

International Nursing Interest Group (INIG)

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Greeting from the New Chair-Elect

It is with great pleasure to welcome the new executive officers and the returning officers for the year 2019-2021. We have some exciting times ahead of us as we continue to move forward with our mission and vision alongside with the RNAO's four ends. The four ends are – Engage with registered nurses, nurse practitioners and nursing students to stimulate members; Advance the Role and Image of Nurses; Speak out on Emerging Issues & Influence Healthy Public Policy.

I am happy to share with you that during the Queen's Park on the Road, some of us met with MPP Rod Philips of Ajax, MPP Lindsey Park of Durham and MPP Peter Bethlenfalvy of Pickering-Uxbridge to discuss key nursing, health, and health care delivery issues such as better approach to long-term care and accidental opioid overdoses- a public health crisis. I hope that you have participated in meeting with your local MPP.

In the very near future, we look forward to hearing some of the issues affecting our internationally educated and trained registered nurses.

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Introduce the Executive Members

General Meeting Dec 5, 2019 @5:30 at St Michael's Hospital Donnelly Wing, 6th floor, Room 6103, Respiratory conference room.

New INIG ENOs for year 2019-2021

Beatriz " Betsy" Jackson: Chair- Elect

Betsy graduated from Silliman University College of Nursing, Dumaguete City, Philippines in 1977 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing. In 1980, she worked at the Notre Dame Bay Memorial Hospital in Twillingate Newfoundland for 4 years as a staff nurse then as an evening nursing supervisor. In 1984, she moved to Toronto and worked at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre for 26 years in various roles as staff nurse in Oncology, Cardiology, CCU, Professional Practice Leader and Advanced Practice Nurse in the Schulich Heart Program, Acting Director of Nursing Education & Informatics and Manager of Special Nursing Projects. She completed her Masters of Science in Nursing in 2004 at D'Youville College, Buffalo, New York. She is an active member of the RNAO Durham Northumberland Chapter, has served as Membership ENO (2011-2012), as Chapter President (2012-2014), and as Region 8 Representative to the Board (2015-2019). She is the Policy and Political Action ENO of the Retired Nurses Interest Group (2018-2020) and the new Chair of the International Nurses Interest Group (2019-2021). Currently, Betsy teaches partial load at Centennial College, PN Program. She volunteers at the St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, Refugee Committee.



Beatriz Jackson

Philicia Joseph: Finance Executive Network Officer

Philicia is a Registered Nurse and Midwife by profession with 42 years of hospital and international nursing experience. Philicia completed her nurse training in the United Kingdom until she immigrated to Canada in 1981. Here she attended York University and attained her B.A in Health Studies, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing degrees. Philicia has extensive experience in Maternal and Child Health and working in High Risk Obstetrics at St. Michael's and Mt. Sinai Hospitals. During her tenure at Mt. Sinai, Philicia mentored nursing and midwifery students and senior medical students. As a research nurse, Philicia collaborated with the University of Toronto and participated in data collection of the M.I. L. E. Research Project. In addition, Philicia has Inner City Health nursing experience from working with marginalized groups in New York City Hospitals. As a Clinical Course Director, Philicia has mentored and taught nursing students on and off-site at York and UOIT Universities. Philicia has collaborated with community health organizations and developed a Parental Educational Programme for Fathers.

Sepelene Deonarine: Policy & political Executive Network Officer

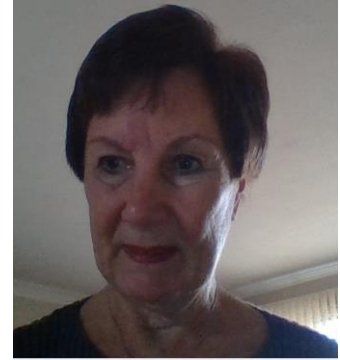
Sepelene is one of the founding members of International Nurses Interest Group. She is proud to be part of the International Interest group and will fully commit herself to the mandate of the Group as and internationally trained nurse, she believes it was and still is a good fit to belong to the International interest group. The navigation to practice again seemed very torturous, but to integrate effectively in the values and the practice system, one must be very committed and take every opportunity to integrate and become part of the system. This is what help her to move forward in a way that was beneficial to the immersion in the Canadian System. She pride myself on a being a continuous learner. She take every opportunity in educating herself locally, nationally and internationally. Her Education is on a continuum RN BScN MAEd, State Certified Midwife (SCM) (Hons) (Eng) and Master Trainer Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. She has been employed in a variety of settings, Hospitals, Community, Government Ministries and Academia. Presently Outreach educator for Diabetes Canada and Local Health Integrated Network and Diabetes Canada Regional Representative and Advocacy. She is also part of some professional affiliations, Registered Nurses Association of Ontario: Policy and Political Executive Network Officer: Durham Northumberland Chapter and International Nurses Interest Group. Member of Diabetes Nurses Interest Group and Diabetes Canada Professional Section. A few recent Award of Distinction, Town of Ajax Education Award 2018; Health and Social Services Award 2017, Prestigious Civic Award 2016 and Diabetes Canada Regional Volunteer of the Year Award for Ontario 2017.



