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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2024 Annual Report captures the essence of ETNA's remarkable year. This year, we celebrated significant membership growth, successfully hosted our international conference in London, and introduced innovative programs such as blogs and podcasts. These achievements highlight ETNA's commitment to advancing transcultural nursing through education, research, and collaboration. This report details our accomplishments, financial performance, and aspirations for the future.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



In this season of reflection and renewal, the ETNA Board extends our warmest wishes to our cherished nursing community and your loved ones.

While we embrace the joy and warmth of the holidays, we are mindfully aware that for many, this time can amplify feelings of isolation and vulnerability. As healthcare professionals who witness both life's celebrations and struggles, we understand that true healing extends beyond physical care to touch the heart and spirit.

This year, we call upon our community to transform compassion into action. Let every smile you share, every hand you hold, and every moment you pause to truly listen become a beacon of hope for someone in need. In our profession, we know that the smallest gestures often carry the most profound impact. May your holidays be filled with peace and joy, and may we collectively create ripples of kindness that reach those who need it most. Together, we can weave a stronger fabric of care and connection that extends far beyond the holiday season.

With deepest gratitude and hope for the year ahead, The ETNA Board.

Irena Papadopoulos

Professor Irena Papadopoulos
ETNA President

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MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

ETNA's mission is to advance transcultural nursing by promoting education, research, and collaboration among nurses worldwide. Our vision is to build a global community of nurses who deliver culturally competent care. At the core of our organization are values such as compassion, collaboration, cultural competence, and innovation, which guide our efforts and interactions.

OUR STORY

In February 2005, a number of people from different European countries attended a meeting in Modena, Italy, following an invitation by Bruno Ciancio (Italy) and Kari Sirkka (Finland).

ETNA was formally established at that meeting with Bruno Ciancio as its first president. Those in attendance agreed to act as their country's representatives. There was immediate interest from a number of countries across Europe about ETNA which initially was seeking nurse membership only.

The rationale for this development was the increasing migration of people into and within Europe. This migration affected not just those requiring health care but the workforce providing such care. Migration is a challenging issue wherever and whenever it takes place. People may move easily from one country to another but they may also be fleeing from torture and persecution leaving all behind them thus requiring very special care and understanding.

MEMBERSHIP

In this season of reflection and renewal, ETNA experienced a year of growth and accomplishment. Membership expanded by 16%, reaching a total of 660 members across over 50 countries. This growth underscores our global reach and influence. This vibrant and diverse community benefits from numerous opportunities for professional networking, skill enhancement, and cultural exchange. Members gain access to exclusive resources, participate in events, and enjoy the support of a global network of peers. Testimonials from our members highlight the transformative impact of these benefits, both personally and professionally.



WHY JOIN ETNA?

Joining ETNA with 660 members and growing across 50+ countries offers a variety of membership benefits. These benefits are personal, professional, and educational, and they provide opportunities for networking, collaboration, and personal growth. Here are some key benefits you might enjoy:

GLOBAL NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

- Access to a Diverse Community: With members spread across over 50 countries, you will have the opportunity to connect with individuals from diverse backgrounds, professions, and cultures. This broadens your perspective and opens doors for global collaborations.
- Professional Networking: Engage with like-minded professionals, industry leaders, and experts, which could lead to career opportunities, mentorship, and partnerships.
- Events and Conferences: Attend our annual international conference, webinars, and conferences organized by ETNA and the wider community.

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Workshops and Training: As well as attending ETNA's annual conference, we also deliver webinars and sign post to online events which could help you to develop

your transcultural health care understanding and skills.
- Access to Resources: Gain access to specialized resources, research, and publications that are relevant to transcultural health.
- Knowledge Sharing: Participate in discussions, forums, and peer-to-peer learning sessions where you can share insights, ask questions, and learn from each other's experiences.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT

- Recognition and Certifications: Apply for ETNA Fellowship (FETNA) to demonstrate your dedication and professional expertise in the field of transcultural health and/or your significant contribution to the ETNA organisation.

COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT

- Peer Support: Being part of a supportive and growing community provides professional support. Whether you're looking for advice, feedback, or guidance, the ETNA community can be a great resource.
- Collaborative Projects: Networking within the organisation can lead to engagement in collaborative projects, research, or initiatives with fellow members. Working together on global challenges can be an enriching experience.
- Access to Experts: Get access to a network of experts in your field who are willing to provide advice, share experiences, and help solve complex problems.

EXCLUSIVE CONTENT AND TOOLS

- Members-Only Resources: Being an ETNA member, you will be able to access exclusive content such as white papers, case studies, reports, or toolkits that are not available to non-members.
- Discounts and Offers: ETNA offers its members a discounted rate on our annual conference fees.

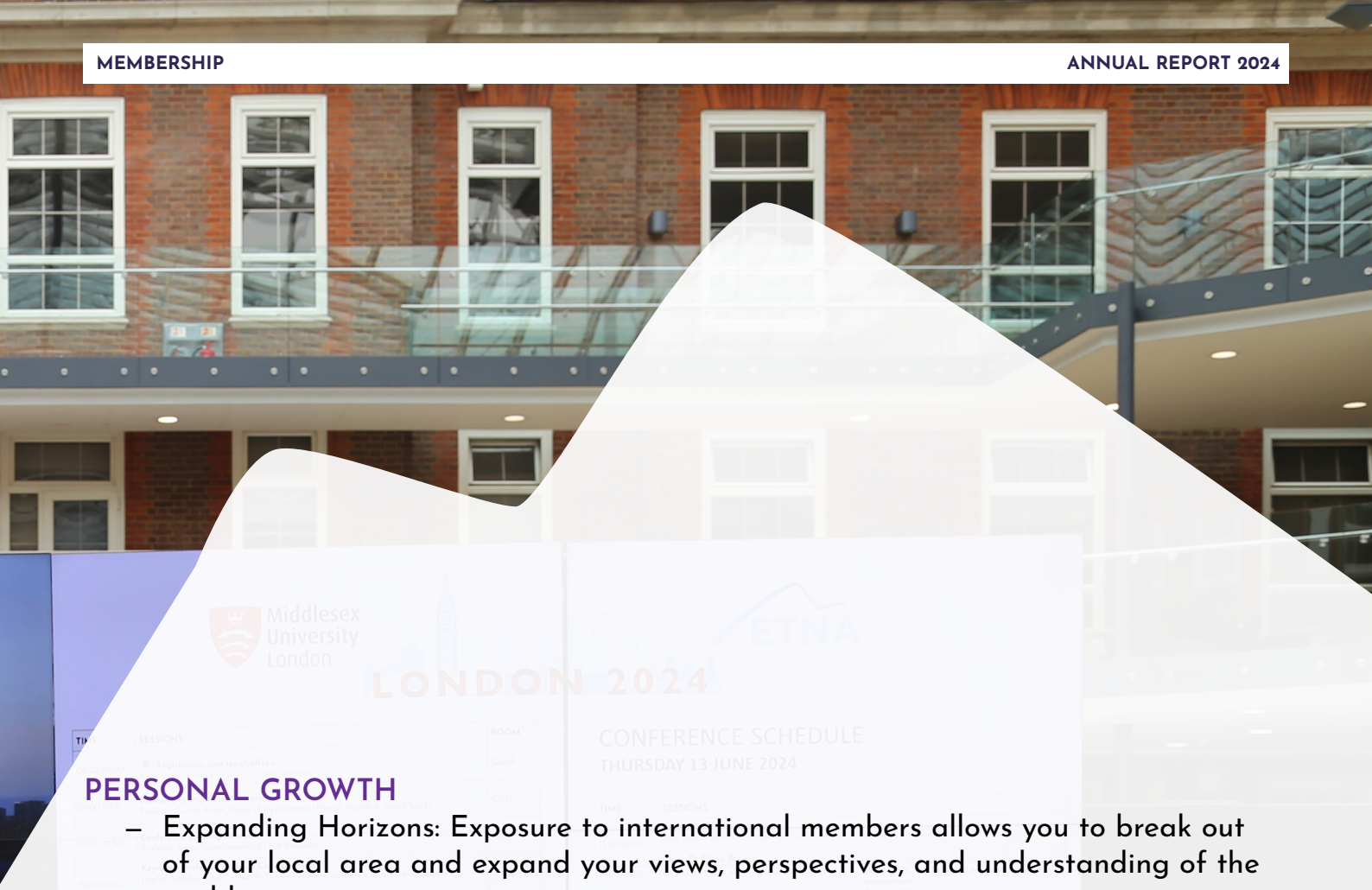
CULTURAL EXCHANGE

- Global Perspective: As ETN spans multiple countries, you'll have the chance to engage in online cultural exchanges, which could lead to international collaborations that enrich your understanding of different parts of the world.
- Cross-Cultural Learning: Develop cross-cultural communication skills by working with people from diverse backgrounds and learning about global challenges and opportunities.

ACCESS TO A GROWING ORGANISATION

- Influence and Impact: As the membership grows, you can contribute to shaping the direction of ETNA, offering feedback, and helping to define its goals and initiatives.
- Exclusive Invitations to New Initiatives: As ETNA expands, new programs, partnerships, and initiatives may be launched, and as a member, you'll have first access to these opportunities.


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PERSONAL GROWTH

- Expanding Horizons: Exposure to international members allows you to break out of your local area and expand your views, perspectives, and understanding of the world.
- Building Confidence: Being part of a global community and engaging in cross-cultural interactions can help build confidence in both personal and professional settings.

LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS

- Friendships: In addition to professional relationships, you might form lasting friendships with people who share your interests, values, or passions.
