Welcome Message

Welcome to the GENCA e-Newsletter for October 2016. As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the newsletter and suggestions for improvement.

Since our last newsletter, we have had a busy time with State meetings, Fundamentals workshops, and of course AGW, held in Adelaide in October. Once again our Scientific Program Coordinator, Lea Wiggins, put together a fantastic nurses program for AGW, with a diverse range of topics and speakers. It was great to see so many nurses at AGW, and I’m sure everyone who attended shared their learnings with colleagues back to their workplace.

As you will see from the October J.GENCA which you would have received recently, and also in this newsletter, we have set the date and location for the 2017 GENCA National Conference – 27 and 28 May, at SeaWorld Convention Centre, on the Gold Coast. Following the success of the 2016 National Meeting in Melbourne, we plan to develop an education program with something for all nurses in gastroenterology at this conference. Registrations will open very soon, so keep an eye on the GENCA website for further details.

We welcome contributions of news items for this newsletter – these can be sent to our National Office – admin@genca.org

Cathy Conway
President
GENCA National Conference 2017

We extend a warm invitation to you to attend the GENCA National Conference to be held on the Gold Coast, 27-28 May 2017.

This two-day conference promises to be a fantastic conference with a wide variety of topics and speakers. The Program Committee promises this will be a fantastic opportunity to learn, develop and network with colleagues and specialists in your field.

The National Conference will be held at SeaWorld Conference Centre an exciting newly built venue which will be far from locking you away in a boring conference room.

The conference is also a great opportunity to share any experiences, research or projects with your GENCA colleagues by way of a submission for the free paper sessions. We encourage you to consider submitting an abstract for consideration by the Program Committee – further information is available here - [http://www.genca.org/education/2017-national-conference/abstract-submission/](http://www.genca.org/education/2017-national-conference/abstract-submission/)

Conference registration will open in early December - ensure you are ready to embark on what promises to be an exciting two-day conference.

We are also working on our Conference Sponsorship Prospectus for the 2017 National Conference, which will be released very soon.

IBD Nurses Education Scholarship

The IBD Nurses Education Scholarship is being offered for the first time in 2016. This scholarship has been established with an education grant from Janssen Pharmaceuticals. The scholarship is open to GENCA members only, and applicants must work in the field of Inflammatory Bowel Disease Nursing.

The grant offers two successful applicants, the opportunity to share a $10,000 scholarship which can be used to support post graduate study or conference attendance. Full details including the criteria and application form are available from the GENCA website. Applications close 15 December 2016 and should be submitted to admin@genca.org

Education Grants

Applications are now open for the January 2017 round of Education Grants. Education Grants can provide financial assistance to members to attend a GENCA conference or interstate meeting, attend AGW, undertake relevant educational courses, assist with the Credentialling exam or assist in achieving the Cert IV in Training/Education. To be eligible to apply for an Education Grant you must have been a GENCA member for one year. Applications close 31 January 2017. The application form is available from the GENCA website - [http://www.genca.org/about-genca/scholarships-awards/education-grants/](http://www.genca.org/about-genca/scholarships-awards/education-grants/)

For all enquiries, please contact the GENCA National Office on 1300 788 155 or admin@genca.org
GENCA Awards 2016

So many volunteers go into making GENCA the wonderful organization that it is, providing education and advice to the Gastroenterology Nursing community. At the GENCA Awards ceremony held during AGW, we recognized all those who have contributed to GENCA over the past 12 months. The Regional Committees in each state, the Fundamentals Facilitators, the Assessors, the Editorial Committee and the Board of Directors. Each of these members have contributed to another very successful year for GENCA – Thankyou all.

We also presented a number of awards:

- Alexandra Sechi, from NSW received the Editor’s Choice Award of $500 for her article – Providing Coast effectiveness through implementation of a nurse-led inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) patient advice line and virtual clinic – Published April 2016.

- Paris Tavakoli, from NSW received the Writers Award of $3,000 for her article – Clinical Update: Immunity in the gastrointestinal lumen” – Published January 2016.

- Paris Tavakoli was also awarded the Dianne Jones Scholarship of $10,000 which will assist Paris to develop her knowledge, skills and abilities in the area of IBD study by supporting her to participate in IBD focused national and international meetings as a speaker and delegate.

Congratulations Alexandra and Paris!

Nurses Night 2016

What a great night we had at Nurses Night 2016, at the Morphettville Racecourse. It was great to see so many get into the fun with some fantastic dressups! The entertainment on the night was lots of fun, with a bit of healthy competition between “horse owners” and “punters”!

Photos from the night and from AGW 2016 have been added to the GENCA Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/GENCA-464376276971051/

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What’s on!

State meetings and Fundamentals workshops scheduled in the coming weeks:

New South Wales
12 November | Fundamentals | Belrose
19 November | Full day meeting | Concord

South Australia
24 November | Evening meeting | Adelaide

Western Australia
12 December | Evening meeting | Subiaco

Registration for all meetings and workshops can be made via the GENCA website – www.genca.org

All State Committees are currently preparing their calendar of meetings for 2017. Dates, locations and details of meetings are being added to the website calendar as they are confirmed.