

PRESENTING A SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTO & CONTEXTO

The Graduate Nursing Program and the Undergraduate Nursing Program at the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brasil, assumed the commitment to organize and host the XII Pan-American Nursing Investigation Colloquium, under the auspices of the Latin American Association of Nursing Colleges and Schools /Latin American Universities Union (ALADEFE/UDUAL) and the Pan-American Health Organization (OPAS). This event occurred in Florianópolis, SC, Brazil, from August 29th to September 2nd, 2010, in the de agosto a 2 de setembro de 2010, at the Events and Cultural Center at UFSC.

The central theme of the **XII Pan-American Nursing Investigation Colloquium** was *Diversity, inequality, and knowledge in nursing and health care*, which was discussed within three thematic axes: epistemology and diversity; methods, innovation, and overcoming inequalities; research agenda and solidarity. Its objectives were: to reflect and debate upon nursing knowledge production within the context of science and Technologies in the Americas; to congregate nurses and nursing students from the Americas in order to debate the central and sub-themes; and to constitute an arena for political, scientific, and social nursing expression.

This Colloquium consolidated a history of academic and scientific shared existence among nurses and health care professionals from all over the Americas, in the hopes of developing nursing within an international context. For more than 20 years, this event has shown to have the capacity of nursing articulation with strong adhesion to an agenda of priorities and commitments to desired changes constructed through collective and solidified efforts. This also is expressed through the political options which affirm the opportunity for alliance and fruitful debate as developed in previous editions.

The success of the **XII Pan-American Nursing Investigation Colloquium**, in terms of the possibilities for knowledge exchange and socialization can be measured by the number of participants present, totaling 766 nursing and health care professionals. Among these, 122 were undergraduate Nursing students. There were a total of 229 foreign participants, with 57 from North America (11 from the USA and Canada and 46 from Mexico); 14 from Europe (Spain and Portugal); 15 from Central America (El Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Panama); and 143 from the remaining countries of Latin America (Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela).

This event promoted deeper reflection upon the onto-epistemological bases of nursing knowledge, its methodological challenges, and advancing the construction of alternatives for nursing partnerships in the Americas. It also made possible for nurses to learn of experiences and innovation produced within the different participating countries, with respect to the thematic axis. The participation of national (8) and international (5 from the USA, 1 from Canada, 1 from Colombia, 1 from Venezuela, 1 from México, 2 from Argentina, 1 from Peru, 1 from Chile, 1 from Bolivia, and 2 from Spain) guests made amplified discussion possible within the themes presented. This, in turn, strengthened the references which have founded nursing practice in its different fields of performance, beyond promoting the knowledge produced by Nursing Schools, Graduate Programs, professionals, and researchers.

The Schedule and sessions of the **XII Pan-American Nursing Investigation Colloquium** was carefully prepared in order to congregate nursing from the Americas, the Caribbean, and Europe. It included: I - Opening, Closing, and Awards Sessions; II - Conferences and round tables to discuss the central and sub-themes; III - Open themed sessions, in the form of Symposiums (oral communications) and Posters; IV - Pre-Colloquium Courses: Introductory courses; V - Organized meetings for entities, interest groups, and others; VI - Book and Journal releases; VII - Expositions (technological, art, and culture); VIII - Final Plenary; IX - Social, cultural, and technical visit activities.

It is important to highlight the completion of 31 Symposiums encompassing the most diverse of themes, in which 137 scientific studies, experience reports, research results, theses, and dissertations were presented. Beyond this, the event included the presentation of 597 studies in the Poster format.

As one of the expected results from the Colloquium and the knowledge socialization policy, the PEN/UFSC offers this Supplement to *Texto & Contexto Nursing Journal* to the national and international scientific community. In doing so, *Texto & Contexto Nursing Journal* has fulfilled another commitment made by the Organizing Committee and made this set of 32 original articles available, whose results were presented in the Symposiums or Free Themed Sessions of the **XII Pan-American Nursing Investigation Colloquium**. Approximately 126 manuscripts were evaluated by the Scientific Committee, especially created for such analysis, in order to produce this Supplement. From these 36 were excluded upon initial analysis for not attending the norms of the *Texto & Contexto Nursing Journal* or for not being original articles. The remaining 89 went through a double-blind evaluation process, already applied by the Journal in numerous times, with the exception of the award-winning articles, as they had already gone through such judgment under the watch of the Commission specifically designated for such analysis. From their evaluation, 28 original articles, in addition to the 4 award-winning articles (two with the Maricel Manfredi Award and two with the Ingrid Elsen Award), were selected for publication in this Supplemental Edition of *Texto & Contexto Nursing Journal*, exclusively available online.

This Supplement was organized as follows: the four original articles which won the Maricel Manfredi and Ingrid Elsen Awards; followed by six articles from international authors, with 24 articles from Brazilian authors from all over the country concluding the edition.

This publication, added to the event's Annals, responds to the challenge of diffusing nursing knowledge produced in the Americas, contributing to the advance of nursing scientific production, to the strengthening of its commitment with global health policies, to promoting new academic partnerships, and towards consolidating nursing research and practice.

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