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## Vice-President's Message

An expected, exciting rendez-vous

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For me, the October issue of the BULLETin has always been an expected and exciting issue since it has been dedicated to the WCET<sup>®</sup> Norma N. Gill Day celebrations. It is a never-ending, amazing experience to receive and read through all your stories, stories which show how creative you are. They are inspiring in their diversity and always blow my mind!

As for the previous years, in June, when I have started to prepare this issue, I was impatient to collect your information and be able to send you all this issue. Through our own celebration, when we were doing the WCET<sup>®</sup> Free access Norma N. Gill Day webinar, I was excited to get connected to Sally Thomson, Norma's daughter, and receive her agreement to share her comments with you. That is the kind of WCET<sup>®</sup> GIFT I will not forget!

When remembering and celebrating Norma, we also celebrate those pioneer and emblematic ET Nurses without whom we would not be where we are as a profession. Please learn more about all of them by reading through this issue of the BULLETin.

On July 17, we sadly lost an iconic member of the WCET<sup>®</sup> ET family. Marilyn Spencer, WCET<sup>®</sup> President 1988 – 1992, leader, and early ET nurse, RN, BSN, CETN, who passed away. Linda Stricker, MSN, RN, CWOCN, Programme Director of R.B. Turnbull, Jr. MD, WOC School at Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, USA, told us that Marilyn died without any remaining living members in her immediate family and that she is fondly remembered by all those she touched.

October is also the month to celebrate our stoma patients, when it is a World Ostomy Day<sup>©</sup> and World Ostomy Awareness Day. I know that each day of our daily work, we do as such as we can to help, reinsure, and empowerment

patients. Please let us know about the special events you hold for patients on October 6<sup>th</sup> so we can share them in the next issue of the BULLETin.

In this issue you will read from ETs from Australia, Brazil, China, Croatia, India, Kenya, Namibia, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and USA. Thanks so much for sharing these amazing stories with us. In this issue you will also have an update about our team work group on the WCET<sup>®</sup> International Ostomy Guideline review. Finally, I am very happy to see Karen Bruton back on track. I take this opportunity to wish her and to the WCET<sup>®</sup> Publications and Communications Committee members a great new term. Be sure Karen and I will work closely together.

Last but not least, the next issue of the BULLETin will include more history in this WCET<sup>®</sup> publication!

Sincerely,

*Laurent*

## Un rendez-vous tant attendu

Le mois d'Octobre et son numéro du BULLETin a toujours été un moment attendu et espéré depuis que ce dernier a été dédié aux célébrations de la Journée Mondiale des Stomathérapeutes, la journée Norma N. Gill du WCET<sup>®</sup>. C'est toujours un plaisir renouvelé et sans fin que de recevoir et lire tous vos envois à ce sujet. Ces récits démontrent combien vous être créatifs. Ils sont vraiment inspirant de par leur diversité et me laisse chaque fois sans voix.

Lorsque j'ai commencé à recevoir ces envois, en juin, comme lors des années précédentes, j'étais plus impatient à l'idée de pouvoir les rassembler et ainsi être en mesure de pouvoir vous les proposer dans ce nouveau numéro. De plus, lorsque nous avons commencé à mettre sur pied le séminaire en ligne du WCET<sup>®</sup> pour cette journée comme étant notre façon, en tant que Comité Exécutif, de la célébrer, je ne m'attendais pas à mettre mis en relation avec Sally Tompson, la fille de Norma ; ainsi que de recevoir son accord pour partager avec vous son retour sur ce travail. C'est le genre de CADEAU que donne le WCET<sup>®</sup> qui ne peut s'oublier !

En se souvenant et en commémorant Norma, nous célébrons ainsi toutes ces emblématiques Stomathérapeutes pionnières sans lesquelles nous ne serions pas là aujourd'hui : vous en apprendrez plus sur Marilyn en lisant ce numéro du BULLETin.

Le 17 juillet dernier, nous avons malheureusement perdu un membre important de la famille du WCET<sup>®</sup>. L'icône Marilyn Spencer, Présidente du WCET<sup>®</sup> entre 1988 et 1992, leader, une des premières Stomathérapeutes certifiées, infirmière enregistrée, ayant obtenu un Bachelor en Science Infirmière est décédée. Linda Stricker, détentrice d'un Master en Science Infirmière, Infirmière enregistrée et Stomathérapeute Certifiée, directrice du programme Dr R.B. Turnbull Junior à la Clinique de Cleveland en Ohio, USA, a soulevé le fait que Marilyn était décédée sans famille directe encore en vie et qu'elle restera gravée dans les mémoires de tous ceux et celles qui l'ont connu.

Le mois d'Octobre et aussi le mois où nous célébrons les personnes stomisées, que ce soit dans une année de Journée Mondiale des personnes stomisées comme cette année, ou dans une année de Journée Mondiale de sensibilisation aux personnes stomisées. Je suis convaincu que vous mettez tous vos efforts pour que chaque jour vous apportiez à ces personnes de l'aide, de la réassurance, des démarches qui leur permettent de gagner en autonomie. Ceci étant dit, je suis aussi sûr que vous ferez encore quelque chose d'encore plus spécial en cette journée du 6 Octobre. Merci de nous faire savoir ce que vous avez fait pour cette journée. Vos retours seront ainsi publiés dans le prochain numéro du BULLETin.

Dans ce numéro vous pourrez découvrir des textes venant d'Australie, Brésil, Chine, Croatie, Inde, Kenya, Namibie, Sri Lanka, Taiwan et USA. Merci du fond du cœur pour avoir partagé avec nous ces histoires hors du commun. Vous pourrez aussi avoir des nouvelles fraîches sur notre travail de révision des recommandations internationales du WCET<sup>®</sup> pour les soins aux personnes stomisées.

Enfin, je ne peux pas être plus heureux de savoir que Karen Bruton est de retour. Je profite donc de cette opportunité pour le souhaiter le meilleur pour ce nouveau terme, ainsi qu'aux membres de la Commission Publications & Communications du WCET®. Soyez sûr que Karen et moi travailleront main dans la main.

Et pour finir, préparez-vous : le prochain BULLETin va marquer une nouvelle page historique de cette publication du WCET® !

Cordialement.

Laurent

## 一个令人期待及兴奋的约定

*(Thank you Michelle Lee for this Chinese translation)*

对我来说，10月份的公报一直是令人期待及振奋，因为它是特定献给WCET®诺玛吉尔日的庆祝活动。这是一个无止境的奇妙体验去获得和阅读您所有的故事，这些故事展现您们的创意。他们的多样性令人鼓舞，经常让我大吃一惊！

像往年一样，在6月份当我开始准备这份期刊时，我已经很急切地收集你们的资料，并把这期所有的信息发给你们。当我们参与WCET®诺玛吉尔日网络的庆祝活动，我没想到会联系到诺玛的女儿Sally Thomson，并已经得到她的同意与你们分享她对此活动的想法。我不会忘记这份给与WCET®的礼物！

在纪念和庆祝诺玛日时，我们也应表扬那些先驱者和具代表性的ET护士，没有她们，我们不会在这里：请通过阅读本期的公报以了解更多关于她的信息。

在7月17日，我们遗憾地失去了一位WCET®ET家族的标志性人物。Marilyn Spencer，1988 - 1992年WCET®前总裁，领导者，早期的ET护士，RN，BSN，CETN离逝。Linda Stricker，MSN，RN，CWOCN，美国俄亥俄州克利夫兰诊所MD WOC学校的RB Turnbull，Jr项目总监告诉我们，Marilyn在她没有任何在生的直系亲属中去世，她会被所有曾与她接触过的人铭记于心。

