria, Qatar, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE Jordan and Sweden.

Active work in Jordan Nursing Council lead to development of standards of care, research and practice. Her outstanding professionalism, she has promoted and elevated the general image of the profession of nursing internationally. Besides being a prominent nursing leader in the Middle East, she has contributed to the field of transcultural nursing through her extensive research and publication in nursing journals. Her work has been recognized by awards and scholarly invitations from both her own country and internationally. She has worked on to establish the first nursing college at Qatar University to develop a strong nursing profession.

Nominated by Tau Omega Chapter , Sweden

## Rosaria Alvaro

Rosaria was born and lives in Rome. In 1983 she obtained the diploma of Professional Nurse and is professor of General Clinical and Paediatric Nursing Sciences with the qualification of Associate since 2005 and since 2018 as Full Professor of the Tor Vergata University. She is a member of the teaching staff of the PhD in Nursing and Public Health of the University of Rome Tor Vergata. She is the President of the Italian Society of Nursing Sciences and President of the Med/45 Teaching Board. Author of numerous publications in national and international journals, she was recently named a Fellow of the prestigious American Academy of Nursing for her extraordinary contribution to the nursing profession and for the results achieved. She is the first nurse in Italy to hold the position of Pro-Rector of the University of Tor Vergata in Rome.



Nominated by Alpha Alpha Beta Chapter, Italy

## Dame Elizabeth Nneka Anionwu

Dame Elizabeth is a British nurse, health care administrator, lecturer, and Emeritus Professor of Nursing at University of West London. In 1979, Dame Elizabeth became the United Kingdom's first sickle-cell and thalassemia nurse specialist, helping establish the Brent Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Counselling centre with consultant haematologist Milica Brozovic.

In 1998, by then a Professor of Nursing, she created the Mary Seacole Centre for Nursing Practice at the University of West London. Dame Elizabeth holds the Order of Merit, was appointed a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN). Dame Elizabeth retired in 2007, and has published her memoirs, *Dreams from My Mother*.

Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England



## Professor Joao Apóstolo

Is a nurse, educator, and researcher, is the first nurse in Portugal to be awarded the academic title of teaching aggregation in Nursing Science. Professor Apóstolo frequently appearing in Stanford University's "World's Top 2% Scientists" ranking in the discipline of Nursing Science. A true leader, he serves as the current Coordinator of the Health Sciences Research Unit: Nursing (UICISA: E) of the Nursing School of Coimbra, Portugal's sole certified research unit in Nursing Science, establishing it as a center of excellence in nursing research. His contributions to evidence synthesis and implementation are remarkable, as he is one of the key persons responsible for encouraging nurses' involvement and formal training in this subject, particularly in Europe and South America. Professor Apóstolo is also one of the founding members of Sigma Theta Tau's Phi Xi Chapter (Coimbra, Portugal), having received the European Recognition Nurse Award in 2018.

## Céu Barbieri

Ceu finished her MSc in Nursing and Education in 1992 in University of Edinburgh and was one of the few nurses with graduate education in nursing in Portugal. She become part of the Scientific Committee and teaching staff of the first master in Nursing Sciences in a Portuguese public University, at the Institute of Biomedical Sciences Abel Salazar. The creation of the PhD in 2001 by the University of Porto allowed her to graduate with a PhD in Nursing Science in her own country. In 2009 the Doctoral program in Nursing Science in the Biomedical Institute Abel Salazar was approved according to the Bologna process in European Higher Institutions and she integrated the Scientific Committee. Her experience of the leadership of the master program, as well as the international network she had created, were very important to the success of the doctoral program. Her research interests include Family Nursing, namely families of children with chronic diseases, and Evidence Based Practice. As an academic her utmost goal is educating undergraduate and graduate nursing students for providing excellent nursing care, evidence-based and family centered.

Nominated by Phi Xi Chapter, Portugal



## Uduak Emmanuel Archibong

Prof Uduak Emmanuel Archibong MBE is a Professor of Diversity and Director of the Centre for Inclusion and Diversity at the University of Bradford.

She is a Fellow of the West African College of Nursing. She was appointed Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing in 2012. In 2015 she was made an Order of the British Empire for her services to higher education and equality. She was named as one of the Northern Power Women in 2019 and one of Bradford's Inspirational Women in 2020.

Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England



## Marian Barnes

Honorary President and Founder of Recovery Haven Cancer Support House. Marian was one of the first Breast and Stoma Care Nurse Specialists in Kerry. Recognising the lack of therapeutic support for cancer survivors

where many were left worried and alone on discharge from their medical treatment Marian worked to create a safe 'haven' and in 2009 she led a dedicated committee in establishing Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House. This registered charity continues to offer free psychological, emotional, and practical supports to cancer patients, their families, and carers in a supportive and tranquil environment. Marian's dedication to the service of people is consistent with the mission and values of Sigma.



Nominated by Omega Epsilon at-Large Chapter, Ireland



## Jan Bastiaanse (1950-1997)

Jan Bastiaanse worked in a hospital in The Hague for a long time, where he focused on the principle of integrative nursing. In 1993 she became the first president of the National Center for Nursing and Caretaking (LCVV). In his opinion the founding of the LCVV was a milestone in Dutch nursing history. Nominated by Rho Chi at-Large Chapter, The Netherlands



## Ingegerd Bergbom

Ingegerd Bergbom, Professor emerita, Honorary Doctor at Åbo Akademi Finland (2018), PhD (1989), RN, RNT. Bergbom's contribution ranges from clinical work beyond academia to the Swedish Higher Education Authority and as Editor-in-Chief for the Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences 2006-2012. As a Professor at the Institute of Health and Care Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden she has contributed to the development of the professional nursing and caring by serving as a dean, lecturer, researcher, developing methodology and theory. In addition, she has been leading SIDA funded project to develop cultural exchange program for nurses, students and teachers in Jordan and Sweden.

She is a pioneer with her thesis in intensive care who investigated patients' experiences in high tech care to visualize nursing care in acute hospital. She has encouraged nurses to participate in nursing care research and several doctoral thesis have been defended by doctoral students of specialist nurses in intensive care. Bergbom has intensively worked for making nursing care and caring accepted as an academic discipline. Her initiatives and successful collaboration with skilled and dedicated colleagues internationally resulted in exchange of nursing care knowledge, friendship and fellowship between students, teachers and clinical nurses leading to new insights and development of nursing care in Sweden and collaborative partners. Her contribution to the nursing has been acknowledged by arranging symposia and conferences where The Highness Princess Muna, Jordan, Queen Silvia and the former general secretary of UN Jan Eliasson have participated.

Nominated by Tau Omega Chapter, Sweden



## Prof. Becky Rebecca Bergman (1919-2015)

One of the pioneers in the field of geriatric nursing in Israel. She served as Head Nurse on behalf of the Joint (The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), and her connections with the American military led to increased aid to survivors and refugees. In 1968, Tel Aviv University opened the Department of Nursing, the first of its kind in Israel, and Bergman was a key figure in its establishment. For her life's work and her contribution to the advancement of the country and society, Prof. Bergman was elected to the Israel Prize (1999), thus becoming the first nurse to win this prestigious title.

Nominated by Omega Lambda Chapter, Israel



## Dame Claire Bertschinger

After training and working as a nurse in the UK, Dame Claire became a medic on Operation Drake, an expedition with Colonel John Blashford-Snell and the Scientific Exploration Society in Panama, Papua New Guinea and Sulawesi. She then joined the emergency disaster relief group of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), allowed to attend war locations thanks to her dual-nationality. Dame Claire has worked in over a dozen zones of conflict including Afghanistan, Kenya, Lebanon, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast and Liberia. She also worked at ICRC headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland as training officer in the Health Division. Dame Claire is an ambassador and Trustee for The African Children's Educational Trust, Patron for Promise Nepal, and a voluntary worker for the charity Age UK. Her work in Ethiopia in 1984 inspired Band Aid and subsequently Live Aid, the biggest relief programme ever mounted.

She was honoured as Dame Commander of the British Empire by the Queen Elizabeth II in the New Year Honours List in 2010, for services to Nursing and to International Humanitarian Aid. Dame Claire was made a Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire in 2012. She is currently Director for the Diploma in Tropical Nursing course at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England



### **Sandra Bošković**

In 1993, Sandra Bošković graduated with a degree in nursing, in 2000 she became a professor of educational rehabilitation, and in 2009 she earned a Master of Science in Education. In 2015 she received her PhD and in 2017 she became an assistant professor and is currently in the selection process for an associate professor. She also has clinical experience in a clinical hospital centre in Rijeka as a nurse at Pediatric surgery ward. She worked as teacher of educational rehabilitation in Center for Education Rijeka. She has held several leadership positions and is currently the Head of the Department of Nursing at the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Health Studies.

Her areas of work include health care for people with disabilities, management and leadership in nursing, coordination and supervision in nursing, clinical practice in nursing, and many other courses she teaches. Sandra has published 27 scientific papers as author and co-author, 19 congress announcements, she was the leader of 3 scientific projects. She is a mentor for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students. As an invited lecturer, Sandra has taught 23 times.

This impressive biography shows that Sandra has dedicated her entire professional life to nursing and student education, and therefore I believe she should be featured because she can be an example to others. Sandra has taught me and other colleagues, both as a teacher and as a manager, to always be human, to treat everyone fairly and to know that all our patients are someone's mother, father, brother, sister... She fundamentally changed our habits, our opinions and our view of the nursing profession.

