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## **ICN Congress 2013: Website and Call for Abstracts Launched**

***25th Quadrennial Congress will be held in one of the world's `most liveable` cities,- Melbourne, Australia, 18-23 May 2013***

**Geneva, Switzerland 28 November, 2011.** The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is pleased to release the Call for Abstracts and launch the website for its 25th Quadrennial Congress and CNR. Headlined with the theme *Equity and Access to Health Care*, Congress will take place in Melbourne, Australia from 18-23 May 2013. Instructions for submitting abstracts for the scientific programme and details on the themes to be addressed can be accessed at [www.icn2013.ch](http://www.icn2013.ch). The deadline for abstract submission is 14 September 2012.

Inspiring plenary sessions will be dedicated to exploring the Congress theme, with particular focus on gender equity, the global epidemic of non-communicable diseases and the tension between personal and societal responsibility for health. Featured main sessions will offer the most recent expertise on wellness and prevention, the nursing workforce, ethics/human rights, clinical care and patient safety. Themes for abstract submissions (concurrent sessions, symposia and posters) will address these issues plus developments in nursing education, disasters and conflict, care systems and access, eHealth, regulation and the history of nursing. The Congress will also be the venue for ICN Network meetings.

To share your ideas and expertise you are invited to submit an abstract for a concurrent session, a symposium or a poster. The abstract submission guidelines are now available on the Congress website: [www.icn2013.ch](http://www.icn2013.ch). The online abstract submission system will be live as of 16 April 2012.

The Council of National Representatives, ICN's global governing body, will also convene in Melbourne just prior to the Congress, from 16-19 May 2013. Congress participants who are members of ICN member associations will be able to observe global nursing leaders identify the profession's priorities and future directions.

To keep up with all the latest information on the Congress programme and related events, visit the Congress website at [www.icn2013.ch](http://www.icn2013.ch)

**Editor's note:**

The **International Council of Nurses** (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

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