十月也是庆祝我们的造口患者的月份，像今年的世界造口日，或世界造口认识日。我知道，在我们日常工作的每一天，我们都尽力协助，承诺并帮助他们振奋，但我相信你会在10月6日为他们做些更特别的事情。请在下一期公报内告诉我们。

在本期刊中，您将阅读来自澳大利亚，巴西，中国，克罗地亚，印度，肯尼亚，纳米比亚，斯里兰卡，台湾和美国的ET的信息：感谢您与我们分享这些精彩的故事。在这期中，您还将获得有关WCET®国际造口指南的团队的更新审核。

此外，我非常高兴看到Karen Bruton的回归。我借此机会祝愿她和WCET®刊物和通讯委员会成为一支强大的新队伍。我确保Karen和我将紧密合作下去。

最后，请准备好下一期的公报，它将为WCET®刊物写下历史步伐的另一业！

此致

Laurent



<http://ostomyeurope.org/2018/05/10/world-ostomy-day-2018/>



<https://www.ostomy.org/event/world-ostomy-day-2018/>

## WCET® Next Congress

### WCET® - ASCN UK 2020 Joint Congress – Glasgow, Scotland

The WCET® is thrilled to be partnering with the Association of Stoma Care Nurses United Kingdom (ASCN UK) for the WCET® - ASCN UK 2020 Joint Congress. The 2020 Joint Congress is scheduled for 10-14 October at the Scottish Event Campus located in Glasgow, Scotland, United Kingdom.



*Scottish Event Campus (SEC)*

Glasgow is the most populous city in Scotland and is considered one of Europe's most cost-effective cities. In the UK, Glasgow has the largest academic community outside London and conducts world leading research in the fields of life sciences, engineering, science and technology. Glasgow was voted the 'World's Friendliest City' in a 2014 poll. Glasgow boasts world class restaurants, amazing architecture and museums. It is no doubt that WCET® - ASCN UK 2020 Joint Congress delegates will feel welcomed the minute they arrive.



*Botanic Gardens and the Kibble Palace*



*University of Glasgow  
(The Photographs have been supplied by the Glasgow Convention Bureau)*

The theme for the 2020 Joint Congress is *Weaving Culture & Expertise to Offer the Best Patient Care*. The Congress Organizing Committee consisting of representatives from both the WCET® and ASCN UK will be holding their first planning meeting in mid-November.

More information will be forthcoming, and we hope you will join us and our partners ASCN UK in 2020.

For up to date information please visit [www.wcet-ascnuk2020.com](http://www.wcet-ascnuk2020.com).



**WCET® - ASCN UK 2020  
JOINT CONGRESS**

**10TH - 14TH OCTOBER 2020**



**WWW.WCET-ASCNUK2020.COM**



## Reflections on our last WCET® Congress

### Memories of 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial WCET® Congress - In the land of Petronas

**Geethakumari B.S, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. India.**

The fortieth anniversary of WCET® was held in Malaysia along with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Congress. It was truly a remarkable experience. First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Organizing Committee for giving me an opportunity to be a part of this prestigious event. The announcement of the venue made me very excited as Malaysia is one of my dream places to visit. Being the land of islands, with the Petronas towers, a great cultural heritage, and very delicious cuisines, it is one of the favorite destinations for every traveler.

The WCET® Congress at Kuala Lumpur was a four day event from 15<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. This year's congress was focused on *"Wound, Ostomies & Continence Care,"* including management and other aspects of health care. As multiple sessions were running parallel, we could attend only a few of them, but all were very well done and informative.

Ms. Elizabeth English from Australia gave a flash back to Norma N Gill's dream to establish a unique International Nursing Organization. As an ostomate, Norma Gill is a wonderful leader for all nurses worldwide.

In her talk, Dr. Hjh Rohani Hj. Arshad emphasized the need for strategies and solutions to overcome the misconceptions and unhealthy beliefs that some people have about caring for culturally diverse patients. Cultural awareness and delivery of culturally sensitivity care is happening all over the world. Attaining a sustainable health care system to provide quality care is always a challenge to nursing staff. We could easily relate to the topic as we all face similar situations daily.

The presentation on *"Constipation in Children"* by Professor Dr. Yiky Ian was excellent. Constipation in children often is ignored or inappropriately treated. Professor Ian spoke about the gastro-intestinal transit study. The purpose of the study is to identify the organic causes or pathophysiology of this clinical condition. He also spoke about the use of anorectal manometry in the assessment of anorectal function in children with constipation and its surgical aspects.

A study on *"Enterostomal therapists' attitudes and knowledge regarding provision of sexual health care in patients with ostomy"* was very interesting. Providing sexual counselling is one of the greatest challenges in stoma care nursing. As we are caring ostomies from different cultural backgrounds, ETs should be very careful in handling these types of issues. An interprofessional team approach, including ETs, social workers and physicians, is an effective approach to address the sexual issues of patients.

Sessions on wound care management were really useful and innovative as the sessions were based on the findings of research publications of nurses in this area. This evidence-based approach was a great exemplar of the science and dedication of our fellow ET nurses globally. All these findings contribute to excellence in nursing care. In addition, I would like to recognize all the poster presenters for sharing their work and thoughts so that we can learn from one another's experiences.

I must mention the mouth-watering cuisines we experienced in connection with the program. All the dishes were highly appealing to the senses. We really enjoyed Malayan hospitality from the fine delicacy of the dishes and ever cherishing warmth of Malaysian tradition.

Traditional cultural events and a dance extravaganza added more color to the event. Apart from being a very well-organized educational event, it was a get-together for all the nurses, especially ETs representing different parts of the world. Exhibitions arranged for different stoma products were useful and provided a venue for new learning experiences.

The Organizing Committee did an excellent job in coordinating this event. I really acknowledge everyone's efforts to make this Congress a great success! The event was a great motivation for all of us to participate in future WCET® events.



*Indian attendees at the 2018 WCET® Congress*

## Feedback from your celebration of the WCET® Norma N Gill Day

### WCET® Norma N. Gill Day Webinar

*Sally Thompson, Norma N. Gill's daughter, USA*

Thank you all for celebrating my Mom on her birthday!! I feel so humbled that WCET® still cares to remember Mom with the WCET® Norma N. Gill Day on her birthday each year!! It means so very much to me and the rest of our family. I still miss her every day.

I am honored that you have included my video. I figured out how to open the videos and they were wonderful! Thanks so much for forwarding them.

Thank you all for keeping her legacy alive!