Nominated by Alpha Alpha Gamma Chapter, Croatia

### **Clare Cable**

Prof Claire Cable is currently the chief executive of Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland. Clare joined QNIS in 2014, bringing her experience as a nursing leader in health care improvement and policy. A children's nurse by background, she was appointed Director of the RCN's UK Quality Improvement Programme in 2003. She moved to Edinburgh in 2007, honing her influencing skills in community nursing as a Policy Adviser with the RCN. In 2016, Clare was awarded an Honorary Professorship in Nursing at Queen Margaret University and a Florence Nightingale Foundation Leadership Scholarship. Her vision is to unleash the creativity of nurses to be catalysts for positive change in the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

Nominated by Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland



### **Marisa Cantarelli**

Marisa was born and lives in Milan. In 1950 she obtained the diploma of Professional Nurse and in 1953 that of Health Assistant, both at the CRI School in Rome; in 1968 he was Director of Nursing at the University La Sapienza of Rome. First Italian theorist of nursing, prominent personality in the nursing academic world; author of books, among which the Model of Nursing Services stands out and of numerous publications in specialized magazines and texts in the sector; Director of several editorial series on nursing issues. Nominated by Alpha Alpha Beta Chapter, Italy



### **Mairi Chisolm ( 1896 – 1981)**

Scottish nurse and ambulance driver during WW1. Mairi Lambert Gooden Chisolm of Chisholm, MM, OstJ (26 February 1896 – 22 August 1981), known as Mairi Chisolm, was a Scottish nurse and ambulance driver in the First World War. She, together with her friend Elsie Knocker, won numerous medals for bravery and for saving the lives of thousands of soldiers on the Western Front in Belgium. Dubbed "The Madonnas of Pervyse" by the press the two were among the most photographed women of the war.

Nominated by Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland



## June Clark

Professor Dame June Clark, DBE, FRCN, Professor Emeritus, Swansea University Wales. June Clark qualified as a nurse at University College Hospital, London after obtaining an honours degree in Classics at London University and held various staff nurse posts before qualifying as a health visitor. She obtained her MPhil in 1972 and her doctorate in 1985. In 1982, she was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) for her work in health visiting and awarded the RCN Award of Merit in 1996. Her lifetime interest is the development and use of standardized nomenclatures to describe nursing practice, especially in primary health care.

In 1995, she was invested as Dame Commander of the British Empire 'for services to nursing'. She was a member of Royal Commission on Long Term Care for the Elderly in the UK, 1997-1999 and led the RCN Defining Nursing project whose report was published in 2003. She has demonstrated a major commitment to nursing and healthcare at an international level. Following the break-up of the Soviet Union she worked to develop nursing leadership in Kazakhstan and Romania. She was a visiting professor at the University of Primorska, Slovenia. She co-founded Upsilon-Xi at Large Chapter in Wales, is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, a Fellow of University College London, and a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales. Since her retirement, she has remained actively involved in nursing and healthcare at national and local levels including being a non-executive director of Carmarthenshire NHS Trust and of the Bevan Commission and a trustee of Age Cymru. She continues to support the development of nurses in Wales through her annual travel scholarship and has dedicated her life to the development of nursing.



Nominated Upsilon Xi Chapter at Large, Wales



### Trevor Clay (1936-1994)

Trevor Clay CBE was the former General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing. He began his nursing career in 1957, but it was as General Secretary of the RCN, beginning in 1982, that he became a public trade union official and negotiator. Trevor had been Deputy Secretary since 1979.

In 1982, he began negotiations with the UK government over a labour disagreement concerning nurses' salaries, then at yearly levels of no more than £5,833. As a result, a "Pay Review Body" characterized by autonomous operation was created; the compensation of the nurses he represented was also increased.

Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England

### Therese Connell Meehan

Author of the Careful Nursing Philosophy and Professional Practice Model. Dr Therese Meehan undertook her Doctorate in Nursing in New York and has worked in clinical practice, education and nursing research contexts across the world. She identified a need to support nurses critical reasoning and analytical decision-making within the practice environment and developed the Careful Nursing Philosophy and Professional Practice Model. Providing a conceptual and practice solution to current fundamental nursing care challenges this model supports practice, education, research, and leadership across acute hospitals in Ireland. Dr Meehan continuously strives to promote nurses and nursing care for the benefit of health gain consistent with the mission and values of Sigma.

Nominated by Omega Epsilon at-Large Chapter, Ireland





### **Snježana Čukljek**

Snježana Čukljek, RN, BSN, MsEd, PhD, assistant professor works as a college professor and vice dean for teaching activities at the University of Applied Health Sciences. Before coming to University, she worked at Clinical Hospital Merkur, Department of Haematology. She graduated baccalaureate degree in nursing and a graduate degree in special education and rehabilitation. She has a PhD degree at the Medical School University of Zagreb in the field of biomedicine and health – clinical nursing.

She was head of the nursing program (2005 - 2009), assistant of dean for teaching activities (2009-2014) and vice dean for teaching activities and students (2016-2019). Snježana was a member of a working group for the development of Croatian hospital nursing documentation at the Croatian Nursing Council and a member of a group for the development of standard nursing procedures. She was a member of the Committee for Nursing of the Croatian Ministry of Health, and in the period 2017 - 2021 president of the Committee.

Snježana participated in the development and improvement of study programs in the field of nursing. She pays special attention to the development and assessment of competences and learning outcomes.

She was leader of the ESF project: Improvement and implementation of clinical practice in nursing studies. She holds lectures for students on the basics of nursing care, the process of nursing care and nursing care of oncology patients. She is an author of Textbook Basic Nursing, and in 2021 she translated NANDA International Nursing Diagnoses: Definitions and Classification 2018-2020.

She gave over 80 lectures at national and international conferences and published over 50 scientific and professional papers.

Snježana is one of the founders of the first Croatian Sigma chapter - Alpha Alpha Gamma, and she is a president of the Alpha Alpha Gamma Chapter. She is an editor in chief of the Croatian Nursing Journal. In 2022, she received recognition from the Croatian National Nursing Association for her outstanding contribution to the promotion and development of the nursing profession.

Nominated by Alpha Alpha Gamma Chapter, Croatia

### **Mary Frances Crowley**

Mary Frances Crowley undertook her Registered Nurse Certificate in 1935, in Chester UK, and her Midwifery Certificate a year later in Birkenhead working in the North-west and London. Crowley took up a senior position in Sir Patrick Dun’s Hospital in 1941; soon after, she founded the Medical Missionaries Midwifery Training School in Drogheda. In 1944 she was appointed Assistant Matron of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, an association which lasted until her death. Immediately after the war, Crowley travelled to northern France as Matron of the Irish Red Cross Hospital at Saint-Lô and was later awarded the Médaille de la Reconnaissance Française by the French government. On her return to Ireland, she founded the Eye and Ear Nursing Training School. In 1974 her ambition of many years was realised with the establishment of a Faculty of Nursing at the RCSI, the first of its kind in Ireland or Britain and a rarity worldwide.

Nominated by Omega Epsilon at-Large Chapter, Ireland

### **Jeltje de Bosch Kemper (1836-1916)**

Jeltje de Bosch Kemper was born in Amsterdam on the 28th of April 1836 to a prominent family. In those days it was not customary that well to do girls would hold a working position or attended university. Against the conventions of those days Jeltje strived to enhance the position of women in society, this she did because she wanted to be useful.

Nominated by Rho Chi at-Large Chapter, The Netherlands

### **Jan Dewing ( 1961-2022)**

Prof Jan Dewing was the Sue Pembrey chair in nursing and director of the Centre for Person-centred Practice Research at Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, where she was also head of the university’s graduate research school. Jan was a leading scholar in person-centred practice, with a particular focus on care services for people living with dementia; she worked with health and social care teams to ensure care was delivered in a way that respected who the person was and not according to a clinical diagnosis. This approach had been developed by Tom Kitwood in the late 1980s and Jan built on, challenged and extended this work. She also brought this kind of thinking to wider health services. She published extensively and was editor-in-chief of the journal Nursing Philosophy from 2020 and the founding editor (2011-19) of The International Practice Development Journal, reflecting her passion for changing healthcare cultures and challenging the status quo. Although from Scotland Jan led on the development of the first Scottish chapter of Sigma, and was the first chapter president of Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland.

Nominated by Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland



## Inger Ekman

INGER EKMAN RN, PhD, senior professor, former director and founder of University of Gothenburg Centre for Person-Centred Care (GPCC) [www.gpcc.gu.se](http://www.gpcc.gu.se), in Sweden. GPCC is a research centre involving around 100 researchers from different disciplines including care sciences, medicine, pedagogics and economics.

In 2007, Inger was appointed full professor in Care Science at Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg. During the period 2006-2010, she was head of Institute of Health and Care Sciences, and 2010-2012 vice dean at the Sahlgrenska academy. 2018 Inger Ekman got the European Nursing Recognition Award nominated by the Tau Omega Chapter, Gothenburg, Sweden. 2019 she was awarded the Carl-Axel Palm Research Award for the contributions to research that is based on ethics and people's equal values.

Between 2016 -2020 she was the coordinator of COST 15222 ([www.costcares.eu](http://www.costcares.eu)) a European initiative, involving 28 partner countries, on testing implementation of person-centred care and health promotion within the frame of cost containment with maintained or improved quality of care in five countries in Europe. Inger Ekman's research has mainly focused on evaluation of person-centred care interventions, she has around 150 publications in scientific journals and is at present primary investigator in a randomized controlled trial evaluating remote person-centred care in frail elderly. She is now main supervisor for two PhD students and assistant supervisor for one PhD student.

Nominated by Tau Omega Chapter, Sweden



## Ethel Gordon Fenwick (1857-1947)

Ethel Gordon Fenwick was a British nurse who played a major role in the History of Nursing in the United Kingdom. She campaigned to procure a nationally recognised certificate for nursing, to safeguard the title "Nurse", and lobbied Parliament to pass a law to control nursing and limit it to "registered" nurses only. In 1927 she established the British College of Nurses with an endowment of £100,000 from a grateful patient of Dr Fenwick. She was president, and he was treasurer, for life.

Nominated by Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland



## Katie Eriksson (1943-2019)

Dr Katie Eriksson was one of the pioneers of caring science in the Nordic countries. She was a registered nurse, public health nurse, and nurse educator, and received a doctorate in philosophy in 1982. For many years, she was rector of the Helsinki Medical Institute, and later performed her life's work for more than 30 years at Åbo Akademi, where she established an education and research program in health care sciences in 1986. She was appointed professor at the Åbo Akademi university in 1992. Her scientific output includes over 400 titles and she has been appointed to several Honorary Doctorates.

