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8th International ETNA Conference 2023 Odense, Denmark



The ***8th International ETNA Conference*** was successfully held in Odense, Denmark from June 25th to 28th, 2023, under the captivating theme "Revolutionizing Transcultural Care: Reflecting, exploring, and responding to global health and care challenges." The conference brought together an impressive gathering of health and social care professionals from numerous countries, creating a vibrant platform for exchanging ideas and addressing critical issues in the field of transcultural health care.
The event witnessed the participation of 102 dedicated professionals who travelled from 14 countries to engage in stimulating discussions and knowledge sharing. The conference program featured an array of oral presentations and posters, highlighting innovative insights and practical suggestions concerning Transcultural Health Care, Education, Transcultural Practice, and Health Disasters.

Distinguished keynote speakers captivated the audience with their profound expertise and thought-provoking topics. Professor Anne Marie Søndergaard Christensen delivered an enlightening speech on ***"Changing Perspectives: Existential and Ethical Lessons of Covid-19 and Possibilities for healthcare,"*** while Dr. Enrique Castro-Sanchez addressed the challenges faced in transcultural nursing with his keynote titled ***"Permacrisis in the Anthropocene: challenges for transcultural nursing."*** Professor Irena Papadopoulos inspired attendees with her keynote titled ***"I have a Dream!"*** exploring the future of transcultural care in the posthuman era.
A panel discussion, chaired by Dr. Dula Pacquiao, delved into the pressing subject of "Revolutionizing Transcultural Care – Reflecting, exploring, and responding to global

health and care challenges." This timely discussion resonated with the current global health landscape, provoking insightful conversations among participants.

During the conference, a heartfelt memorial was held to honour the esteemed Professor Christiana Kouta who passed away in March 2023, recognizing her exceptional contributions to the field of transcultural care and as a vice chair of the ETNA board. Her legacy will continue to inspire future generations in their pursuit of excellence in transcultural health and care.

One of the highlights of the conference was the prestigious Christiana Kouta Award, bestowed upon the best poster and oral presentation that demonstrated outstanding research, innovation, and impact in the realm of transcultural care. This esteemed recognition encourages and celebrates the remarkable efforts of individuals dedicated to advancing transcultural health practices.

The 8th International ETNA Conference was a resounding success, providing a platform for professionals to share knowledge, explore emerging trends, and collectively work towards revolutionizing transcultural care. The event showcased the importance of global collaboration and highlighted the pressing need for innovative approaches to address the challenges in the fast and ever-evolving health and care landscape.

IENE 11 PROVAC – "Empowering nurses and healthcare professionals to promote vaccination and tackle vaccine hesitancy"

The ***IENE 11 PROVAC ERASMUS+ Project*** is a strong response to the important and actual European demand, underlined in EU Strategy for COVID-19 vaccines.
Four European partner organizations – EDUNET (Romania), Cyprus University of Technology (Cyprus), National and Kapodistrian University (Greece) and University of Almeria, (Spain) - worked together and developed educational resources, in order to prepare health professionals as trusted sources of information on vaccination matters.

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The IENE 11 project aims: to support and train the healthcare professionals and empower them to address vaccine hesitancy and improve vaccine confidence, to enhance their knowledge on vaccine and vaccination and tackle the misinformation and disinformation, ensure clear communication on the benefits, risks and importance of COVID-19 vaccines and build public confidence in vaccines.

The IENE 11 – PROVAC project main results are:

- **A data base** of reliable sources of informative and tools on vaccination
- **An Informative kit** - a set of 20 info sheets with the key concepts based on the literature review, which will be translated in all partners' languages and will be used on informative campaigns among vulnerable groups and vaccine hesitant people.
- **A European Model and Training Curriculum** – which is an adapted PPT/IENE Model, based on: the competences framework, with the key constructs/statements developed through a Delphi study and a panel of experts from all partner countries.

- **20 Bite sized Learning tools** – based on the curriculum model - for nurses and healthcare professionals .
- **A MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)** - for training healthcare workers to tackle with vaccine hesitancy. The six weeks course was delivered, piloted and evaluated, between 2nd of October and 10th of November 2023 in all partner countries - Romania, Spain, Italy, Cyprus and Greece - with 130 participants.