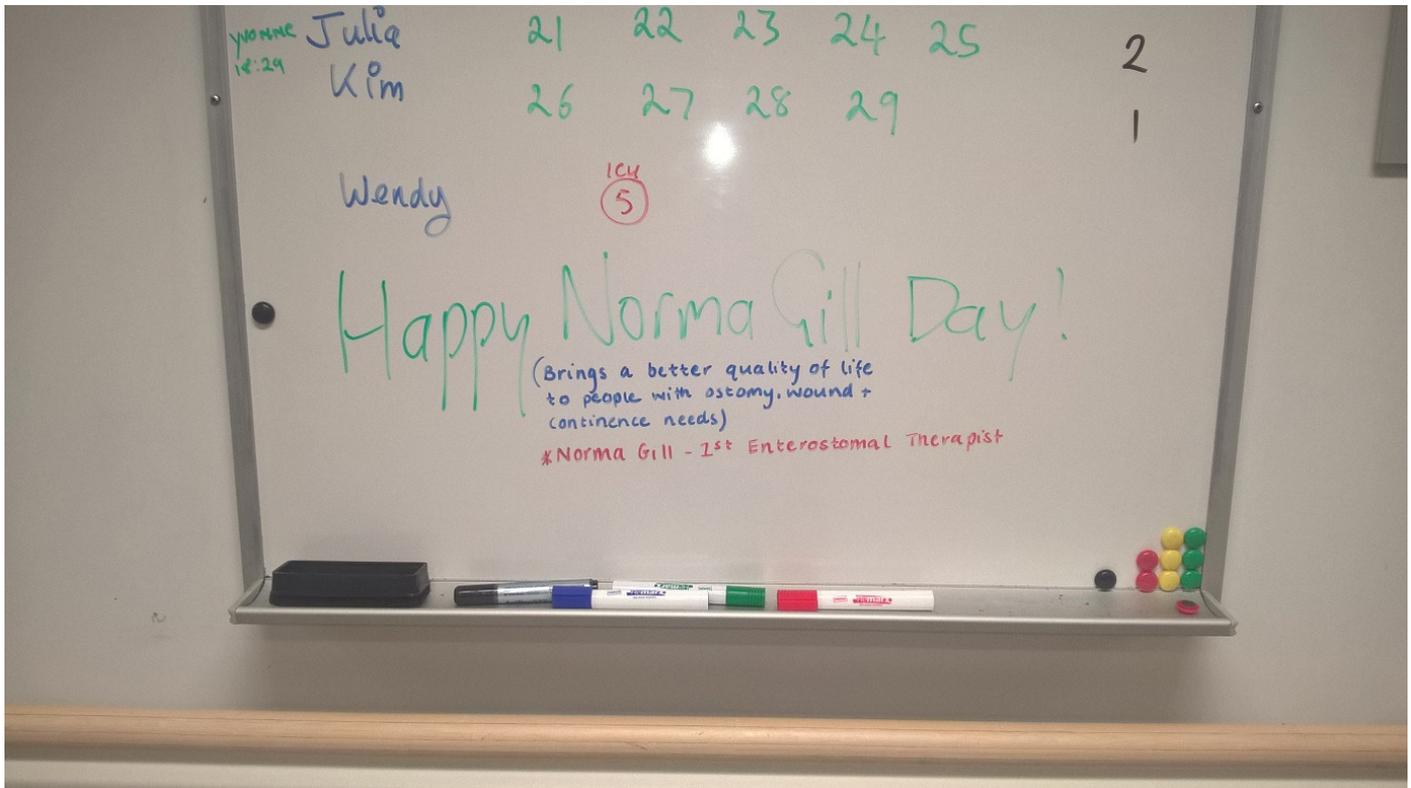
*Dr Turnbull's son, Robert (Bob) Turnbull and myself.*

*He and I were asked to present at the recent 50<sup>th</sup> WOCN conference.*

More information: <http://www.wcetn.org/wcet-norma-n-gill-day-webinar>

## WCET® Norma N. Gill Day Celebration in Australia: Happy Norma Gill Day!

*Kate Brereton, STN. St John of God Murdoch, Western Australia*



*Feed-back received from my colleagues*

I wrote "Happy Norma Gill Day" on the ward whiteboard and left it there to see what response I would get if any. One of the staff wrote the blue and red explanation. I was pleased that they looked her up on Google.

## WCET® Norma N. Gill Day Celebration in Brazil

*Professor Dr Vera Lucia Conceição de Gouvea Santos, PhD, RN, CETN (TiSOBEST Emerit); Professor Dr Maria Angela Boccara de Paula, PhD, RN, CETN (TiSOBEST); and Magali Thum, BSN, ETN*

Every year, the Brazilian Enterostomal Therapists Nurses (ETN) celebrate WCET® Norma N. Gill Day on June 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an important date to celebrate the work of the Founder of Stoma Therapy in the world.

The Brazilian Enterostomal Therapy Association - SOBEST launched the date with many advertisements and messages on social media and on the SOBEST website, recalling the impressive facts about Norma N. Gill's trajectory, in the Brazilian Portuguese and Spanish languages (Figures 1-3). The Spanish version of the messages have been disseminated among the members of the Latin American Multidisciplinary Confederation of Wounds Ostomy and Continence – Confederación Multidisciplinaria Latinoamericana de Heridas Estomias e Incontinencias – COMLHEI.



Figures 1, 2, 3. Advertisement posted in social media

These publications in health and social media have giving us the opportunity to spread the story of Norma´s life and the impact of her work on the world.

SOBEST also released a video recorded by Professor Vera Lucia Conceição de Gouveia Santos, Director of SOBEST International Relationships. The director emphasized the relevance of the work of Norma N. Gill to all ETN in the world (Figure 4).

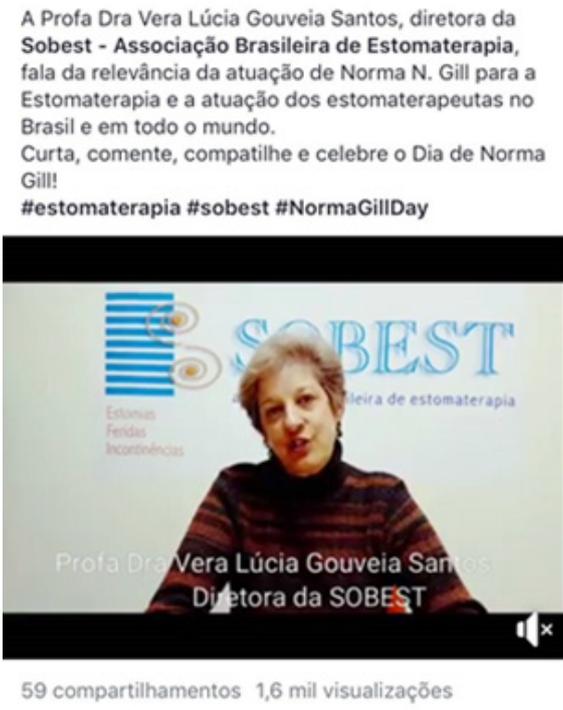


Figure 4. Video recorded by Director of SOBEST International Relationships.

Besides the initiatives of the National organization, Pará State’s ETNs organized a specific event to celebrate Norma Gill Day. In the meeting, the ETN Professor Regina Cunha stressed Norma Gill’s ground-breaking work developing the specialty of ET Nursing. (Figure 5).



Figure 5. Pará State’s ETNs celebrated the WCET® Norma Gill Day.

During almost last 30 years, Brazilian ETNs have shared Norma's dream and mission: "To have every ostomate worldwide cared for by a nurse trained in ET". Norma Gill's life and work inspire us all!

SOBEST recognizes the importance and thanks Norma N. Gill for the magnificent work she did throughout her life. We hope that all ETNs around the world have Norma N. Gill as a professional model.

## WCET® Norma N. Gill Day Celebration in India

*Ranjana Pandit, ET, RN, India*

For WCET® Norma N. Gill Day, I organized an education session with ostomates.



*My education session with ostomates*



## WCET® Norma N. Gill Day Celebration in Kenya

*Nzote Keziah, RN, ET*

On 26<sup>th</sup> June each year, the ET nurses celebrate the birth of a well-known lady Norma N. Gill who selflessly devoted her life to assist stoma, wound and incontinence patients by providing special care and psychosocial support to promote their quality of life.

We celebrate Norma's legacy. Her dream was to raise funds for nursing scholarships to offer Stoma Wound Continence Education (SWCE) all over the world and to establish ET nursing care where services were nonexistent.

This was my first time to have such a special event on my calendar. I decided to do home visiting to one of the ostomates whom I met in Nairobi during the ostomates support group meeting.

My client is a fifty-five years old, married woman with four living, married children. She's well informed about the WCET® Norma N. Gill Day celebration. She shared with me her journey and experience of having an ileostomy. Her problems started in 2013 with five months of heavy vaginal bleeding. She suffered from lower abdominal pain, nausea, loss of appetite, dizziness and iron deficiency. This was very distressing as she could not carry on with her normal activities.