Nominated by Alpha Beta Nu Chapter, Finland

## Dorothie Feilding (1889 – 1935)

Lady Dorothie Mary Evelyn Feilding-Moore, MM, was a British heiress who shunned her aristocratic background to become a highly decorated volunteer nurse and ambulance driver on the Western Front during World War I. She was the first woman to be awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the field. She also received the 1914 Star, the Croix de Guerre from the French and the Order of Leopold II from the Belgians for services to their wounded.

Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England





**Mahboubeh Goudarzi**

Mahboubeh, is RN, migrated from Iran and began a new chapter of life in Sweden. Since 2003 she has been working as a nurse, leader, specialist nurse in internal medicine with specialization in diabetes, endocrinology, research coordinator in Gothenburg Person-centered Care unit from Gothenburg University. She has developed Person-centered care (PCC) approach in the clinical setting, Sahlgrenska University hospital/Östra leading to admirable results with cost-effectiveness and shortened care time in the hospital, with increased Quality of Life experiences in the patients. Mahboubeh has also written a book chapter from her experiences about implementation of PCV from scratch to successful projects and spread a word about it throughout the country . She has written articles on person-centered conversation and remote support and developed a person-centered communication model. Currently she is doing her specialization in Cardiology and developing PCC methods by e-health solutions in patients with COPD, chronic heart failure, mental illness, frail elderly and chronic pain. Her contribution aims to increase accessibility, support and help these group of patients with greater confidence in their own ability to manage everyday life in a better way and thus improve the quality of life. Mahboubeh is innovative, result-oriented and analytical in her professional role, independent decisions maker and driven by challenges.

Nominated by Tau Omega Chapter, Sweden

**Anna Grasseti, also known as Anna Grasseti Zanardi (1815 – 1896)**

Anna was an Italian nurse and patriot, friend of Livio Zambecari and wife of the conspirator Carlo Zanardi. An important figure of Bolognese Mazzinianism, he played a key role in the insurrectional movements in Emilia.



Nominated by Alpha Alpha Beta Chapter, Italy

**Thora Hafsteinsdottir**

Prof Thora Hafsteinsdottir was Sigma Europe Regional Coordinator from 2013-15.

She was a Director on the Sigma Board from 2014-19. Thora obtained a Bachelor of Science degree (BSc) from the University of Iceland in 1984. After graduating,

she started her clinical career in the intensive care unit of Landspítali University Hospital. In 1990, she moved to the Netherlands, where she became a Master of Science in Nursing (MScN) in 1994. In 2003, she was conferred a PhD by Utrecht University for her doctoral thesis 'Neurodevelopmental treatment in the Early Stage of Stroke'. In 2012, she earned a Good Clinical Practice Certification senior research qualification, and in 2015, a Senior Education qualification. Both qualifications were conferred by Utrecht University's Faculty of Medicine. Thora supervises a variety of research and development projects in the Netherlands and Iceland. These past few years, her research has focussed on leadership in the nursing profession. She has been awarded grants for the development and testing of a number of different leadership programmes.



Nominated by Sigma Europe Regional Coordinator

**Lammie Hadders (1931-2015)**

Lammie Hadders was a nurse and an educator who co-founded education for bachelor trained nurses in Groningen. In 1992 she received a Royal award as a token of gratitude for her meaningful career.



Nominated by Rho Chi at-Large Chapter, The Netherlands

## Maija Hentinen

Prof Maija Hentinen, RN, was working as an associate professor in health care didactics 1984-1987. Before that she created the first curricula of nursing science 1970-1980's with other visionary professionals at University of Kuopio, which was the first university that started nursing science education year 1979 in Finland. Her dissertation in 1984 "Developing a programme of nursing care for patients with myocardial infarction at Kuopio University Hospital, 1980-1982" was the first dissertation in nursing science in Finland. Later she was appointed to the professor in Nursing Science 1988 at the University of Oulu. Currently she is an Emerita Professor.



Nominated by Alpha Beta Nu Chapter, Finland

## Jo Hockley

Scottish nurse and researcher with over 30 years of palliative care experience.

In 2013, Jo was awarded an OBE in recognition of her significant contributions to palliative care.

We also want to recognise Jo's commitment and successes in improving palliative and end of life care.

Nominated by Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland



## Miriam Judith Hirschfeld

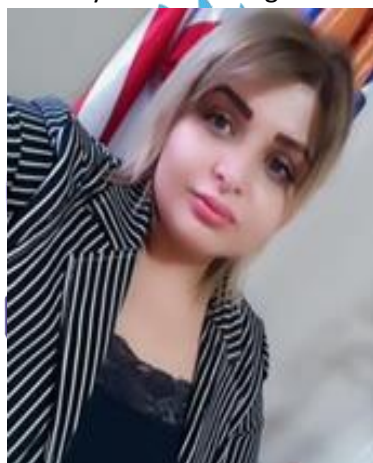
Prof. Miriam Judith Hirschfeld is the highest-ranking Israeli nurse in the World Health Organization (WHO) in the position of managing the department of all health professions, establishing the department of home care and long-term care at the WHO. Prof. Hirschfeld is a pioneer in Home and Long-Term Care, advancing the practice, research and policy on care based on social justice principles for older adults and vulnerable populations at large. She is the recipient of the "Princess Srinagarindra Award", in recognition of her exemplary contribution towards progress and advancement in the field of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Services.

Nominated by Omega Lambda Chapter, Israel

## Araksya Hovhannisyan

Araksya was born in 1991. She graduated from the Department of Nursing Administration of Yerevan State Armenian-American Medical College Erebouni in partnership with UCLA Medical Center for the Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) receiving the qualification of a Nurse, Nurse Manager in 2012. In 2013 became Sigma member of Chi Delta Chapter participating in the Second International Nursing Congress of Armenia with the presence of STTI president Karen Morin and other honorable guests. She participated in the First Asian Regional Conference in 2015, became member of the Association of Nursing Administrators in 2019. She is devoted to her profession and was elected to serve as the Chi Delta Chapter president from 2021-2023. She is mostly interested in Geriatric Nursing and Palliative care. She has certificates of completion of courses in various fields in Nursing. Araksya worked at Erebouni Medical College as a faculty in Palliative Care, Communication, Geriatric Nursing. She is currently in Germany for continuing her education in Nursing.

Nominated by Chi Delta Chapter, Armenia



## Louisa Jordan ( 1878 – 1915)

Scottish nurse who died in service during the first world war. Louisa is buried in Serbia, where she died of typhus. We want to honour Louisa's service, courage and love of nursing. In 1901, she was employed as a mantle maker. She began her nursing career in Quarrier's Homes, a Bridge of Weir sanatorium, before moving to Shotts Fever Hospital. She spent 5 years at the 1st Poor Law Crumpsall Hospital in Manchester, where she became sister in charge of one of the wards and gained wide general nursing experience, before moving back to Scotland, first to Edinburgh and then working at Strathaven, as a Queen Victoria Jubilee nurse. From Strathaven she was transferred to Buckhaven, Fife, where she was a district nurse.

During the Serbian epidemic of typhus in early 1915, she was placed in charge of the new typhus ward. Jordan had volunteered to treat Elizabeth Ross, who was dying of typhus, and Jordan herself died of the disease in March 1915. An Edinburgh orderly nurse, Margaret Neill Fraser, is also reported to have died from typhus when treating the sick in Serbia at the same time.

Nominated by Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland





**Dina Kaplanovitz (1897-1967)**

In 1936, With the founding of Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva and its nursing school, she joined the staff in 1939, and was appointed to be the Head Nurse and first Head of the nursing school, positions she held for 14 years. Served as the chief supervisor of nursing in the hospitals of Clalit, the General Health Fund. "Dina Day" is a scholarship ceremony that took place at the School of Nursing in memory of Dina Kaplanovitch, starting in 1969. In 1970, the renovated nursing school was inaugurated, which bore her name as a token of appreciation for her significant contribution and influence in the field of nursing in Israel.

Nominated by Omega Lambda Chapter,

**Naira Khachatryan**

Naira was born in Yerevan, Armenia. In 1995 she graduated from Yerevan Base Medical College with the qualification of a Nurse, and in 2011 from Yerevan State Armenian- American Medical College Erebouni with the qualification of a Nurse Manager. In 1995 She started working as an invasive/operating room nurse in the Gynecological and Laparoscopic Surgery department of Erebuni Medical Center. Since 2005 she has worked as a head nurse, as a manager in the health insurance department at Nairi Medical Center being a Member of the Independent Ethics Committee. Since 2018 up to now she works as a Manager of Medical Insurance Department at Sirmed Medical Center. She participated in many conferences and training /International Nursing Congresses of Armenia, STTI 5th Biennial European Virtual Conference in 2020/. One of the best parts of being a nurse is that once you get your degree, you can pursue all types of nursing specialties that will further your nursing career and you can work in various departments and positions related to different aspects of the patient care experience, including in non-bedside nursing jobs

Nominated by Chi Delta Chapter, Armenia



**Annette Kennedy**

Annette Kennedy was elected 28th (and only Irish) President of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) in June 2017 after serving four years as Vice President. Annette was a Commissioner on the WHO Independent High –Level Commission on NCD’s (2017- 2019). She was also a board member of the Nursing Now Campaign Board.

Annette was a Ministerial appointment to Slaintecare Advisory Implementation Committee, 2018-2021 (Irish Health & Social Care 10-year Strategy). Previously, she held the position of President of the European Federation of Nurses and was active in lobbying the European Parliament, Commission and Council. A Registered Nurse and Midwife with a BA in Nursing Studies, an MSc in Public Sector Analysis and a Honorary Fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). Annette was the Director of Professional Development for the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation for 19 years and established the INMO’s very successful Education, Research and Resource Centre.