Sepelene Deonarine

Isolde Daiski: Policy & Political Executive Network Officer

Isolde – BScN 1989, MEd 1994, EdD in Sociology and Equity Studies in Education, 2001. I worked as a hospital staff nurse in emergency and critical care for nearly 20 years, full and part-time, before I became a sessional instructor at Ryerson University in 1990 till 2001. I previously held the position of Associate Professor in the School of Nursing, at York University where I began to work in 2001 and have just retired as a senior scholar. I am a qualitative researcher who works with marginalized populations such as immigrants / refugees, particularly those experiencing homelessness and poverty. The impact of the social determinants of health and the implications for policy development to promote health is of particular interest. I also have previous volunteer experience with care of persons with AIDS in Costa Rica. I strongly believe that nurses with their holistic view on health and care for the whole person can powerfully advocate and promote health for all.



Isolde Daiski

Juliana Gallas: Student Liaison

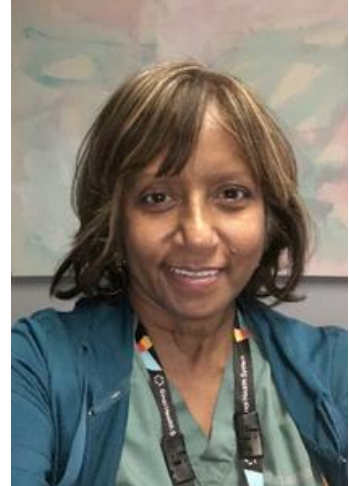
Juliana Gallas is currently in her fourth year of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario (Go Marauders Go!). Currently, she is completing a global health placement in a rural clinic in St. George's, Grenada. She applied for the student liaison position as she has always had an interest in global issues, specifically regarding the inequality of access to health care for so many around the world. It was not until she took 'Introduction to Concepts in Global Health' that she was able to gain a deeper understanding of the priorities, issues and strategies for health and development within the context of global health. She is excited to share her experiences from Grenada and her involvement with this group with the McMaster nursing community and the nursing student body in Ontario to further spread awareness and knowledge of global health nursing issues. She was thrilled to be a part of a community of intelligent and compassionate nurses who are passionate about the promotion of universally accessible and equitable health care.



Juliana Gallas

Kamala Persad-Ford: Past Chair (2015-2018)

Kamala, RN, BScN, MScN, CCN(C) is a Registered Nurse for the past 25 years with International & Canadian Nursing experience. Her motto has always been to experience life as a continuous journey of learning opportunities. Kamala started her nursing career in Trinidad, West Indies, at the Caura Thoracic Hospital, then immigrated to Canada where she continued on her educational journey. After she obtained her Nursing Diploma, BScN and MScN, she then went on to obtain her CNA Specialty Certification in Cardiovascular Nursing- CCN{C}. Her passion as a Cardiac Nurse has always been and continues to be to raise awareness of Cardiac Disease, its Risk Factors and in Cardiac Prevention & Rehabilitation. Kamala's approach to Nursing Care is always based on current evidence. Kamala presented her MScN Research Project entitled: Pain Management Education on the Post CABG Patient Population During the Recovery Period where it was well received Nationally and Internationally. The best experience was presenting at the Sigma Theta Tau International Research in Congress Florida in 2011. Kamala works at St. Michael's Hospital in the Heart & Vascular Program on the Cardiac Investigative Unit. Kamala is also a Clinical Educator at Ryerson University.



Kamala Persad-Ford

Guangxia Meng: Social Media Executive Officer

Guangxia, RN (EC), NP-Adult, MScN, AANP(C) is a registered nurse for 26 years with international and Canadian experiences. She starts her nursing career in China with experience in the labour and delivery and general surgical unit. She came to Canada and continued her registered nurse career in long-term care, then surgical unit, mostly Post Anesthesia Care Unit. She obtained her post-diploma Nursing degree at Ryerson University and Master in Nursing (Nurse practitioner) at University of Toronto. She currently is working at the Secondary Stroke Prevention Program at Southlake Regional Health Center. She is the recipient of the award of Merit for an outstanding nurse practitioner from Sigma Theta Tau International. She is studying Public Health and Health System PhD program at University of Waterloo.



Guangxia Meng

Janet Bowes: Membership Executive Network Officer

Cassandra Mullins: Communication Executive Network Officer

Members Voice

We are planning INIG workshops and education day in the spring of 2020. We welcome all members to join us and send any topics of interest. Your voices are heard!

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