Several tests were done and she was diagnosed with uterine cancer stage one. The news was very devastating to the family members as they knew that this diagnosis could be fatal. She remained positive about the results and sought an affirmation from her doctor that she would be cured. Her physician assured her that with early treatment, the survival rate was 75%. She wanted to hear such an answer and immediately was admitted to the Mater Hospital in Nairobi (<http://www.materkenya.com>).

In August 2013, she underwent a hysterectomy and then completed 25 sessions of radiotherapy. She also had chemotherapy. Things normalized as her condition improved.

However, this was short-lived as she started to experience a terrible burning sensation in the abdomen, more pain on the left side of the lower abdomen, and some fecal discharge through the vagina. This was shocking and unsettling. She went back to her doctor. Tests were done including X-ray and scans which revealed that her intestines were narrow and had some holes. She had developed a fistula. These were thought to be side effects of chemotherapy. Her physician told her that she would be taken back to the Operating Room theatre and have a temporary 'bag' which will be removed after two years. She had no idea of what this 'bag' was, where would it be, and what would it mean. Things were moving from bad to worse. Her family members were very anxious.

While in Mater Hospital, (which is at the same level with Aga Khan Hospital), she was very stressed after the operation. Her ileostomy bags were changed frequently (3-4 times a day). The stoma had a high output with significant leaking of the intestinal contents. She was wet most of the time and had a bad odor. The price of one ostomy bag was Ksh1400 (about \$14 US dollars). Every time nurses attempted to fix the bag, there was air inside. She threatened to sue the nurses for misusing her bags as they were quite expensive. Her finances were being depleted.

A particular nurse saw her desperation and directed her to Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH), to see a man named Lawrence who knew how to care for such patients. She immediately requested a discharge so she could go to Aga Khan hospital.

She met Lawrence Ikahu who explained her condition well, including why the output was high, and taught her about the ileostomy. She was later connected to the Aga Khan Ostomates Support Group.

She is moving on well with her normal chores, but sexuality has remained a big challenge to her married life for the last four years. Counselling sessions are ongoing.

The tri-specialty of stoma, wound and continence nursing has been missing in Kenya. Most people are frightened by the thought of undergoing major surgery of any kind.

Ostomy surgery is more challenging. The presence of a stoma, whether permanent or temporary, serves as a constant reminder of a life-threatening event, especially when cancer has been the reason for surgery.

In most societies, elimination is a very private matter dealt with behind closed doors and certainly not a topic for discussion over coffee or the dinner table. Evacuation from the stoma cannot be controlled; an individual can feel acutely embarrassed due to the odors' / smell after evacuation of the feces, sounds made by flatus, or leakage from a ostomy appliances. Patients with stoma, chronic wounds and incontinence conditions suffer from emotional and psychological stress, financial constraints, low productivity, social withdrawal, low self-esteem, and changes in body image.

The Enterostomal Therapy Education Project in Kenya, started in 2013, with the expert support of Elizabeth English who led a team of Australian Stomal Therapy Nurses as part of the Kenya – Australian WCET® - AASTN twinning project. They established the first Stoma, Wound and Continence Education Program (SWCNEP) in Sub Saharan Africa.

By 2017, a total of 53 Stoma Wound Continence Nurses (SWCN) had been trained, 49 from different parts of the country, two from Tanzania, one from Botswana, and one from Togo.

I did my certificate course in SWCN at Aga Khan University, Nairobi, which included 50% theoretical learning in a classroom and 50% clinical training at Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi, Kijabe Mission Hospital, St. Marys' Mission Hospital, and Spinal injuries Hospital from August 2016 until I graduated in May 2017 as a SWCN in Kenya.

The first two programs formed a team of Kenyan pioneers who were trained on an advanced certificate level to act as Kenyan tutors to ensure the sustainability of the education program.

Following the completion of the program, an international delegate was appointed to represent Kenya at the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists®. The Stoma Wound and Continence Nursing Association of Kenya (SWCNAK) was also established to support ongoing resources for stoma management at various hospitals. The annual general meeting for this year is scheduled in October, 2018.

There were two large Ostomy Support Groups, one from Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi and Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH). These programs provide a network for ostomates, create awareness, offer mutual psychosocial support, and help in the distribution of donated products. The support groups were decentralized to various parts of the country to reduce the cost of travel for ostomates coming from long distances for assistance with supplies. There are Stoma nurses from KNH and AKUH-Nairobi, Kijabe, Malindi, Kilifi, Homa Bay, Kakamega, Siaya, Kwale, Machakos, Nyeri, Bomet, Samburu, Kisii, Wajir, and Meru counties.

I became a member of WCET® when I qualified on May 2017. I now have one year of experience in the field of ET. I have been practicing for the last six months after being deployed to work in a male surgical ward. In my place of work, I encountered several challenges, such as recruiting other nurses into the program with my dual roles, an acute shortage of staff and equipment, lack of availability of services depending with the level of the local health care facility, limited resources, and no adequate wound / stoma dressing materials. As a result, patients and families suffer and experience a poor quality of life and financial instability.

Because of my work, I wrote an abstract on *"The struggle to make a difference to a special group of patients,"* and submitted it to the WCET® Congress secretariat. Fortunately, my abstract was accepted and I enjoyed an exciting educational trip to Malaysia. I am one lucky ET nurse having received sponsorship from one of the most generous company making stoma products, Coloplast, to attend the WCET® 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Congress, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This was an amazing experience and a great honor. I was very humbled. My sincere appreciation to all partners of WCET® for the amazing work of ET.

In Kenya, this tri-specialty of Stoma Wound Continence Nurse (SWCN) is still very new. SWCN care for patients from the community and those in the hospitals. The majority of nurses have limited skills and knowledge. They lack the right products to care for stomas. The 49 trained SWCN are like a drop in the ocean compared to the number of nurses who work in both public and private hospitals. To improve access to care, many more SWCNs are needed.

Through the Stoma Wound Continence Education Program (SWCEP), I have had clinical experiences and developed skills. I have been exposed to a broader clinical situations caring for people with SWC needs. I practice within the guidelines of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®). I am confident and empowered to offer nursing and rehabilitative care; and act as a source of support, education and comfort to such patients with confidence. I can foresee years of hope and alleviated misery and suffering in the lives of this special group of patients.

My current practice includes advocating and creating awareness in the facility and the community; encouraging referrals of patients with stoma, complex wounds, bowel and bladder challenges; and networking with partners for price and accessibility of products for those who can afford them. In my work plan, I will volunteer at a regional referral hospital on the coast and network to share any challenging case through the social media network of the nurses' forum.

With the support from the hospital administrative team, I want to offer continuous medical education and on-the-job training to other health care workers. Through a community-based strategy, I will involve community health volunteers in mobilizing care and seeking referrals. I also look forward to establishing a SWC clinic in the referral facility and strengthen its ongoing support group.

I work in Msambweni County Referral Hospital. My role is promoting positive living, providing health education, delivering care and counselling, managing referrals, networking, and providing follow-up care and home visiting.