Nominated by Omega Epsilon at-Large Chapter, Ireland

**Elsie Knocker (1884-1978)**

Elsie Knocker, later Baroness de T'Serclaes, MM, OSTJ (29 July 1884 – 26 April 1978) was a British nurse and ambulance driver in World War I who, together with her friend Mairi Chisholm, won numerous medals for bravery and for saving the lives of thousands of soldiers on the Western Front in Belgium. Dubbed "The Madonnas of Pervyse" by the press,[1][2] the two were among the most photographed women of the war. In 1939, at the outbreak of World War II, the Baroness joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) as an Aircraftwoman 2nd class, becoming an officer in February 1940. Working with RAF Fighter Command, she rose to the rank of Squadron Officer in March 1942, and was twice Mentioned in Despatches. After the Second World War the Baroness participated in raising funds for the RAF Association and the Benevolent Fund.

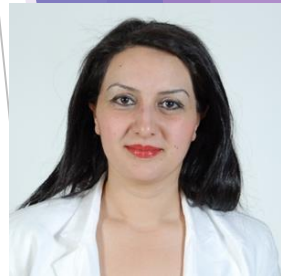
Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England



**Kristine Khurshudyan**

Kristine Khurshudyan graduated from Yerevan State Medical College Erebouni in partnership with UCLA Medical Center for the Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) in 1999. She completed “Training of Trainers” course to teach BSN students. From 2001-2004 she attended Distance Learning Education of Nursing College University of Nebraska, Omaha. In 2007 got Master of Science in Nursing at Halsohogskolan University College of Health Science, Jonkoping, Sweden. From 2006 to 2011 she worked at National Institute of Health of RA in the department of Monitoring as a Medical Statistic, at Yerevan State Medical University at the department of Family Nursing as faculty, in the University Hospital as a Chief Nurse and at the department of Medical Aid Quality Inspection as an inspector of Nursing Quality. In 2013 she moved to the USA and have been working at <<All for Health for All>> Clinic since 2020.

Nominated by Chi Delta Chapter, Armenia





## Raija Kontio

Raija Kontio, RN, deaconess, PhD, Adjunct Professor and Director, HUS, Center for Medical Services. Previously worked as a nurse, social therapist, nursing director, assistant chief of department, project manager and director of hospital-area. Her research concerns coercion in psychiatry, service systems, user involvement and staff well-being. She has coordinated EU projects and collaboration between Japan and Finland. She has supervised and examined PhD studies. She has 40 scientific publications, eight books/book chapters, 70 conference presentations and many professional publications. She was elected Social and Health Care Superior of the Year in 2014 and awarded in 2020 for promoting health science.



Nominated by Alpha Beta Nu Chapter, Finland

## Helena Leino-Kilpi

Helena Leino-Kilpi, PhD, MEd, RN, FAAN, FEANS, FRCN, Member of Academia Europea, is registered nurse, nurse teacher, MEd, and has PhD in nursing science. She was professor and head of the Department of Nursing Science at the University of Turku between 1998-2022 (emerita 2023-). She has around 600 scientific publications and has supervised 70 PhDs. She is Honorary Member of the Finnish Nurses Association and the Royal College of Nursing, Honorary Doctor at the University of Klaipeda (Lithuania), a Fellow of the European Academy of Nursing Science and the American Academy of Nursing, Member of Academia Europea.

Nominated by Alpha Beta Nu Chapter, Finland



## Sirkka Lauri (1939-2023)

Sirkka Lauri RN, PhD was a researcher and a professor of nursing sciences at the University of Kuopio and University of Turku, as well as former head nurse at the Turku university central hospital. She was also a visiting professor at the University of Manitoba, Canada. She had numerous positions of trust and strong international connections. She was editor-in-chief of the journal *Hoitotiede (Nursing Science)* (1989–1991) and rector of Turku Summer University (1997–1998). She supervised a considerable number of doctoral theses, and six of the supervisees are professors in the field in Finland.

Nominated by Alpha Beta Nu Chapter, Finland



## Margret Lepp

Margret Lepp, Professor emerita at Gothenburg University, PhD, RN, RNT, Drama Teacher, Professor in Norway, and Adjunct Professor in Australia and Indonesia.

She is a Nordic pioneer and research leader in developing and using drama in nursing education.

She participates in international research collaborations that have resulted in numerous articles, books, book chapters and reports. She has used drama for professionals as a researcher and consultant involving students, patients, academics, nurses and other health care professionals. Her international profile in the use of applied theatre/drama in professional health care education and how to manage conflicts more effectively, is very valuable and outstanding. Her work has been recognized by awards and scholarly invitations internationally.

She was the Associate editor for *Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences* in 2008-2012. Her research and expertise in pedagogy has led to her participation in the Nursing Professional Competence Scale (NPC Scale) project. Margret was the Coordinator and Chair of the Planning Committee for the second STTI European Conference in 2014, and the President of Tau Omega Chapter in Gothenburg who hosted the conference with 200 attendees from 27 countries. She was one of the founders and board members (2009-2022) of The European Network of Nursing Academies (ENNA). Today 18 Academies from nine European countries are members of ENNA.

Her outstanding contribution to STTI, ENNA and applied theater/drama in nursing education is outstanding and highly valued.

Nominated by Tau Omega Chapter, Sweden





### Lurdes Lomba

Lurdes is an example of leadership in nursing. She has been the Phi Xi president since 2018 and has been a real leader to its members, colleagues and research fellows. She has an enormous impact in supporting other nurses to improve and to have opportunities in Portugal and other countries. She is a Nurse, educator, researcher, and, most importantly, a true and bold leader. Professor Lomba is well-known among her international colleagues for her strong advocacy of nurses as leaders in clinical and academic settings. Professor Lomba has revitalized the Phi Xi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the organization's first and only chapter in Portugal. Due to her dedication to developing and strengthening nurses as leaders, the chapter has become a well-known mainstay in Sigma, allowing younger generations to connect with international health and social care partners.

Nominated by Phi Xi Chapter, Portugal

### Marie Louise Luiking

Dr Marie-Louise Luiking qualified as an intensive care nurse and then qualified as one of the first Nurse Practitioners in Critical Care in the Netherlands. For her research and implementation studies on the intensive care, she received the Frontiers in Critical Care Medicine Investigator Award in Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2008 and the Sigma Research Utilization Award in Indianapolis, USA 2009. Dr Luiking as a pioneer, advocate for patients and fellow colleagues was elected to the hospital ethics committee as the first nurse among 2.435 nurses working at the hospital at that time. Dr Luiking's Ph-D published thesis has undertaken research on nurses' participation and nurses' professional clinical autonomy when preparing to implement an innovation on an Intensive care unit.(ICU)



Since 2018 she is an executive board member of the International Philosophy of Nursing Society (IPONS). She has served two elected terms as the president of the Rho Chi at Large, the Dutch chapter of the international nursing society, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). She was the recipient of the Ethel Palmer Clarke Founders Award in 2017. Dr Luiking was regional coordinator for the European region from 2017-2021. In December 2021 she was appointed Fellow of the Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland. Since January 2022 she has been a committee member of the International Council of Nurses Health Policy subgroup. Dr Luiking organises and runs 4 research lines voluntarily in Europe predominately for nurse researchers who have not got direct access to universities and who need the international collaboration in which to develop further.

Nominated by Sigma Europe Regional Coordinator

### Ana Ljubas

Ana Ljubas, RN, BsN, MsN, FESC has been working as Assistant Director for Nursing and Head Nurse at the University Hospital Centre Zagreb (UHC Zagreb) since 2019. Before that she was Head Nurse of the Department of Cardiovascular Diseases for 16 years, and prior to that she worked as a nurse in cardiology clinical practice for 20 years.



She is an assistant teacher at the University of Applied Health Sciences and an external associate at the Graduate Studies in Nursing at the School of Medicine of the University of Zagreb. She is the President of the Professional Council of the Croatian Chamber of Nurses, the President of the Croatian Association of Cardiology Nurses, a member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation "Hrvatska kuća srca" (Croatian House of the Heart), a member of the Working Group for Biomedical Research of the School of Medicine of the University of Zagreb, a member of the Committee for Nursing of the Croatian Ministry of Health, a member of the Association of Cardiovascular Nursing & Allied Professions and Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology.

From 2005 to 2008, as the President of the Committee for Continuing Education, and from 2008 to 2011, as a member of the Working Group for Drafting Nursing Documentation and Patient Categorization of the Croatian Chamber of Nurses, she worked tirelessly on the education of nurses and the integration of nursing as an autonomous profession into the Croatian healthcare system. She was the president of 9 congresses and 20 symposia of the Croatian Association of Cardiology Nurses with international participation as well as a member of the Organizational and Scientific Committee of the European Congress EuroHeartCare 2015.

She gave over 100 lectures at national and international conferences, co-wrote chapters in 4 textbooks and reviewed 2 textbooks and 2 books, wrote 10 articles, several dozen reports and abstracts in books of abstracts of various congresses.

Nominated by Alpha Alpha Gamma Chapter, Croatia

### Jill Maben

Prof Jill Maben is currently professor of health services research and nursing at the University of Surrey and visiting professor of nursing at Murdoch University, Perth, Australia. She qualified as a Registered Nurse at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, leaving the profession after 2 years to study for a BA in history at University College London. She returned to nursing gaining an MSc in nursing from King's College London (1996) and PhD from University of Southampton (2003). On completing her PhD, Prof Jill Maben undertook a post-doctoral fellowship at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. In 2007, she joined the National Nursing Research Unit at King's College London as senior research fellow and deputy director. She was appointed director of the National Nursing Research Unit in January 2011. She was awarded her personal chair in nursing in September 2011. She joined the University of Surrey in September 2017 as professor of health services research and nursing, and lead for Healthcare Workforce, Organisation and Wellbeing Research.



Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England

## Eva Charlotta Lovisa Sofia (Sophie) Mannerheim (1863-1928)

Eva as a famous nurse known as pioneer of modern nursing in Finland. In 1902, she was trained in nursing at the Nightingale School at St Thomas' Hospital in London. Returning home she was appointed as head nurse of Helsinki Surgical Hospital and later elected President of the Finnish Nurses' Association, a position she had for 24 years.

As a result of her international involvement she was also elected President of the International Council of Nurses. Sophie Mannerheim was, together with Dr Arvo Ylppö, founder of the Children's Castle in Finland.



Nominated by Alpha Beta Nu Chapter, Finland

## Mariagrazia De Marinis

Born in Avezzano on 20 June 1959 and lives in Rome. In 1981 she obtained the diploma of Professional Nurse. At the Campus Bio-Medico University of Rome, he is Full Professor of General Clinical and Paediatric Nursing Sciences. She was President of the Italian Society of Nursing Sciences and of the Board of Teachers MED/45 General Clinical and Paediatric Nursing Sciences. She is responsible for numerous research projects on nursing care mainly in the field of Palliative Care. In 2022 she was appointed member of the National Bioethics Committee and is the first nurse among the non-ex officio members.



Nominated by Alpha Alpha Beta Chapter, Italy

## Randi Martinsen

Randi Martinsen, RN, Associate Professor PhD since 2014, works at Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences (INN). Randi has worked as RN in medical ward and have done her contribution as a leader in clinical setting as a head nurse and as head of a department at INN. Since 1997 worked as a lecturer. Her research is about women's needs for information following heart surgery, develop a dialogue-based psychosocial nursing intervention to promote psychosocial well-being following stroke with a specific focus on the psychosocial challenges of younger, work-aged stroke survivors. Other projects involve educational research, and evaluation of Implementing Flexible Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) in Norway. This program is aimed to strengthen and coordinate the health care services offered individuals suffering from severe mental illness. She is also actively involved in the project Capacity Building in Nursing Education in Indonesia (CABNEI), co-financed by the EU. The aim of this project, a collaboration between Indonesia and educational institutions in Norway, Denmark and Sweden to raise the competence of nurse educators and their ability to facilitate learning that will strengthen the quality of nursing programs and improve nurses' ability to address various health issues for the population. She serves as a work package leader, research leader and will chair the end conference.

Nominated by Tau Omega Chapter, Sweden



## Anka Mašić

Anka Mašić, widely known as Nurse Maša, began her career at the University Hospital Merku the Hematology department, in 1957. Her exceptional work, knowledge, personality, and enthusiasm quickly propelled her to become the head nurse of the Clinic for Internal Medicine, a position she held until her retirement in 1990. Nurse Maša's legacy extended beyond the Clinic, as she made a lasting impact on the nursing profession. Nurse Maša encountered significant challenges in the early stages of her career. She was one of only two trained nurses taking care of 150 patients, with the majority of the staff being hospital attendants. Nevertheless, she worked tirelessly to train and educate the professional staff, setting high standards for nursing care. She also played a key role in organizing the work of nurses at the Clinic for Internal Medicine. Throughout her professional life, Nurse Maša was an active member of the Nursing Association, through which nurses were also granted membership in the ICN. In 1973, during the nurses' meeting of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, she was recognized as exceptional professional in the field of nursing. Following the division of the Association of Nursing Societies of Croatia into regional societies, she founded the internal medicine section, which organized numerous lectures and educational programs for nurses. Nurse Maša also served as a lecturer and practical teaching leader for high school students and undergraduate nursing students. Nominated by Alpha Alpha Gamma Chapter, Croatia



## Seda Manukyan

In 1995 after graduating from high school she entered Yerevan State Armenian - American Medical College <<Erebouni>> and graduated the specialty of Nursing Administration in 2000 with the qualification of a Nurse, Nurse Manager. She continued her education in Financial Academy in Yerevan in the department of Medical Business, after in American University of Armenia, Business Economics and Management. In 2000 she started working in the department of resuscitation and intensive care as a nurse in Erebouni Medical Center. Since 2006 to 2014 as a Head nurse in Nairi Medical center. In 2014 she moved to Sirmed Mecidal Center as a deputy director and works there till now. She participated in many conferences and trainings /International Nursing Congresses of Armenia, STTI 5th Biennial European Conference 2020: Nursing's innovation, influence and impact on global health, looking back and moving forward, Certified Course (online)/, which helped to develop professional skills and get more additional knowledge to provide direct nursing care for patients in emergency and critical conditions. She has certificates for many years of impeccable and fruitful work in Health Care System from the Ministers of Health of RA.



Nominated by Chi Delta Chapter, Armenia

## Geraldine McCarthy

As one of Ireland's most influential nurse education leaders, Professor Geraldine McCarthy, was a member of key National bodies that guided the transition of nurse education from an apprenticeship model to a BSc third level qualification. In 1994 she became the first lecturer in Nursing in University College and the first nurse in Ireland to attain a PhD. Owing to her visionary leadership, she was nominated by various Ministers of Health to National boards such as Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA), the Fulbright Commission and most recently she Chaired the South/Southwest Hospital Group. She held the position of first female Head of the College of Medicine and Health at University College Cork and supervised over 25 PhDs in Nursing prior to her retirement from UCC in 2013.

Nominated by Omega Epsilon at-Large Chapter, Ireland

## Jean McIntosh

Jean McIntosh trained as a nurse at University College Hospital London and later undertook midwifery training. She advanced community nurse education and had great commitment to evidenced based nursing practice. She published Research Issues in Community Nursing in 1999. Jean was the first QNI Professor of Community Nursing Research at Glasgow Caledonian University.

Nominated by Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland



## Hugh McKenna

A nursing professor at Ulster University and, until recently, Dean of Medical School Development at Magee. He has 16 years' experience in general and psychiatric practice and was Chief Nurse for the Southern Health and Social Services Board. He chairs the Inspire Charity and is on Patient and Client Council's Research Committee. He is also a Trustee of the Alzheimer's Society UK. He has Fellowships from five prestigious academic bodies and was appointed Commander of the British Empire (CBE) for his work on health and community. He received the Outstanding Achievement Award by the RCN and a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Institute of Psychiatry in London. In 2019 he was named one of the 70 most influential nurses in the 70 year history of the NHS. He has honorary doctoral degrees from Edinburgh Napier University and the University of Maribor, Slovenia. His research interests are patient quality and safety and the healthcare workforce.

Nominated by Omega Epsilon at-Large Chapter, Ireland

## Brendan McCormack

Prof Brendan McCormack is a nursing academic and internationally renowned nursing leader. His research focuses on person-centredness with a particular focus on the development of person-centred cultures, practices and processes. Brendan is the Head of The Susan Wakil School of Nursing and Midwifery & Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Health, The University of Sydney. Additionally, Prof McCormack maintains honorary academic positions at Edinburgh's Queen Margaret University, Zealand University Hospital/University of Southern Denmark, Ulster University and University of Pretoria and is the Associate Director of the International Community of Practice for person-centred practice research (PcPR[1]ICoP). He was the founding editor of "International Journal of Older People Nursing" and currently remains 'Editor Emeritus' of the journal and was pivotal in setting up the Scotland Chapter of Sigma, Omega Xi.

Nominated by Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland

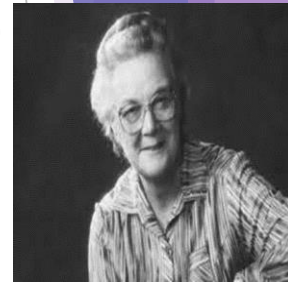


## Jean McFarlane (1926-2012)

Jean Kennedy McFarlane, Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff, FRCN, MCSP was born in Cardiff, Wales, and later trained as a nurse, a midwife, and as a health visitor before going on to pursue a successful career in nursing teaching and administration.

She studied sociology at Bedford College, London. In the 1960s she participated in the Royal College of Nursing research programme "Study of Nursing Care". In 1974 she became the holder of the first Chair of Nursing at an English university (the University of Manchester) and held it until 1989. McFarlane served on the Royal Commission on the National Health Service, 1976-79 (Chairman: Sir Alec Merrison). A committed Christian, she served as a member of the general synod of the Church of England 1990-1994.

Nominated Upsilon Xi Chapter at Large, Wales



## Donna Mead

Professor Donna Mead OBE has been a registered nurse for over 40 years; her entire working life being spent in public service in either health or education. She has worked in hospitals and universities across Wales in roles which include clinician, researcher and educator. She was Dean of a large faculty of Life Sciences and education for 18 years. Her background in health and education is reflected in the responsibilities and roles which she holds today. These include Chair of Velindre University NHS Trust and Governor of Neath and Port Talbot (Group) College. Donna is also an elected member of the Royal College of Nursing in Wales. Donna has spent her life living in the Welsh Valleys and, unsurprisingly is involved in activities which helps valleys communities to build resilience. Once such activity is as Director of Pen Y Cymoedd Windfarm Community Interest Company. Donna is a Fellow of the RCN, Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales, she holds an honorary Doctor of Science from Swansea University, is a Commander in the order of St John and in 2008 was awarded the OBE for services to health and nursing.



Nominated Upsilon Xi Chapter at Large, Wales

## Zorka Mojsović

In March of 1969, Zorka Mojsović commenced employment as a teaching associate in the Dispensary-Patronage Department at the Undergraduate School for Nurses and Health Technicians in Zagreb, based on her prior work experience in the patronage and child protection services. Throughout her professional career, she advocated for the modernization of nursing study programs and their alignment with global and European education standards. Her contributions were particularly noteworthy in the development of a unified curriculum and nursing study program in 1986, which significantly expanded the scope of teaching in the field of nursing care. The nursing program subjects were developed and taught by the school's nurses-teachers, who assumed all the responsibilities of instruction, including lectures, seminars, exercises, and exams. Additionally, Zorka Mojsović played a significant role in the development of a three-year curriculum and program. During her entire working life, Zorka Mojsović actively participated in the teaching process, primarily instructing courses related to patronage nursing care of the population, i.e., community health care. She managed the Nursing Care Practical Skills Cabinet and served as the head of Nursing Study from 1999 to 2000. Furthermore, she played a key role in organizing numerous seminars and courses for nurses, and she was instrumental in the establishment of the Croatian Association of Undergraduate Nurses. Zorka Mojsović was a member of this association and actively contributed to the humanitarian organization "Dobrobit." After her retirement, she co-authored the manual "Nursing in the Community" with her colleagues.

