



Council

Date of Meeting:	8 December 2016
Title of Paper:	Report from the International Committee
Appendices:	None
Presented by:	Professor Rod Thomson FRCN, Deputy President (on behalf of Professor Kath McCourt FRCN, Chair)
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1. The International Committee met on 11 October 2016.

International Alliances and Relationships

2. The Committee discussed ongoing work with the key RCN international alliances.
3. We noted in particular arrangements for the Chief Executive of the Commonwealth Nurses and Midwives Federation to visit the UK in the spring for meetings with the RCN.
4. The Deputy President briefed us on the work of the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing he has represented the RCN on.
5. We also discussed arrangements for the EFN General Assembly in Madrid and for a representative of the Students Committee to attend the ENSA Annual General Meeting which takes place at the same time as the EFN General Assembly.

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6. We are delighted that Janet Davies was elected to the EFN Executive Committee at the EFN General Assembly in October and look forward to the opportunity this provides the RCN to strengthen work with partners in Europe, both in the run-up to triggering of Article 50 and afterwards.

EU Referendum and Brexit

7. We discussed the current position following the EU referendum and received an update on the RCN's work in relation to Brexit.
8. We discussed the potential areas of impact for nursing in the UK and the purpose and membership of the recently established Cavendish Coalition, which Janet Davies joined in the summer of 2016. You have a separate paper on your agenda on this.

All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Global Health

9. The APPG Triple Impact Report on how developing nursing will improve health, promote gender equality and support economic growth was published at the end of October 2016.
10. At our next meeting we will be discussing how we can use the recommendations from the report to support our work.

EU/ International Recruitment Action Plan

11. We received a report back on RCN activity since the last meeting in relation to support for international nurses in the UK and the work with RCN country/ regional offices to deliver this.
12. We welcomed the establishment of a new Facebook group titled the 'RCN Network for Internationally Recruited Nursing Staff in the UK'.

International Volunteering and RCN Support

13. We received an update on RCN activity on support for members interested in international volunteering and discussed the review of the 'Working with Humanitarian Organisations' leaflet.
14. We also discussed RCNi plans to trial free access to RCNi journals for nurses and midwives working in low-resource settings.

EU Joint Action on Workforce Planning

15. The European Commission's research study on health care support workers and the potential for a common training framework across Europe is due to be published soon as part of the EU health workforce action plan.

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16. The RCN and its European alliances EFN and EPSU have been clear that there is not sufficient commonality across Europe to introduce such an initiative.

Congress 2016 and 2017

17. We reviewed arrangements for Congress 2016 and were pleased that there had been a strong international agenda on the main stage.
18. We also discussed ideas for Congress 2017 and are considering the options for a topical fringe event and/ or possible agenda items.

RCN Council Review

19. We received a presentation on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Council Review and next steps.

Review of Committee Terms of Reference and Ways of Working

20. We discussed the future composition of the Committee and noted the appointments timeline and process to be launched at Congress 2017.

The Committee next meets on 7 February 2017.