



## **President's Report Winter NANDA-I Board Meeting Philadelphia, PA ♦ February 2007**

The Board of Directors met in Philadelphia at the offices of our management company, Fernley & Fernley, for our September meeting. Minutes of that meeting are available for members on our website, [www.NANDA.org](http://www.NANDA.org). One of the exciting announcements at that meeting came from Dr. Dickon Weir-Hughes, who shared that the Chief Nursing Officer of the United Kingdom had announced that NANDA-I will be used in every hospital in England. This visionary position by the United Kingdom will hopefully pave the way for other such initiatives around the world.

### **Translation Issues**

Many of our members living in non-English speaking countries have shared concerns with us regarding the quality of translation of the NANDA International *Definitions and Classifications* book. Concerns have included the way in which nursing concepts are being translated, and the apparent lack of nursing input into those translations. Other concerns include the lag time between publishing of the book in the United States and the publication in the non-English speaking countries. The Board of Directors discussed these concerns at length during the September board meeting, and is currently reviewing the way in which translation licenses are provided. Although this will not impact the current book, changes may be made for future editions of the book to ensure nursing input from non-English speaking countries. We welcome any recommendations on this issue from our members.

### **Journal Update**

Rose Mary Carroll-Johnson has retired from the editor position after many years of fantastic work in this role. We will miss her insight and dedication. However, as with all change, this brings an opportunity for us to rethink the vision for the future of the journal.

The Board discussed issues regarding the need for a more complete continuum of users, from new to expert and across all segments of the profession (student, practitioner, educator, administrator, informaticist & researcher). We want to re-focus efforts on establishing our journal as *the place* to publish articles related to all standardized nursing languages (SNLs), development and refinement of terminology that identifies and defines the core concepts/phenomena of concern to nursing, and how to use them across settings. We also want the journal to be a place to share news from different organizations and/or countries that may be of interest to our readership. We are very excited to have Dr. Georgia Whitley as our new Executive Editor, and look forward to a revitalization of the journal as we move forward into the new year. She, in collaboration with her associate editors, is sure to bring a fresh look and feel to the journal that will appeal to all nurses.

### **Definitions and Classifications Book**

I am pleased to announce that NANDA International has published the results of its latest work in *Nursing Diagnoses: Definitions and Classifications, 2007-2008*. The new edition features NANDA-I approved diagnoses, and 15 new diagnoses and 25 revised, complete with nomenclature tables. Four of the accepted revisions to diagnoses were submitted from individuals from outside of the United States (Brazil and Canada), which is reflective of the increasing internationalization of nursing diagnosis terminology. It is important to note that many of the revised and new diagnoses came about as a direct result of increased activity by the members of the Diagnosis Review Committee (DRC). Almost one half (12) of the revised diagnoses and two of the new diagnoses were developed by members of this committee in response to the call from the Board of Directors for a proactive role for the committee, in

addition to its established role in the review of incoming submissions.

Other changes in this edition include the addition of information on the use and applicability of nursing diagnoses within nursing education, nursing informatics, nursing research, and nursing administration. This information is offered as a brief introduction on the importance of nursing diagnoses to each of these critical areas within the nursing profession, particularly due to the increased interest being expressed by individuals in those areas who are beginning to see the need to look beyond the more obvious clinical applicability of the nursing diagnoses.

This book would not be possible without the continued commitment of an extraordinary individual who agreed to continue her involvement with it as its editor, Margo Neal. I want to thank her for her willingness to continue with this work and for making the publication of this book possible. I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to the members of the editorial committee, especially Leann Scroggins and Dr. GERALYN Meyers, whose hard work also enabled the publication of this edition.

### **NANDA International Conference**

I am pleased to announce that the 2008 NANDA International conference will be held in Miami, Florida (USA) on November 12-15, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Miami at the Miami Convention Center. The theme for the conference will be: *Capturing the Expert Knowledge of Nursing*. The timing of this conference differs from past conferences, which have been held in the spring, as a result of input from past attendees from around the world. This conference is also being sponsored solely by NANDA International, but will include presentations and tracks that are of importance to users and developers of all standardized nursing languages. We will be presenting more information on the conference as it comes available, but be sure to mark it in your calendars now! I will look forward to seeing you all in sunny Miami in 2008.

### **TIGER Summit**

I was fortunate to attend the TIGER (Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform) Invitational Summit held October 30-November 1, 2006 at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, MD.

The TIGER Initiative aims to enable practicing nurses and nursing students to fully engage in the unfolding digital electronic era in healthcare. The purpose of the initiative is to identify information/knowledge management best practices and effective technology capabilities for nurses. TIGER's goal is to create and disseminate action plans that can be duplicated within nursing and other multidisciplinary healthcare training and workplace settings.

The TIGER Initiative is working to catalyze a dynamic, sustainable, and productive relationship between the Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI), with its 20 nursing informatics professional societies, and the major nursing organizations including NANDA International, the American Nurses Association (ANA), the Association of Nurse Executives (AONE), the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and others which collectively represent over 2,000,000 nurses.

### **TIGER VISION**

- Allow informatics tools, principles, theories and practices to be used by nurses to make healthcare safer, effective, efficient, patient-centered, timely and equitable.
- Interweave enabling technologies transparently into nursing practice and education, making information technology the stethoscope for the 21st century.

## **TIGER Expected Outcomes**

- Publish a Summit report, including Summit findings and exemplars of excellence.
- Establish guidelines for organizations to follow as they integrate informatics knowledge, skills, and abilities into academic and practice settings.
- Set an agenda whereby the nursing organizations specify what they plan to do to bridge the quality chasm via information technology strategies.

I encourage everyone to check out the TIGER website (<http://www.tigersummit.com>) and sign up to view the Final Summit Report and Register for TIGER Summit email updates.

## **ACENDIO Conference**

The Association for Common European Nursing Diagnoses, Interventions and Outcomes (ACENDIO) is sponsoring the *6<sup>th</sup> European Conference of ACENDIO* on April 19-21, 2007 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The program includes 8 tutorials, 4 keynotes, 85 paper presentations, 4 workshops and approximately 45 poster presentations; speakers include many NANDA International members. I encourage you to view the conference information available at the ACENDIO website ([www.acendio.net](http://www.acendio.net)).

## **JSND Agreement**

A joint membership agreement with the Japanese Society of Nursing Diagnosis was received from Takako Egawa, RN, PhD, President, in January of 2007. This increases our international joint membership partners to three organizations: JSND, AENTDE and ACENDIO. The availability of joint memberships will make membership in multiple organizations more affordable, thereby increasing benefits of membership in multiple organizations to a wider number of interested nurses. I am very pleased that NANDA-I and JSND have successfully reached a joint membership agreement.

## **Summary**

The Board of Directors will be meeting with the members of the Taxonomy, Informatics and Diagnosis Development Committees in February, 2007, in Philadelphia. We will be working on improving consultation and collaboration between those committees. We plan to also spend time working with Dr. Judy Carlson, chair of the Bylaws Committee, as we move forward with the work on the new organizational structure that was introduced at the 2006 conference. Dr. Whitley will also join us to discuss her orientation to her position as editor for the journal, and to update us on her plan to actualize the vision for the journal.

We will be increasing the visibility of NANDA International at some key conferences in the upcoming year, including the 2007 ACENDIO conference, the Japanese Society of Nursing Diagnosis Conference and ICN Conferences, both being held in Japan in 2007. Our purpose is to ensure that the discussion of standardized nursing language development and implementation is considered in venues that are key for moving the work of our organization forward.

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