Nominated by Alpha Alpha Gamma Chapter, Croatia



## Heleen Melk (1888-1973)

Heleen Melk was one of the first nurse educators. In that Role she left her mark on the nursing profession by writing a textbook, which described the 'ten commandments for nurses'. She took a global interest in how to educate nurses.

Nominated by Rho Chi at-Large Chapter, The Netherlands



## Joy Merrell

Professor Joy Merrell is the President of Upsilon Xi at Large Chapter of Sigma and was the Sigma Europe Regional Coordinator from 2015-17.

After a successful clinical career as a general nurse and a Health Visitor, Joy into Higher Education in 1989. Joy has eclectic research interests but the focus of her work is within community and primary health care. She has had a long standing interest in women's health issues dating back to her Masters and PhD work in community well woman clinics which has broadened over the years to encompass minority ethnic health and promoting active ageing. Her research interests also include public and user involvement in primary health care and public health nursing. She has a strong track record of funded research, publications and doctoral degree completions. Since 2011 Joy has had leadership roles in promoting gender equality through the Athena Swan Charter and is currently the Institutional lead for Athena Swan at Swansea University.

Nominated by Sigma Europe Regional Coordinator



## Julie Moore

Dame Julie Moore DBE was the Chief Executive of University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust from 2006 to 2018. She is a Director of the Prince of Wales's Charitable Foundation and the Board of the 2022 Commonwealth Games which will be held in Birmingham.

She spent ten years as a nurse in clinical practice before moving into nursing management. She became a director of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in 1998. In 2002 she moved to University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation trust as Chief Operating Officer, and was appointed as Chief Executive in 2006. She was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the 2012 New Year Honours and was one of the top ten Chief Executives in the NHS in 2013 according to the Health Service Journal. In 2015 she was said to be the 31st most influential person in the English NHS and the same year the Health Service Journal judged her as the third to top Chief Executive in the National Health Service, and in 2016 the second. Dame Julie has honorary degrees from the University of Birmingham, Birmingham City University, Oxford Brookes University and Aston University.

Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England

## Jan Nilsson

Jan Nilsson, Professor, Karlstad University, Sweden and Inland University of Applied Sciences, Norway, PhD, RN, RNT specializing in nurses' professional competence, care pedagogics and didactics. He has made significant contributions to the field through his research, education, and international collaboration.

Nilsson is the one of the founder and president of the Swedish NPC (Nurses Professional Competence) Research Group, which aims to promote and advance nurses' professional competence through research, education, and practice to enhance safety and the quality of care. His work as the president resulted in advancing the field of NPC through research, education, and practice worldwide.

He has been actively involved in the internationalization of nursing education within the Red Cross and Red Crescent Nursing Schools globally, responding to local and global vulnerability. Nilsson and his colleagues established an international network in nursing education with the aim to identify the best practices in nursing education and for sharing knowledge and resources.

Nilsson is the project coordinator for the Erasmus+ project "Capacity Building in Nursing Education in Indonesia (CABNEI)", co-financed by the EU. The aim is to raise the competence of nurse educators and their ability to facilitate learning that will strengthen the quality of nursing programs and improve nurses' ability to address various health issues for the population. Nilsson's expertise in nursing education and international collaboration has been instrumental in guiding the project's success.

Nominated by Tau Omega Chapter, Sweden

## Yvonne Moores

She is a former Chief Nursing Officer for Wales, for Scotland and for England. As a Director of the NHS, she played a key role as advisor to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health on a range of issues related to policy and improving the quality of clinical services. Dame Yvonne serves as consultant to the United Nations and the World Health Organization. She has been a Pro-Chancellor at Bournemouth University and Council Chair of Southampton University (2000–06). In 1999, she was named Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire. In 2017 Dame Yvonne was awarded a Sigma Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award.

Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England

## Delmina Moreira

In 1959, she started working as a General Nurse at the Hospital of the University of Coimbra. In 1969 and 1971, respectively, she was a member of the installation committees of the Higher Schools of Nursing in many cities in Portugal. From 1974 to 2000 she was the Director of the Nursing School "Bissaya Barreto". She dedicated her life to nursing teaching, research, and the development of the nursing discipline and profession, being recognized and honored by several institutions including the Ministry of Health of Portugal. She retired in 2002, aged 70, as president of the Board of Directors of the Nursing School Bissaya Barreto, in Coimbra. Nominated by Phi Xi Chapter, Portugal



## Kerstin Nordendahl (1881 – 1958)

Kerstin was the first nurse and inspector at the National Board of Medicine and had a key role in the development of health care and the nursing profession in Sweden during the first half of the 20th century. In 1947, she was awarded the prestigious Florence Nightingale Medal by the International Committee of the Red Cross. She studied nursing in Gothenburg and at Sophia hemmet in Stockholm. She worked as a ward nurse, supervised students and also served internationally, for example in Greece in 1913 during the Balkan War. She was unmarried. Before 1939, marriage was reasons for dismissal of women in government service.

The expanding health care, mainly at hospitals around the country, needed increasingly skilled Labor and nursing schools therefore came into focus. In 1910, a group formed well-educated nurses in Stockholm Swedish Nursing Association (SSF). Association quickly gained acceptance for one of its main demands: state regulation and control of nursing education. Kerstin supervised the nursing schools and their activities and the working conditions of female health professionals. During his time at the Medical Board, She influenced the implementation of a number of social policy reforms in health care. During World War II, she was also responsible for organizing nurses to the war medics.

During her period as an inspector, she worked to educate well trained nurses. She was interested in Preventive health care as a community nurse. She has closely worked with national nurses association and internationally to improve nurses working conditions.

Nominated by Tau Omega Chapter, Sweden



## Lucilla Nunes

Lucilla holds a PhD in Philosophy, Master in Nursing Science, Master in Cultural and Political History and has a Degree in Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing. Professor Nunes, a well-known scholar and researcher in Nursing Ethics, has made substantial contributions to the code of ethics and behaviour in European nursing, providing valuable insights for clinical practice, education, and research. Professor Nunes is also well-known for her strong nursing advocacy, having authored numerous research articles and books on nurses' professional autonomy and accountability in clinical decision-making, as well as the articulation and mediation of justice, power, and responsibility in nursing care. Recently appointed by the Council of Ministers, for the position of vice-president of the National Council for Health, Portugal.

Nominated by Phi Xi Chapter, Portugal



## Štefanija Ozimec Vulinec

Štefanija Ozimec Vulinec, RN, BsN, MsN, MsEd, was born on October 7th, 1967. She obtained her education from the Vinogradska School of Nursing in 1986. In December 1994, she graduated from the Higher School of Nursing at the University of Zagreb's Faculty of Medicine. Additionally, she completed a Specialist Graduate Professional study of "Management in Nursing" at the University of Applied Health Sciences in 2008. In 2009, she completed a graduate program at the University of Zagreb's Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation, followed by enrollment in a doctoral program at the University of Zagreb's Faculty of Education in 2010. Between 1987 and 2008, she served in various roles at the Dubrava Clinical Hospital, including the Education Center, Sterile Units, Hematology and Oncology, and Endocrinology departments, as a nursing educator and head nurse. During the same period, she was also an assistant lecturer at the University of Applied Health Sciences, where she taught theoretical and practical classes in nursing, Nursing Care of Adults, and Palliative Care. Prof. Vulinec worked as a lecturer and nursing program manager from 2009 to 2013, and she has been a senior lecturer at the University of Applied Health Sciences since 2013. Throughout her career, Prof. Vulinec has had the opportunity to train at various international institutions, including Sheffield, UK (1998); Cleveland, USA (1999), Buffalo, USA (2001); and Salzburg, Austria (2008). She has made significant contributions to the nursing profession by publishing professional and scientific papers, participating in numerous international and domestic conferences, authoring books and book chapters, and actively participating in many international projects.

In 20023 Prof. Vulinec was awarded the Best Nurse award at the Dubrava Clinical Hospital. In addition, she is one of the founders of the first Croatian Sigma chapter - Alpha Alpha Gamma, where she served as the association's Vice President in the first term.

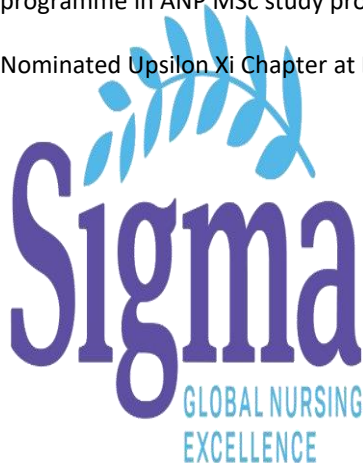
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## Majda Pajnikihar

Professor Majda Pajnikihar, PhD, RN, FAAN, FEANS, former Dean of the University of Maribor Faculty of Health Sciences, is the Head of the Institute for Nursing Care, senior researcher, and full professor who has participated in numerous national and international projects. Her educational and research collaboration involves various international institutions. Pajnikihar is also a member of SIGMA, and a Fellow of the AAN and EANS. Her research interests include caring, qualitative research methods, nursing theories supporting nursing practice, education, and research. On her initiative, the first Institute for Nursing in Slovenia was established in 1996. She is also one of the three founding members of the UDINE-C, an international group of professionals that promotes nursing research, education and practice skills. She was first Slovenian to obtain a Nursing PhD in Slovenia and is a pioneer in introducing nursing theories and qualitative research in nursing at university level and clinically. She led the establishment of the first nursing PhD programme in ANP MSc study programme in Slovenia.