- Collaboration on Long-Term Projects: You might have the opportunity to collaborate on long-term initiatives or projects that bring value to both you and ETNA.

By joining such a growing and dynamic community, you gain not only access to the tangible benefits mentioned above but also the opportunity to contribute to the collective success and evolution of ETNA. Whether you're looking to advance your career, learn new skills, or simply meet new people from around the world, the possibilities are vast.

JOIN ETNA TODAY
MEMBERSHIP IS FREE

ACHIEVEMENTS

The ETNA 9th International Conference in London (12-15 June 2024), was a major success, bringing together 70 delegates from 19 countries. The event featured 3 international keynote speakers and 1 local keynote speaker, engaging 1 international panel discussions, and a diverse array of 38 concurrent presentations and 14 posters, reinforcing our position as a leader in transcultural nursing.

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

Our educational outreach programs, including webinars and training workshops, continued to equip nurses with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in culturally diverse healthcare settings. The ETNA 9th International Conference served as a cornerstone event, fostering collaboration and innovation among participants.



***Prof Irena Papadopoulos**, ETNA President, welcomes delegates to ETNA's 9th International Conference in London (13 June 2024)*



Prof Andreas Charalambous



Professor Antonio Sgorbissa



Dr. Tomiko Toda



Dr Amira Halperin

PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES

Throughout 2024, ETNA implemented a range of impactful programs and initiatives. Educational programs, including workshops, seminars, and online training sessions, were conducted to enhance transcultural healthcare skills. Additionally, we launched new initiatives, including blogs and podcasts, to broaden our reach and provide members with valuable insights and dialogues on transcultural health topics.

Find out more on our website: www.europeantransculturalnurses.eu.

(Below) ***Panel discussion****, ETNA's 9th International Conference in London*



RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ETNA actively supported research projects that advance transcultural nursing practices. We also contributed to the dissemination of knowledge through publications, including journals and reports.