*In class of SWCEP – Aga Khan University, Kenya*



*SWCNAK- Association Officials*



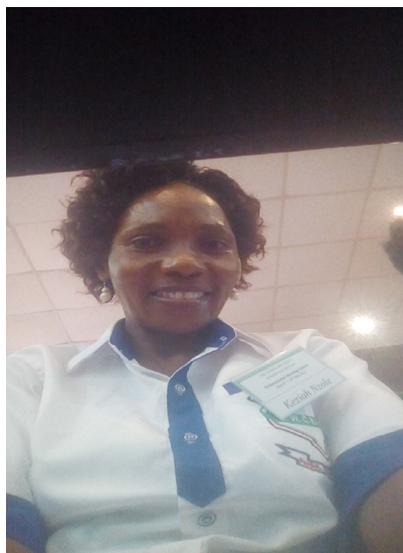
*Graduating students, 2017*



*Creating awareness of SWCN in a community facility*



*On 26th June 2018 during a home visit*



*Left: Nzote Keziah, RN, ET  
at Graduation day, May 2017*



*Right: Nzote Keziah, RN, ET  
at WCET<sup>®</sup> 2018 KL, Malaysia*

## Roseline Kasera, KRCHN, SWCN

*Yala Sub-Country Hospital, Siaya County, Kenya*

On WCET® Norma N. Gill Day we featured the WCET® Webinar with Sally Thompson, Norma's daughter; Prilli Stevens; and Elizabeth English. It was a great celebration! It made me remember where we, as ETNs, have come from and where we are today in the specialty of stoma care. Thanks to the Australian Nursing team lead by Elizabeth English.



*Colostomy from theatre before stoma*



*After stoma*

On June 26<sup>th</sup> 2018, I decided to celebrate Noma N. Gill's birthday with a colleague Sam with whom I work at Yala Sub-County Hospital, Siaya County, Kenya. Sam was admiring me being a Stoma Nurse. When I talked about celebrating the day he accompanied me to see what I do.

We decided to go and celebrate this day at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOTRH).



*Picture of JOOTRH entrance doors*

I went to meet the Nursing Director of JOOTRH and introduced myself. I spoke about Norma Gill Day, what it means, how special this day is, and what I wanted to do. We had a long discussion and my proposal for celebrating Norma Gill Day was approved. We went to a surgical ward and did some dressings. Then we proceeded to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) where I gave an introduction and answered many questions from staff. With my colleague, we demonstrated care including a bed bath, oral care, care of pressure areas, and every two hours turning for a patient who has been on ventilator for 3 days.

At midday when we were feeding patients, there was a call from an outpatient casualty department, informing the unit that they are receiving a 1-year old patient with burns on 80% of his body.

Immediately the bed was prepared. An ICU team of doctors arrived with the patient and immediately started resuscitation. An IV line was inserted at the subclavian vein. Intra-Veinous fluids commenced, drugs were administered, the patient was kept warm, and dressing started as below. Unfortunately, after two days the child passed away.



*My colleague and I in the Critical Care Unit*

At the end of the day, my colleague and I enjoyed being together and role modeling ETN work. I was able to demonstrate stoma and incontinence care and appreciated my colleague's fortitude and courage in observing and participating in complex care and dressings.

### WCET® Norma N. Gill Day Celebration in Namibia

*Laura Obbes, ET, RN, WCET® Namibia ID*

I celebrated WCET® Norma N. Gill Day by hosting a training session at the Namibian Oncology Centre in Windhoek, Namibia. It was attended by nurses from day and night duty shifts.

I started the training session by paying tribute to Norma N. Gill. Unfortunately, at that time, the webinar was not yet available on the WCET® website. However, I showed photos of Norma N. Gill and gave a brief description of her background and passion as the first Enterostomal Therapist. A short theoretical presentation was given followed by a practical demonstration on one of my willing patients.



*Laura Obbes doing the training presentation*



*Celebrating Norma around a cake*

After the training session we had cake and fruit juice and sang *Happy Birthday* in honor of Norma N. Gill. I presented each participant with a carnation to celebrate the day. I have requested that the photos be published on the Namibian Oncology Centre's Facebook page ([https://www.facebook.com/namoncology/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/namoncology/?ref=br_rs)).

## WCET® Norma N. Gill Celebration in Sri-Lanka: In gratitude to Norma N. Gill

*Upul Pathmasena, WOCN, Sri Lanka*

A colleague of mine brought me a story from her village, which made me speechless. I never expected that I will come across such an incident, being in a Southern Indian country, which has above average ratings for many health outcomes, compared to other regions.

In Malingamuwa, a remote village in the Mathale district which is about 150 kilometers from the capital Colombo, Sri Lanka lives a Buddhist monk around 46 years of age. He has attained monkhood while he was a child and undergone an abdominoperineal resection (APR) due to a rectal tumor, at the peak of his youth, when he was 23 years.

At that time, there was no specialty of Stoma Care Nursing in the government health sector in Sri Lanka and there were major gaps in care and communication. The monk had some brief training about managing his stoma and was asked to visit Colombo National Hospital to obtain colostomy kits. This was an additional challenge as he tried to recover from the surgery and changes in his life. Colombo Hospital was a far-away place for these villagers and going there frequently was not at all an economically viable option.

However, with great difficulty he managed to travel to Colombo National Hospital and obtained Colostomy kits. Later he was referred to the Kandy Teaching Hospital, which is closer, but still 50 kilometers from his home. When he reached Kandy Hospital, unfortunately, they did not have any stoma kits on many of the days he had appointments. The monk was frustrated, and hopeless about life. Being the monk in the village where people visited him for many religious issues, he was unable to communicate what he was going on with himself with fellow villagers.

**Not having bags and having to live with the stoma, he developed his own method of managing the stoma, with a simple cotton thread, a polythene bag, a rubber band and the couple of two-piece colostomy plates he had.**

With this mechanism, he managed his stoma, keeping it secret from everyone and hiding his condition from society for almost 20 years. However, recently some villagers learned about the monk's condition and what he was going through. They informed my colleague, who was originally from the same village, since she was working at the National Hospital.

When I heard the story, I was eager to visit the monk, with his consent, to help him. I truly felt sorry that there are still patients who do not receive adequate education about their stomas and how to provide self-care due to gaps in the medical communication and public knowledge. Being a stoma care nurse, I treated it as a noble duty to visit this monk and educate him.

I visited the monk with a friend of mine who provided transportation, and I felt really sad when I saw how he was struggling with his condition for so many years. He had a laceration right around his waist and groin due to wearing a tight cotton thread to hold the plate and the polythene bag.

In gratitude to Norma N. Gill who dedicated her life to bring stoma care to what it is today, I share these photos with you, my friends.



*This is how he managed his stoma for almost 20 years with a cotton thread, old stoma plate, rubber band and a polythene bag. (I have received the consent from this Buddhist monk to publish this story and photographs for the benefits of others).*



*Appearance of the stoma after removing the locally developed stoma kit. Discolored skin due to pressure of the cotton thread and tight base plate is clearly visible.*



*The Scar is due to prolonged lacerated wound in the waist area.*



*Upul Pathmasena, WOC Nurse, Sri Lanka, describing the modern methods of stoma care and demonstrating how to use the stoma appliances. The patient was provided with proper health education on how to manage and live independently with a stoma.*



*The monk with the newly placed stoma kit.*

When I heard this incident, I reached out to my friends, colleagues, patients and institution for their support this effort. They helped me by providing a 5-month supply of colostomy kits for the monk. Not stopping there, they agreed to provide ostomy kits to meet his future needs so that this monk will never run out of colostomy kits.

I made it a point to call him periodically to see how he has adapted to new appliances and asked him to call me for any further assistance. He is a happier person now, and I was recently informed that he is planning to travel overseas on a pilgrimage to India sponsored by his well-wishers and donors.

**I take this opportunity to express my heart felt gratitude to Norma N. Gill, once again, for her leading role in shaping stoma care worldwide, my colleague who brought this news to me, and all my friends who supported me on this endeavor.**

### WCET® Norma N. Gill Day Celebration in Taiwan

*Kai-Li Lee, RN, MSB, ET, Member of the WCET® Publications and Communications Committee, Chi-Mei Medical Center, Taiwan*

I recall my first time at a WCET® meeting, the 10th WCET® meeting held in Japan in 1994. I had the honor to meet Norma in this meeting. I still remember that she asked if I had any difficult problems in ileostomy care. Her genuine eyes, kind unselfish spirit, and universal love deeply motivated my passion and determination for a career in ostomy nursing.