To mark the achievements of the IENE 11 project and disseminate its results, the University of Almeria will host a European Conference, and is scheduled to take place in ***Almeria, Spain, on the 27th of November 2023!***



Athens, Greece 28th – 29th April, 2022



Limassol, Cyprus 10th – 11th October

For more information about IENE 11-PROVAC project, please visit our websites:

- **www.ieneproject.eu**
- **www.iene11.eu**

Memorial for Prof Christiana Kouta during the ETNA 2023 Conference

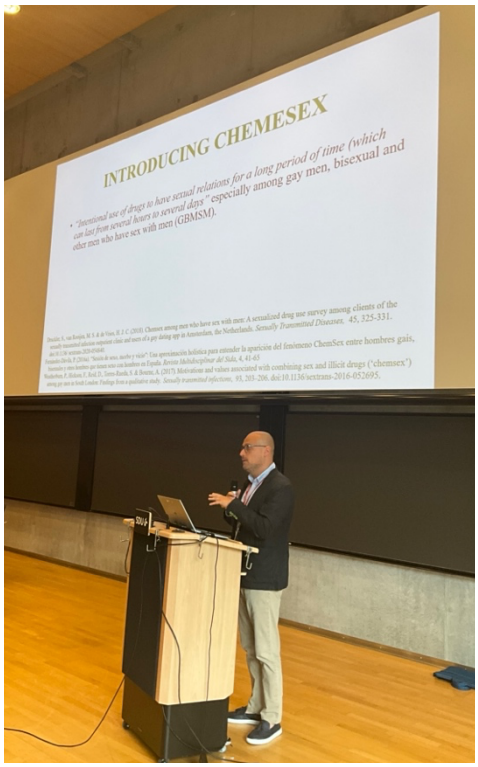
At the 8th ETNA conference, a poignant tribute was conducted to commemorate the late Professor Christiana Kouta, who passed away in March 2023. Prof. Kouta served as the Secretary of the European Transcultural Nurses Association from 2013 to 2019 and assumed the role of vice chair on the ETNA board in 2019.

During the memorial, her noteworthy contributions to the field of transcultural care have been acknowledged, and her legacy was highlighted as an ongoing source of inspiration for future generations striving for excellence in transcultural health and care.

In her honor, the board established the prestigious Christiana Kouta Award, which will be presented during the ETNA conferences to the best poster and oral presentation showcasing exceptional research, innovation, and impact in the realm of transcultural care. This esteemed recognition aims to foster and celebrate the remarkable endeavors of individuals committed to advancing transcultural health practices.



A Message from Juan Manuel Leyva Moral (PhD, MSc, CHNS, BSN)
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Attending the ETNA conference has always been high on my bucket list. I have been involved in teaching future nurses about transcultural nursing and clinical cultural competence for a number of years. It is true that for a variety of reasons, mainly related to a busy work schedule, I had never been able to attend, although I was aware of their activities and outputs. Surrounding myself with academics from different parts of the world with extensive experience in transcultural nursing was an important growth opportunity and a unique opportunity to expand my network of contacts for future collaborations.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed all of our lives, both personally and professionally. We went too long without sharing physical space, and for me that was a great loss. I needed to feel the warmth of people and to teach and learn again through face-to-face activities. So this year I felt the need to reactivate my international academic activities. When I saw that ETNA was back in a face-to-face form and in such a wonderful country as Denmark, I didn't hesitate. I called one of my colleagues with whom I have an excellent relationship and with whom we collaborate on issues related to cultural competence, teaching and research, and we decided to send two abstracts to share our experiences with other colleagues from other universities. We did not know if they would be accepted and if we would finally be able to present our work. The good news came when the organising committee informed us that both abstracts had been accepted.

I had the opportunity to present a qualitative paper on the practice of chemsex in Barcelona and another paper on Narrative Photography, an art-based teaching method that I have been using for years to teach aspects of cultural competence and transcultural nursing. These papers were presented alongside those of other colleagues from around the world, all excellent works that have undoubtedly contributed to the growth and improvement of transcultural nursing practice.

It was clear to me that both presentations generated interest in the audience, as at the end of the presentations several colleagues approached me to ask questions, which I greatly appreciated as it encouraged me to continue. At the end of the ETNA 2023 experience, I could not have a better memory than receiving the award for the best oral communication from Dr Papadopoulos and her team, whom I have followed with great interest for years and whose readings I have used and continue to use in my classes. To take home a book signed by Dr Papadopoulos herself and her warm words of congratulations is indescribable, as was the applause and congratulations from other colleagues who attended the event.

I will certainly attend future events organised by ETNA; I find it a formal, warm and intimate space to share experiences and ideas about transcultural nursing. There is no doubt that good products and actions that change the world are made together, so I encourage people reading this story who are interested in transcultural nursing to come to the next event organised by ETNA. The more of us there are, the more chances there are to meet colleagues with common interests and to develop powerful projects that will improve the care we provide.



12-15 June 2024
London, UK

Embracing the changes in transcultural nursing: From basics to cyborgs

For more details
https://europeantransculturalnurses.eu/conference

About ETNA

The ETNA (European Transcultural Nursing Association) is a renowned organization dedicated to advancing the field of transcultural nursing and care. Through its conferences and initiatives, ETNA fosters collaboration, innovation, and excellence among professionals committed to providing culturally competent and inclusive care in a diverse global society. For more information please visit: https://europeantransculturalnurses.eu/.