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**Margherita Kaiser Parodi, also known as the Red Cross of Redipuglia (1897 – 1918)**

Margherita was an Italian nurse who served during the First World War in the corps of volunteer nurses of the Italian Red Cross on the Friulian front. Decorated with the bronze medal for military valor, she is the only woman buried in the military memorial of Redipuglia erected to commemorate the Italian fallen of the Great War.

Nominated by Alpha Alpha Beta Chapter, Italy



**Kofoworola Abeni Pratt (née Scott, (1915 – 1992)**

Chief Kofoworola Abeni Pratt Hon. FRCN (née Scott, 1915 – 18 June 1992) was a Nigerian nurse who was the first black nurse to work in Britain's National Health Service. She subsequently became vice-president of the International Council of Nurses and the first black Chief Nursing Officer of Nigeria, working in the Federal Ministry of Health.

Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England

**Ausilia Maria Lucia Pulimeno ( d 2022)**

Ausilia Maria Lucia Pulimeno was born in Lecce and lived in Rome until her death in 2022. In 1973 she obtained the Diploma of Professional Nurse. She was president of the Center of Excellence for Culture and Nursing Research of the Order of Nursing Professions of Rome (OPI Rome). She has been a professor of nursing in the undergraduate, master and master's degree courses at the Sapienza University of Rome. She carries out research in the field of nursing sciences at national and international level. She has been president of the Order of Nursing Professions of Rome since 2015. She was also national vice-president of the Order of Nursing Professions (FNOPI).



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**Emmy Carolina Rappe (1835 – 1896)**

Emmy was one of the pioneers in Swedish nursing. With Rappe, the history of Swedish nursing education began. She was Sweden's first medically trained vocational nurse, and she also led the first nursing education in Sweden.

Emmy Rappe was trained in London at Saint Thomas Hospital by Florence Nightingale personally. Emmy Rappe received in 1877 H.M. King's Medal in Gold for Civic Merit and 1895 Illis Quorum.



Rappe returned to Sweden and served as head nurse of Uppsala Academic Hospital and director of the Red Cross's newly founded nursing school at Academic Hospital. This was the first education for secular nurses in Sweden: the only nursing education that existed before was the deaconess education. Rappe maintained a high standard in her teaching, but worked so hard that her health took a toll. She worked without pay, and carried out pioneering work when she trained the first nurses in Sweden. She wanted to raise the status of the profession by demanding competence and morality, and also demanded loyalty within the profession. She caused a stir when she carried out this work as a baroness, and because she introduced a new professional group and a new education in Sweden, she was also met with resistance from the authorities and doctors. She shared Florence Nightingale's view of healthcare as a sacrificial vocation rather than a profession: "imbued with a desire to be God and to please the patients".

Nominated by Tau Omega Chapter, Sweden

**Anna Reynvaan (1844-1920)**

Johanna Paulina Reynvaan is one of the most important founders of the Dutch nursing profession. She was one of the first women to receive White Cross diploma of nursing. After graduating she played an important role in a significant number of innovations of the nursing profession in the Netherlands.



Nominated by Rho Chi at-Large Chapter, The Netherlands



### **Gennaro Rocco**

Dr Gennaro Rocco was born in Riardo (CE) and lives in Rome. In 1982 she obtained the diploma of Professional Nurse. He is the Director of the Centre of Excellence for Nursing Scholarship - OPI Rome- Italy since its inception in 2009. He was also President of the OPI Rome Nursing Regulatory Board for more than 20 years and was National Vice President of the OPI Regulatory Board for nursing for more than 14 years. In 2004, he established the European Federation of Nursing Regulators as OPI National Vice President with the UK, Spain, and Ireland. He was inducted in the Sigma "Hall of Fame" in 2022.



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### **Nídia Salgueiro**

Retired nurse and teacher. She started working as a nurse in 1955, but quickly became head nurse while collaborating with the Nursing School "Angelo da Fonseca", where she became a full-time professor in 1968. She took the Medical-Surgical Nursing Specialization Course in 1991. She dedicated her life to nursing teaching, research, and the development of the nursing discipline and profession, being recognized and honored by several institutions including the Ministry of Health of Portugal. Currently, among other projects, she is working as Technical Director of the Gineste-Marescotti Institute of Portugal. She brought together a team motivated and committed to disseminating the "Gineste-Marescotti Care Methodology: Caring in Humanity" in Portugal and around the world.



Nominated by Phi Xi Chapter, Portugal

### **Elizabeth Rosser**

Professor Elizabeth Rosser is a highly respected nurse leader and academic. She has numerous publications and has inspired hundred's of nurses in their careers. She was Dean of the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences at Bournemouth University. Prof Rosser was the driving force behind setting up the Phi Mu Chapter in England in 2012 and was President from 2012-2017 and still has a seat on the Board. Prof Rosser was a member of Sigma Governance Committee of Sigma from 2011 to 2015 .She was a member of the Sigma Board of Directors 2015-2019 and a member of Sigma Leadership Succession Committee from 2019-2023. As a visiting Professor in Norway, Prof Rosser has a keen interest in transcultural care. She spent five years as a nurse-midwife in a 30-bed bush hospital in Colombia, laterally taking overall leadership of the hospital before spending a year as head nurse in the operating and emergency department of a private hospital in Cartagena, Colombia. More recently, she was coordinator of a British Council funded higher education link scheme between her own university in Bristol, England and the Universidade do Norte in Natal, Brazil to introduce the new role of nurse-midwife into a rural community in northeast Brazil.

Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England.



### **Manuel Rodrigues**

Nurse with a specialization in Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing, which, from very early on, focused on the academic and scientific aspects. Doctorate and postdoctoral in Educational Sciences from the University of Aveiro and University of Salamanca, he has a vast published scientific production. He was the founder of the Health Sciences Research Unit: Nursing (UICISA): the 1st nursing research unit in Portugal, funded by the Portuguese government. This unit seeks to bring students closer to research projects, thus contributing to the training of young nursing researchers. Pedagogical Innovation, Health Pedagogy and Health Education, as well as mental health and the Personal and Professional Development of Students and Nursing and Caregivers are his major areas of interest.



Nominated by Phi Xi Chapter, Portugal

### **Loredana Sasso**

Prof Loredana was born in Sanremo and lives in Genoa. She is professor of nursing at the University of Genoa. She was Chair of the Brussels Office of the European Federation of Nursing Regulators (FEPI) from 2006 to 2009, during which she worked on the creation of the Code of Ethics and Conduct for European Nursing. She is the founding president of the first Italian Sigma Alpha Alpha Beta nursing chapter based at the University of Genoa. She led the establishment of the first doctoral program in nursing in Italy. Co-founder (2012) of the Italian Society of Nursing Sciences. She is qualified as full professor in scientific disciplines general clinical sciences and paediatric nursing.



Nominated by Alpha Alpha Beta Chapter, Italy



### **Penny Sartori**

Dr Sartori worked as an intensive care nurse for seventeen years, during which time she cared for many patients who were close to death. As a result of these experiences, she began researching near-death experiences, culminating in the publication of her monograph *The Near-Death Experiences of Hospitalized Intensive Care Patients: A Five-Year Clinical Study*, which was published by the Edwin Mellen Press in 2008. Her work also gained her a PhD in 2005. She now works as a lecturer and consultant.

Nominated Upsilon Xi Chapter at Large, Wales

### **Dame Cicely Saunders (1918 – 2005)**

Dame Cicely began studying politics, philosophy, and economics at St Anne's College, Oxford in 1938. During the war, she decided to become a nurse and trained at Nightingale School of Nursing based at St Thomas's Hospital from 1940–44. Returning to St Anne's College after a back injury in 1944, she took a BA in 1945, qualifying as a medical social worker in 1947 and eventually trained as a doctor at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School (now merged to form King's College London GKT School of Medical Education) and qualified MBBS in 1957. She founded St Christopher's Hospice in 1967 as the first hospice linking expert pain and symptom control, compassionate care, teaching and clinical research. St Christopher's has been a pioneer in the field of palliative medicine, which is now established worldwide. In 1979, she was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (DBE). In 1981 she was awarded the Templeton Prize, the world's highest-value annual prize awarded to an individual. In 1989, she was appointed to the Order of Merit. In 2001, she received the world's largest humanitarian award, the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize, on behalf of St Christopher's. Dame Cicely was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.



Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England

### **Abel Paiva e Silva**

Professor Paiva e Silva was Portugal's first nurse to receive a PhD in Nursing Sciences from the Abel Salazar Institute of Biomedical Sciences (University of Porto). Professor Abel Paiva e Silva's journey has been well-known, especially in the scope of Nursing information systems, and he has made significant contributions to the acceptance of nursing as a scientific discipline. This contribution has been honoured with various awards, including the International Council of Nurses' Kim Mo Im Policy Innovation and Impact Award in 2021.



Nominated by Phi Xi Chapter, Portugal

### **Biserka Sedić**

Dr Biserka Sedić started working as a nurse in 1980 in Merkur Clinical Hospital at a clinic for internal medicine. In 1989, she became the Head nurse of the coronary unit and a teacher in clinical practical classes for nursing students. In 1993, she started working as a nursing teacher at the Advanced School of Nursing and Health Technicians which was at that time merged with the School of Medicine in Zagreb, and which in 1996 became the University of Applied Health Sciences, where she is still employed.

Her field of interest is the nursing care of psychiatric patients, nursing care of the elderly, nursing care of addicts, nursing care for neurological patients and mental health care of children and adolescents. She prepared and published manuals and teaching materials for these specific fields of nursing care.

In her teaching career, she has educated numerous generations of students who occupy prominent places in the Croatian health care system and the system of education for health professions.

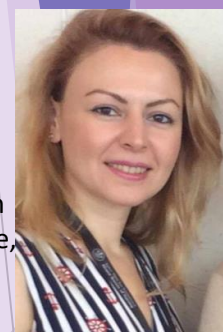
In 2007, the International League of Humanists awarded her the Nurse of the Year award.