These efforts reflect our dedication to fostering evidence-based practices and sharing valuable insights with the global nursing community. ETNA remained deeply committed to engaging with communities and addressing healthcare disparities.

Members participated in many activities (e.g. presentation in conferences) that made a tangible impact, while partnerships with many organizations (e.g. collaboration in European Projects) amplified our efforts and fostered innovation in transcultural nursing practices.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

ETNA celebrated the achievements of its members through internal awards that recognize outstanding contributions to transcultural nursing. The Fellowship of the European Transcultural Nursing Association, FETNA, 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:

- **Irena Papadopoulos** PhD, MA, BA, DipNEd, DipN, RN, RM, FHEA
- **Alfonso Pezzella** MSc, PGCHE, BSc (Hons), SFHEA, MBPsS
- **Candan Öztürk** PhD, RN
- **Christiana Kouta** (posthumous) PhD, MSc, BSc, DipN, RN
- **Dorthe Nielsen** PhD, RN
- **Elena Rousou** PhD, MA, BSc, DipN, RN
- **Katalin Papp** PhD, RN
- **Kathleen Markey** PhD, MSc, PGCHE, BSc, Adv. Dip, DipN, RN
- **María José Morales Gázquez** PhD, RN
- **Marika Podda Connor** MSc, BSc, Dip, RN
- **Sara Nissim** PhD, MA, BA, DipN, RN
- **Sean Collinge** MSc, BA (Hons), MBCS
- **Valerie Tothova** PhD., Dr. h.c, RN

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.



Prof Irena Papadopoulos *(left), awarding* ***Marika Podda Connor*** *(right), Fellowship of the European Transcultural Nursing Association, FETNA, at the Awards Ceremony in London - 14 June 2024.*

FINANCES

ETNA does not charge memberships fees to be part of the association. Members can donate money to ETNA to help support the maintenance and associated costs with the website and for other activities, such as organising awards and supporting members from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend the conference.

Below is an outline of donations received to date and the board will report on expenditure once this has been agreed.

	2024	2023
Donations	£418.78	£287.90
Spend	(£0)	(£0)
Total	£418.78	£287.90
Carried forward	£287.90	-
Balance	**£706.68**	

FUTURE GOALS AND PLANS

Looking ahead, ETNA aims to build upon its successes and continue to expand its programs and reach. We plan to enhance the newly launched blogs and podcasts, making them integral resources for members. Strategically, we aim to grow our membership by 20% and strengthen partnerships with healthcare institutions.



Our vision for the future includes developing virtual platforms that connect members across continents, ensuring that ETNA remains a global leader in transcultural nursing. ETNA has recently developed two new work plans dedicated to blogs and podcasts. Guidelines for these initiatives have been carefully crafted and will soon be accessible on the ETNA website, where two separate pages will serve as hubs for publishing this content. The blogs will feature thought-provoking articles, case studies, and member contributions that explore transcultural nursing challenges and solutions.



The podcasts will provide an engaging platform for interviews, discussions, and storytelling that highlight the voices of transcultural healthcare professionals worldwide. These initiatives aim to foster knowledge-sharing and inspire innovative practices within the ETNA community. To achieve these objectives, ETNA is exploring partnerships with technology providers to create user-friendly digital platforms that facilitate global collaboration. By leveraging these tools, members will be able to share best practices, engage in virtual discussions, and access resources in real-time.

Ultimately, ETNA's long-term goal is to establish itself as a global hub for transcultural nursing excellence, driving innovation and advocacy in culturally competent care. By staying adaptable and responsive to the evolving needs of its members and communities, ETNA is committed to creating a more inclusive and compassionate healthcare landscape.

10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 10th International ETNA Conference will be in Budapest, Hungary, 22-25 June 2025.

Visit the website for details.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ETNA extends heartfelt thanks to its members, volunteers, sponsors, and partners. Your unwavering dedication and support enable us to achieve our mission and make a difference in the field of transcultural nursing. Together, we are shaping a future where culturally competent care is the global standard.



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