*Norma with Kati-Li Lee, RN, MSB, ET at the 10th WCET® Congress in Japan,*



*Norma N. Gill and her husband*



*Norma N. Gill and Asian CRS surgeons and ETs*

In the blink of an eye, it is WCET®'s 40th anniversary in 2018. In reflecting on my 30 years of ET Nursing, I must thank WCET® for spreading the spirit of Norma worldwide in various ways. In 1997, Elizabeth English visited Taiwan to teach ostomy nursing at Chi Mei Medical Center. This education truly benefited me, encouraging me to keep moving forward in stoma care nursing. All through the years, our work has elevated the value and practice of ET Nursing, now recognized and supported as a specialty by the hospital. Therefore, I am committed to the education and training of ostomy nurses in Taiwan to enable more nurses to join the ET profession. The driving force behind all this comes from Norma's great and loving spirit!



*Elizabeth English with me in Chi-Mei Medical Center, Taiwan ,1997*



*Carmen George visited Chi-Mei Medical Center ET Room, Taiwan, 2009*



*Louise Forest-Lalande visited Chi-Mei Medical Center ET Room and gave lectures, 2015*





*Chi-Mei Medical Center ETs and Chief of Colorectal Surgeon and team members*

**WCET® Norma N. Gill Day is celebrated in Taiwan in different ways:**



*WCET® NNG Day Celebration in my ET Room, 2016*



*Taiwan ETs Celebrated NNG Day, 2017*

On June 26th, 2018, I led the ET stoma office staff and colorectal surgeons to celebrate Norma N. Gill Day and the 50th anniversary of Chi Mei Hospital. We will continue to provide high quality care to patients in the future.



*Celebrated WCET® NNG Day in ET room of Chi-Mei Medical Center, June 26, 2018*

To memorialize the great dedication of Norma N. Gill to ostomy care, the Taiwan Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Association (TWOCNA) held a “Stomatology Care Summit Forum and Norma N. Gill Memorial” on June 9th to promote and spread the spirit of Norma N. Gill. ETs from South Korea and China were invited to this event to share the experience of ostomy care. In the commemorative event that I hosted, I introduced Norma’s life and showed Norma’s precious historical photos. I hope all those that attended can felt the extraordinary greatness of this legendary person! After all, every small change makes a big difference in the future. Let us make great effort together!



*TWOCNA celebrated WCET® Norma N. Gill Day by holding the Multinational Ostomy Nursing Forum & Norma N. Gill Memorial, 2018*

## In Memoriam of Marilyn Spencer

*Elizabeth A. Ayello, WCET® President 2018-2020*

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Past WCET® President, leader, and early ETN nurse pioneer Marilyn Spencer, RN, BSN, CETN, on 17 July 2018.

Marilyn was a very active WCET® member. For many years she worked with Norma N. Gill and Dr. Turnbull. She was a mentor to many, not just in the WCET® but also in her role as an educator at the Cleveland Clinic.

Please see a more detailed tribute to Marilyn in the President's message for issue 3 of the WCET® Journal as well as a reprint of one of Marilyn's WCET® President's message.

May she rest in peace.



*Patricia Hoover, Marilyn Spencer and Sally Thompson  
Marilyn's Hall of Fame induction ceremony on October 3, 2014.  
She sure shined on that day.*

### **Barbara J. Hocevar, MSN, RN, CWOCN**

Marilyn Spencer, BSN, RN, CETN, was an early ET nurse at the Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, USA. She worked closely with Norma N. Gill (Thompson) and Dr. Turnbull. Together they were instrumental in organizing the IAET (the precursor name to the WOCN).

Marilyn has been extremely active in the WCET®, and served as President of *Project Share*, which sends ostomy supplies overseas. Marilyn began her ET career as an LPN (License Practice Nurse), and became a BSN, RN (Bachelor of Science, Registered Nurse) when this was required by our organization.

She served as an integral member of the WOC school at Cleveland Clinic and had a hand in educating numerous individuals from the 1970s through 1990s. Marilyn served as team leader for the ETs at Cleveland Clinic in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, encouraging all to maximize their potential. She served by example, giving exemplary patient care, publishing, and working in professional organizations for the betterment of all ETs (WOC nurses).

I think Marilyn Spencer is an individual worthy of consideration for induction into the WOC Nursing Hall of Fame.

## A Tribute to the life of Marilyn Spencer

*Priscilla J d' E Stevens, SRN ET, WCET® Past President, WCET® Life Member*

In 1975, I had the great fortune to spend a few days at the Cleveland Clinic with Norma Gill and her team. It was on this occasion that I first met Marilyn - who at that time was an enrolled nurse enthusiastically working in Enterostomal Therapy nursing. Marilyn immediately impressed me as she was a big presence with a dynamic working ethic striding at high speed along the long corridors of the clinic in her tennis trainers - hair tied back with a black ribbon and seemed to know everyone we met along the way. Her clinical acumen was excellent - as she wove her way around the myriad of patients many with challenging pathologies and complex stoma problems - her obvious clinical skills - and the respect shown to her by the nurses and medical personnel of the clinic demonstrated her early talents were well recognised. She was a most friendly mentor to me - and with Norma, Professor Turnbull and Vic Fazio left me with a lasting respect for the great work accomplished at the Clinic.

It was in her mid forties that she furthered her nursing studies and completed her RN degree - This was a commendable effort and she was herself delighted to now be fully fledged and recognised.

The support she gave to Norma N. Gill in every possible way is demonstrated by viewing the many roles she held in the organisation . . . chairperson of Nominations in 1982, chairperson on Byelaws in 1984 Vice President In 1986 and subsequently President in 1988. I had the honour of working with her during these years and was constantly amazed at her resilience as she juggled the many issues of that era with great diplomacy and wise counsel.

Marilyn carried out many educative missions - the most memorable being a month spent in India providing ONSITE EDUCATION at the TATA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. For Marilyn, this was a huge personal challenge as everything was so culturally challenging - Including the day to day living, diet and language issues. She said It was the biggest challenge of her life to be away from her comfort zone and working in such different surroundings. In South Africa - we were thrilled to have her as a guest and took her on a two week teaching effort to Zimbabwe where again - her eyes were opened and her lectures to the Zimbabwean doctors and nurses on her first world stoma caring were well received. Her eyes were opened on seeing the social and health issues facing some third world patients and staff.

In her, latter years - she not only experienced personal health issues and surgery - but also the aging process which slowed her down considerably. The three figures she acknowledged were her mentors at the clinic - Norma N. Gill, Rupert Turnbull and Victor Fazio passed on before her - but now she has gone to join their ranks. On behalf of all WCET® members world wide I thank her for a life so wonderfully lived - and the skills and knowledge so willingly given. I will never forget her - REST IN PEACE DEAR FRIEND.

## WCET® IOG review – second step

From July 8 to 10 the IOG work group met. During 3 intense days of work, we accomplished the following:

- Reviewed the timeline, recommendations, and the table of content,
- Asked the WCET® Education Committee to review page 34 and 36 of the previous issue,
- Prepared a request to WCET® IDs about countries perspectives and cultural implications,
- Split the additional manuscripts to review.
- Allocated newly identified manuscripts to each member with narratives to be collectively written.

Finally, we agreed on the next steps and will keep you updated about them.

We already have been in contact with the members of the WCET® Education Committee to update pages 34 and 36 of the 2014 version. Many thanks for the work done!

