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9th International Conference LONDON 2024



The ***9th International ETNA Conference*** was successfully held at Middlesex University in London, UK, between ***June 12th - 16th***, ***2024,*** under the captivating theme *"Embracing the Changes in Transcultural Nursing: From Basics to Cyborgs."* This conference brought together a remarkable gathering of health and social care professionals from numerous countries, creating a vibrant platform for exchanging ideas and addressing critical issues in transcultural health care.

The event saw the participation of ***70 dedicated professionals from 19 countries*** worldwide, who engaged in stimulating discussions and knowledge sharing. The conference program featured an array of oral presentations and posters, showcasing innovative insights and practical suggestions on topics such as Transcultural Health Care, Education and Practice, Intersections of Nursing with Technology, Personal Experiences and Innovations, Social Justice, Ethics, Racism, LGBT+, Diversity and Vulnerabilities.

Four distinguished ***keynote speakers*** captivated the audience with their profound expertise and thought-provoking topics.



Professor Andreas Charalambous (Cyprus), delivered an enlightening speech on *"Digital Transformation in Health: The Transcultural Paradigm as a Guiding Beacon."*



Dr Amira Halperin (UK), addressed the new challenges in transcultural nursing with her keynote titled *"New Uses of Culturally Competent Communication of Refugees in the Era of AI."*

Dr Antonio Sgorbissa (Italy) presented an exciting talk, entitled *"Robots and Intelligent Systems for Citizens and the Environment," revealing future capabilities of robotics and AI in healthcare settings."*





Finally, from Osaka, Japan, ***Dr. Tomiko Toda*** delivered an insightful speech, titled *"How Is Technology Transforming Nursing Education and Care for an Aging World? Lessons from a Country with the Most Aged Population."*



A ***panel discussion***, chaired by the secretary of ETNA, Alfonso Pezzella, delved into the pressing subject of *"The future of Transcultural Nursing in a technology-enabled landscape."* This timely discussion resonated with the current global health landscape during the era of technology, provoking insightful conversations among participants.

During the conference, a minute of silence was observed to honour the esteemed Professor Christiana Kouta, who passed away in March 2023. Her exceptional contributions to transcultural care and her role as Vice-President of the ETNA board were recognised. Her legacy will continue to inspire future generations in their pursuit of excellence in transcultural health and care.



The prestigious ***"Christiana Kouta Award"*** was bestowed upon the best poster and oral presentation demonstrating outstanding research, innovation, and impact in transcultural care. This esteemed recognition encourages and celebrates the remarkable efforts of individuals dedicated to advancing transcultural health practices. Prof Irena Papadopoulos, ETNA President, proudly presented David Want with the award of Best Presentation, and Malgorazata Szkup with the award of Best Poster. More information about their presentations and previous winners can be found on the dedicated KOUTA AWARDS section of the website.

One of the highlights of the 9th International ETNA Conference was the introduction of the *Fellowship of the European Transcultural Nursing Association*, ***FETNA.*** The Fellowship was established to recognise the significant contributions members have made to the field of transcultural studies and health, and/or to the ETNA organisation. The following ETNA members were the first to be proudly awarded with Fellowship:

- **ALFONSO PEZZELLA** MSc, PGCHE, BSc (Hons), SFHEA, MBPsS, FETNA
- **CANDAN ÖZTÜRK** PhD, FETNA
- **CHRISTIANA KOUTA** (POSTHUMOUS) PhD, MSc, BSc, DipN, RN, FETNA
- **DORTHE NIELSEN** PhD, RN, FETNA
- **ELENA ROUSOU** PhD, MA, BSc, DipN, FETNA
- **IRENA PAPADOPOULOS** PhD, MA, BA, DipNEd, DipN, RN, RM, FHEA, FETNA
- **KATALIN PAPP** PhD, FETNA
- **KATHLEEN MARKEY** PhD, MSc, PGCHE, BSc, Adv. Dip, DipN, FETNA
- **MARÍA JOSÉ MORALES GÁZQUEZ** RN, FETNA
- **MARIKA PODDA CONNOR** MSc, BSc, Dip, FETNA
- **SARA NISSIM** PhD, MA, BA, DipN, FETNA
- **SEAN COLLINGE** MSc, BA (Hons), MBCS, FETNA
- **VALERIE TOTHOVA** Ph.D., dr.h.c., FETNA

More details about FETNA and the Fellows can be found on the newly created section of the website, and instructions on how to apply for Fellowship will be available in the following weeks.

The 9th International ETNA Conference was a resounding success, providing a platform for professionals to share knowledge, explore emerging trends, and collectively work towards revolutionising 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.



NEXT CONFERENCE

The 10th International ETNA Conference will be in Budapest, Hungary in June 2025. Join ETNA to find out the latest news and date for the next conference!