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### **Marine Serobyan**

Marina Serobyan graduated from Yerevan State Medical College Erebuni as a midwife, after continued her education in the Department of Nursing Administration receiving the qualification of Nurse, Nurse-Manager in 2008. She completed "Training of Trainers" course to teach BSN students as faculty of Basic Nursing and from 2009 to 2017 worked at ICU department of Yerevan Nairi Medical Center. She is very active, enthusiastic, being the 2015-2017 president of Chi Delta Chapter representing Chapter at 2016 CGN Inaugural Conference in Hong Kong organized by Pi Lota Chapter and at 28th international Nursing Research Congress in Dublin in 2017.



Nominated by Chi Delta Chapter, Armenia

### Venny Snellman (1893-1966)

Venny was a Finnish pioneer in the field of nursing and a developer of nursing education and nursing work in Finland. She graduated as a nurse in 1917. Snellman was the inspector of the child care work of Mannerheim's Children's Welfare Association from 1922-1929 and the first inspector of nursing education of the Swedish Medical Board from 1930-1958. She founded the Nurses' Education Foundation (SHKS) in 1944. Snellman was awarded the Florence Nightingale medal in 1947 and the title of social counsellor in 1953. The Nurses' Education Foundation awards a recognition grant named after Venny Snellman.

Nominated by Alpha Beta Nu Chapter, Finland



Prof. Ada Spitzer founded (in 1995) the first academic Department of Nursing in Northern Israel. Prof. Spitzer envisioned and implemented a curriculum that addresses future trends of healthcare worldwide. She also encouraged, mentored faculty members' academic career, and led the department in producing graduates of high academic standards. Prof. Spitzer holds a PhD in Nursing from the University of Washington and has published extensively. She served as the first Chair of the Department of Nursing and held key positions, including assistant to the Rector and Vice President of the University of Haifa. In 2014, Prof. Spitzer was chosen as one of the top 50 leading women in Israel.

Nominated by Omega Lambda Chapter, Israel



### Judith Steiner Freud

Judith Steiner Freud is the most senior nursing educator in Israel. She trained hundreds of graduate nurses who were integrated into key positions in the health care system in Israel. Served as Dean of Nursing at the Faculty of Medicine at the Hebrew University in 1975. She fought to make the profession academic, promoted national research and represented Israel around the world in the field of nursing. "I was very lucky to come to Israel. I came from a Zionist family and was present when the State of Israel was born. I was here in the difficult moments and the beautiful moments", said Judith, who celebrated 102 years!

Nominated by Omega Lambda Chapter, Israel



### Elsie Stephenson- (1916 – 1967)

Scottish nurse and first director of nursing studies at University of Edinburgh. We want to acknowledge Elsie's international influence and for establishing nursing as a profession with a national register.

Nominated by Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland



## Barbara Stilwell

Barbara Stilwell FRCN is a British nurse, researcher and academic, currently the Executive Director of the Nursing Now Global campaign and based in the United Kingdom, who has held various high-level positions at the Geneva headquarters of the World Health Organization's Human Resources Department.

A native of Liverpool, Dr Stilwell has worked with the Liverpool Associates for Tropical Health since September 2006. Before that, from 1998 to 2006, she worked with the WHO in health systems development, co-authoring the WHO's 2006 Health Report, which was to collect and analyse data regarding the impact of migrants on health systems in developing countries. She was one of the first nurse practitioners in the UK, educated there and in the United States. She practiced in underserved areas of Africa, Australasia and the Caribbean. From 1982 to 1990 she had several appointments as a research fellow in nursing studies. In 1991 she became a principal lecturer at the Institute of Advanced Nursing Education at the Royal College of Nursing. She was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Nursing in 1994. From 1995 to 1997, as the RCN's Programme Director, she advised at government level on health care issues. After a short time at the Expanded Programme for Immunisation at the WHO, she joined the Human Resources for Health Department in 1998.



Nominated by Phi Mu Chapter, England



**Lidy Vlaskamp (1952-2016)**

Lidy Vlaskamp was a nurse as well as a lawyer. She combined these two professions in a very constructive manner. She was able to connect people, and gave a large contribution in the development of the nursing profession in The Netherlands.

Nominated by Rho Chi at-Large Chapter, The Netherlands



**Ziva Tal (1931-2010)**

Head of the School of Nursing and former Head Nurse in Tel Hashomer hospital. She led to a significant change in the image and positioning of nursing in Israel. She was a key figure in nursing education and management in various positions including national supervisor of nursing education in Israel. Ziva radiated warmth to her colleagues and served as an address for advice and guidance.

Nominated by Omega Lambda Chapter, Israel



**Bien van de Brink-Tjebbes (1924-2014)**

Bien van de Brink worked as a nurse and staff officer in health inspection. From the 1960s onwards she developed the first scientific theory on nursing in The Netherlands. In this theory self care and holism are the main concepts.

Nominated by Rho Chi at Large Chapter, the Netherlands



### **Kitty Verbeek (1919-2007)**

Kitty Verbeek was an international oriented professional with a clear vision on the nursing profession, which was inspired by a great love for nursing practice. One of her accomplishments is the founding of education of nursing management in the 70's.

Nominated by Rho Chi at-Large Chapter, The Netherlands



### **Roger Watson**

Prof Roger Watson is a British academic. He is Academic Dean in the School of Nursing, Southwest Medical University, China and Professor of Nursing, Caritas Institute of Higher Education, Hong Kong. Until 2022 Prof Watson was the Professor of Nursing at the University of Hull. He is the editor-in-chief of Nurse Education in Practice and an Editorial Board Member of the WikiJournal of Medicine. Prof Watson was the Founding Chair of the Lancet Commission on Nursing, and a founding member of the Global Advisory Group for the Future of Nursing. Prof Watson was elected Vice President of the National Conference of University Professors in 2020 and became President in 2022 until 2024. He is a recipient of the Sigma Researcher Hall of Fame.

Nominated by Omega Xi Chapter, Scotland



### **Katri Vehviläinen-Julkunen**

Katri Vehviläinen-Julkunen (PhD, Licentiate, MSc, RN, RM, FEANS) is a professor at the Department of Nursing Science, University of Eastern Finland, and Honorary Professor in Hong Kong. She is a nationally, and internationally awarded researcher and nursing science education developer. She has held leadership roles at department, university, hospital, national and international levels. She is board member of ministerial Council for Choices in Health Care in Finland. She has over 500 publications, supervised 65 PhDs resulting in six professors. She is Fellow of the European Academy of Nursing Science and was awarded 'International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame' by Sigma in 2017.

Nominated by Alpha Beta Nu Chapter, Finland



### **Lujza Wagner Janović (1907.-1945)**

Lujza Wagner Janović was born in Zagreb into a prominent family of merchants. In 1926 she graduated from the nursing school in Zagreb and went on to study at Yale University, New Haven and Canada as a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow. She returned to Croatia in 1928 and was employed at the Children's Outpatient Clinic in Zagreb.

Lujza drafted a proposal and work plan and was the first head of the Central Office for Social Medical Work of Nurses, with the purpose of unifying the nursing care in the community. The Central Office was established in 1930, and within it nurses developed public health and social activities and established social, hygienic and health care in the city of Zagreb, which has been available throughout the city. Through the work of nurses, the vulnerable groups of the urban population - children, the elderly, the infirm and the sick received the necessary health care. Special emphasis was placed on health education.

For many years she was the editor of the journal *Sestrinska riječ* (The Word of Nurses). She was the president of the nursing association, Section of Nurses of Sava-Drava Banate with its headquarters in Zagreb. In the Section, among other things, she dealt with professional development and status issues of nurses. She spent the Second World War in Split and on the island of Brač, where she was the only health worker and helped the local population. She spent the last months of her life as an employee of the International Red Cross in Zagreb.

Nominated by Alpha Alpha Gamma Chapter, Croatia





**Jean White**

Welsh by birth, Prof Jean White CBE trained as a general nurse in Swansea and practised as a theatre nurse in Wales and London. Jean has held positions in nurse education, at the Welsh National Board, Health Professions Wales and Welsh Government. Jean has worked with a number of European Governments and as an expert adviser to the WHO European Region. Prof Jean White CBE was appointed as Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) for Wales in October 2010. During her tenure as the CNO for Wales, her main priority was on developing the nursing and midwifery workforce in Wales and in implementing the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016, which saw Wales become the first country in Europe to introduce safe staffing levels. Jean is an Honorary Visiting Professor to the School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies, Cardiff University, visiting Professor to University of South Wales, Fellow of Swansea University, Fellow of Bangor University and was made Fellow of the Queen's Nursing Institute in November 2016. She was acknowledged in the inaugural Nursing Times Nurse Leaders 2014 list. She was awarded a CBE in the 2017 Queen's Birthday's Honours list and became a Member of the Order of St John in 2018. Since retiring as the CNO for Wales in 2021, Jean has been appointed as Chair of the UK Nursing and Midwifery Council's Future Programme Standards Steering Group to develop education programme standards.

Nominated Upsilon Xi Chapter at Large, Wales

### **Elsa Yellin (1901-1958)**

Elsa was the first Head Nurse at Rambam Hospital in Haifa after the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948; also the founder of the nursing school. She managed nursing in accordance with the British tradition and demanded quality and excellence. She was an example and role model for all her students by making nursing and the nursing school the centre of her life.

Nominated by Omega Lambda Chapter, Israel



### **Malka Zagagi**

Malka was the first Chief Military Nurse in the IDF, commander of the military school for nurses in Tel-Litwinski and Head Nurse of the hospital (now Tel Hashomer) in 1949-1961. Founder of the nursing school in Tel Hashomer. Her life's work was the establishment of a military school for nurses that still exists today as a civilian school. This involved many physical, financial and organizational difficulties required a lot of imagination and a strong belief that this dream would indeed come true. Her organizational ability, her teaching ability and her fighting ability helped her to complete the enterprise.

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