We welcome members of the WCET® Education Committee, the WCET® Publications and Communications Committee, and any stakeholders who might be interested to review, edit, and comment on the first edition we will send in order to enhance and complete its content.

NB: The previous version is now available for sale in an electronic file in our new WCET® Online Store with other WCET® publications: <https://wcet-online-store.myshopify.com>

## “Rose Angel in Action” - Ostomates Meeting in Wenzhou, China

*Aihua (Alice) Chen & Caifeng Jia, Wenzhou, PR China*

In February 27<sup>th</sup> 2018, the World Health Organization (WHO) collaborated with the International Nurses' Association (ICN), to launch a global movement of “Nursing Now,” which aims to raise nurses' prestige and status through various kinds of nursing practices. In this regard, the Chinese Nurses Association suggested the theme of “leading, contributing, for health - the responsibilities of nurses. All of us should work together to contribute in the maintenance and promotion of human health. In order to improve the quality life of ostomates and promote their health, the Wound & Stoma Care Group of Wenzhou Nurses Association held the “Wenzhou Ostomates Meeting” on April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018. There were nearly 30 people with ostomies and their families from Wenzhou City who participated.

Ms. Aihua Chen, Director of the Wenzhou ET School and the leader of the Wound & Stoma Care Group of Wenzhou Nurses Association, made the opening speech for the meeting. She introduced some successful cases of individuals living with stomas at home and abroad which brought confidence and encouragement to the participants.

Mr. Liu Changbao, Director of the Anorectal Department of the Second Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University, was invited to give a presentation at the meeting. There were three other speakers, Ms. Yumei Li, the Associate Director of the Nursing Department, and Lingqin Wang, Senior Nurse, from the Second Affiliated Hospital of Wenzhou Medical University; and Ms. ShenLv Ying, ET nurse of Wenzhou Central Hospital. They gave lectures on the daily care of stomas and how to change a pouch, as well as prevention of complications and management of stoma and peristomal complications. The presentation included pictures and articles that enabled participants to better understand and learn from the lectures.

During the meeting, there is an elderly lady with white hair who was a retired teacher from Wenzhou University and had had an ileostomy for twenty-five years. But she has a very happy life now. She manages the stoma very well. Her life was not ruined by the stoma. She often traveled travel and socialized. Her experience has shown us that a positive attitude about the stoma enhances quality of life.

During the next session, a Q & A time, ET nurses answered all kinds of questions from attendees. From their responses, we knew that they had mastered stoma care methods very well. We believe that our comprehensive expert nursing care and patient education improves the quality of people's health and lives.

We will always remember our original goal and continue to move forward to create a healing medical environment and help build a healthy China.



*ET nurses and ostomates*



*Rose Angels were in action*

	
<p><i>Aihua Chen made an opening speech</i></p>	<p><i>Changbao Liu giving a speech</i></p>
	
<p><i>Lingqin Wang introducing daily care of stomas</i></p>	<p><i>Teacher Ye sharing her stoma care experience with others</i></p>
	
<p><i>Yumei Li and Ms. ShenLv Ying were introducing prevention and management of stoma complications</i></p>	

## Training process of Hunan ET school in 2018

Yongyi Chen, Xiaome, China

### 1. Opening ceremony

Xiangming Sun (President of Hunan ET school), Xiangguo Liu (President of Hunan Cancer Hospital), Yongyi Chen (Vice President of Hunan ET school), and part time faculty of the school attended the opening ceremony on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The leaders gave their support to the school for its important, excellent.



*Opening ceremony*

## 2. Theory Training

The stoma teaching team included Pang CH (coming from Hong Kong), Meichun Zhen (coming from Guangzhou), Yupan Chen, as well as surgical and medical specialists, ETs, and other faculties.



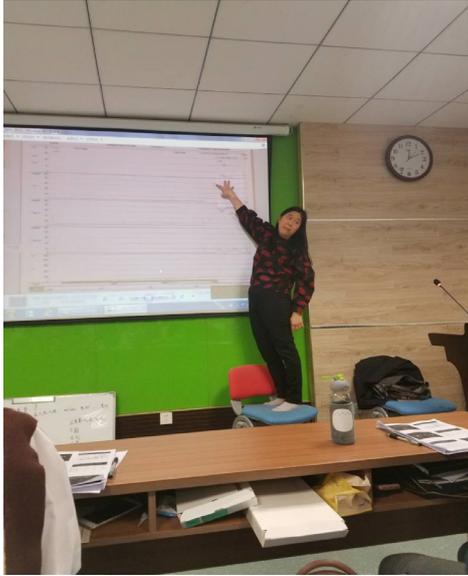
*Stoma training*

The wound teaching team included Professor Keryln Carville (coming from Australia), Xiaoming Luo (coming from Hong Kong), Xiaomei Zhu, related surgery and medical specialist, ETs and others.



*Wound training*

The incontinence teaching team included Xiujuan Chen (coming from Hong Kong), Weiping Li, related surgery and medical specialist, ETs and others.



*Continance training*

Teaching team of ET's professional development included Siyuan Tang (coming from the Nursing school of Central South University), Yongyi Chen, ETs and others.



*ET's professional development training*



*Theory Test*

3. Workshops as follows



*Workshops*

4. Clinic training



*Clinic Training*



Case Report



Conceptual design for Stoma, Wound and Continence Nursing



Practice test

## 5. Graduation Ceremony

The 9<sup>th</sup> ETNEPs of Hunan ET school graduation ceremony was held on 2<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. Sun Xiangming, Chen Yongyi (the Vice-President of Hunan ET school), Huang Gang (the Vice-President of Hunan Cancer Hospital), and all ET teachers of the school attended the graduation ceremony. The leaders and teachers all congratulated the 30 trainees and looked forward to their work healing people and developing the ET profession.



Graduation ceremony

## Enterostomal Therapy under the iron “umbrella” of the WCET® in the Republic of Croatia

*Students of Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program (ETNEP), FZSRI 2017/2018, Rijeka, Croatia.*

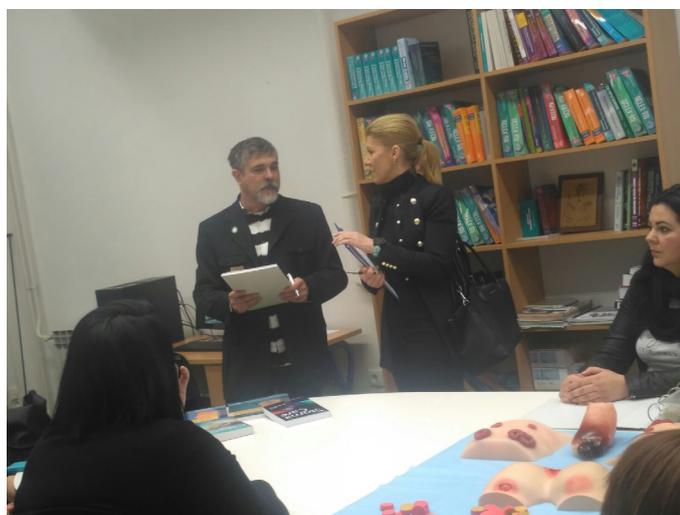
For a number of years in the Republic of Croatia there has been a need for nurses who specialize in treating patients with stomas, fistulas, chronic wounds and incontinence. The patients and members of various associations and societies have recognized the need and importance of ET Nursing for healthcare.

A program for educating nurses and technicians to be competent in Enterostomal Therapy care was launched in Croatia, by the Faculty of Health Sciences in Rijeka. The program was established following the guidelines of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists® (WCET®). Upon graduation, participants receive a WCET® certificate and 27.5 ECTS (European Credits Transfer System: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/resources/european-credit-transfer-accumulation-system\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/education/resources/european-credit-transfer-accumulation-system_en)) credits. Graduates of the program will be trained to provide care to people with stomas, fistulas, chronic wounds and incontinence. They can continue their education through professional and graduate studies. The program currently has 14 students from different regions of the Republic of Croatia.



*Students Home Towns & Cities*

All students had previously completed a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. With this program they are gaining additional skills and specific competences within each ET specialty. In March, 2018, we passed the Certification Program. Mr. Laurent Chabal was the WCET® auditor for the accreditation process.



*Under the WCET® umbrella, Laurent discussed the ETNEP, reviewing both the theory and clinical practice, during the site visit.*

We were all very excited about Laurent's arrival because of the desire to be part of the WCET® world and community. In the audit itself we had the opportunity to exchange experiences, listen to educational lessons, get helpful advice, and present our own work through oral presentations. We are especially proud that Zarah Perry-Woodford from St. Mark's Hospital in London held a WCET® certificate. Ms. Perry-Woodford is the primary ET of this program for RH. Her lectures, expertise, and sincere friendship are very important to our work. With the arrival of Zarah and Laurent, we expanded our knowledge, created a new vision, and increased our awareness of the great responsibilities of the Enterostomal Therapist. They helped us establish a solid foundation for developing Enterostomal Therapy in our country, focusing on critical thinking and evidenced based, scientific practice. It is of great importance to have the community of the WCET® and to work in the Republic of Croatia. Though professional respect and collaboration we will improve practice and access to quality, excellent stoma care.



*Zarah Receiving Her Diploma Award from Dr Marko Zelic, Director of this Program and Professor Daniela Malnar, Dean of the Rejika University of Nursing*



*Laurent giving his lecture to students*



*Zarah celebrating the end of this intense site visit with the teaching ETNP team (and some students). We were proud that this event was acknowledged in our local newspaper.*



We were mentioned in the WCET® 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Magazine!

(This magazine is available in the WCET® website, only for members: <https://wocet.memberclicks.net/members-only>)

The launch of this lifelong education program is a step forward in our country and we, as students, are very motivated to practice in accordance with new competencies. We believe that licensed nurses who care for stomas, fistulas, wounds, and incontinence patients require specialty specific education to become competent. We all recognize the importance of developing Enterostomal Therapy in our country and the benefits that will come to the patients for whom we care. The common feedback from students, which was shared with Mr. Chabal, was that this program enables students to expand and advance nursing as a profession and improve the quality of care provided to our patients.

Our vision is to increase the number of Enterostomal Therapists in the future and, through networking and collaboration, find the best solutions for our patients. Our experiences as students are positive and we are satisfied with the program because of its quality. The program itself is complementary to our previous knowledge and gives us the necessary competencies.

The studies of Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program are currently led by Miodrag Tanja (Sisak), Filčić Sanja (Rijeka), Zenzerović Anna (Pula), Braus Deverdžić Romina (Pula), Brkić Nataša (Zagreb), Vicić Anđa (Zagreb), Grgić Ivana (Split), Nežić Jasna (Zagreb), Slanec Marija (Zagreb), Pongrac Renata (Čakovec), Smolič Krunoslav (Vinkovci), Haring Marina (Rijeka), Štokić Glad Tamara (Rijeka) and Čurković Majda (Zadar).



*Students with Zarah Perry-Woodford and Laurent Chabal*

*Pictured in the second photo by Vesna Konjavod, Coordinator of this program, and Marija Hegeduš Matetić WCET® ID Croatia.*

We are proud that we are the first generation of Enterostomal Therapists trained in the Republic of Croatia. Our common goal is to use our WCET® training to further the work of caring for stomas and to contribute to the development of Enterostomal Therapy in our country and beyond.

Thanks to the Education Committee of WCET®, Denise Hibbert, Mr. Laurent Chabal and the beloved Zarah Perry-Woodford, for their selfless help, useful tips, and opportunities to become a part of a valued community and receive a certificate for the ET program by March 2021.

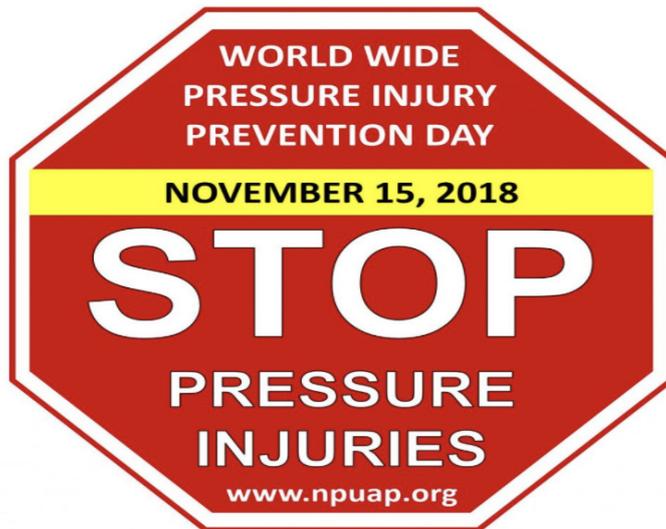
Zarah and Laurent will both come back in October to celebrate this achievement with us!

## My Wound Care Lecture in Nuwara Eliya Hospital in Sri Lanka

*Supun Prageeth, ETN, RN*



## Other coming Education Events



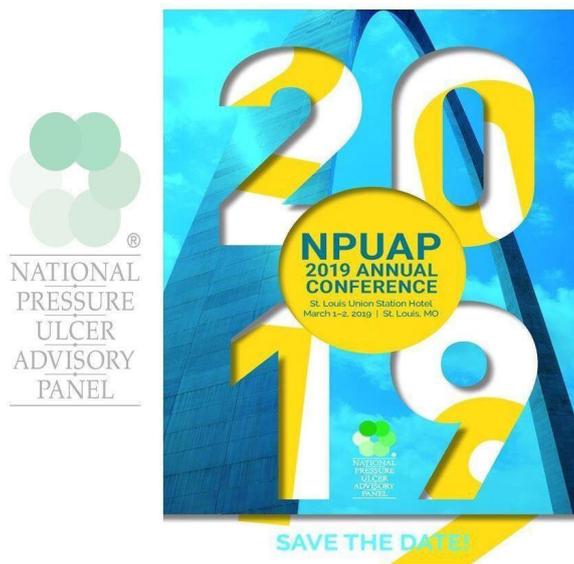
More information on:

<http://www.epuap.org/stop-pressure-ulcers/>

<http://www.npuap.org/resources/educational-and-clinical-resources/2018-world-wide-pressure-injury-prevention-day/>

## NPUAP 2019 Conference

*1 - 2 March 2019. St Louis, MO, USA*



More information on: <http://www.npuap.org/events/npuap-2019-annual-conference>

## The 14th Conference of the European Council of Enterostomal Therapy (ECET)

23 - 26 June 2019. Rome, Italy

The ECET Conference offers high level scientific presentations and networking activities. It is an excellent opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences with international colleagues.

By participating in the conference, you

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- Get the chance to attend a variety of high level key sessions, free papers, and hands-on workshops
- Meet your suppliers and exchange information about their products.

ECET welcomes you to visit: <http://ecet2019.org/>



## Wound Ostomy Continence Society Conference 2019

23 - 26 June 2019, Nashville, TN, USA



More information on: [https://www.wocn.org/page/annual\\_conference](https://www.wocn.org/page/annual_conference)

## World Union of Wound Health Societies Conference 2020

8 – 12 March 2020. Abu Dhabi, UAE.

*Global Healing Changing Lives*



More information on: [www.wuwhs2020.com](http://www.wuwhs2020.com)

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