



Croatian Association of Cardiology Nurses (CACN)

ACNAP National Societies conference call

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About us

- Founded on June 12, 2006 as an independent association and partner of Croatian Cardiac Society [CCS]
- Today CACN has around 700 members
- Comprised of six working groups:
 - Preventive cardiology
 - Invasive and interventional cardiology & arrhythmias and electrostimulation
 - Heart failure
 - Intensive cardiac care
 - Education

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Mission

- Purpose of establishing CACN was to help nurses in training and exchange of experiences
- Mission is to help CACN nurses achieve the highest excellence in nursing clinical practice

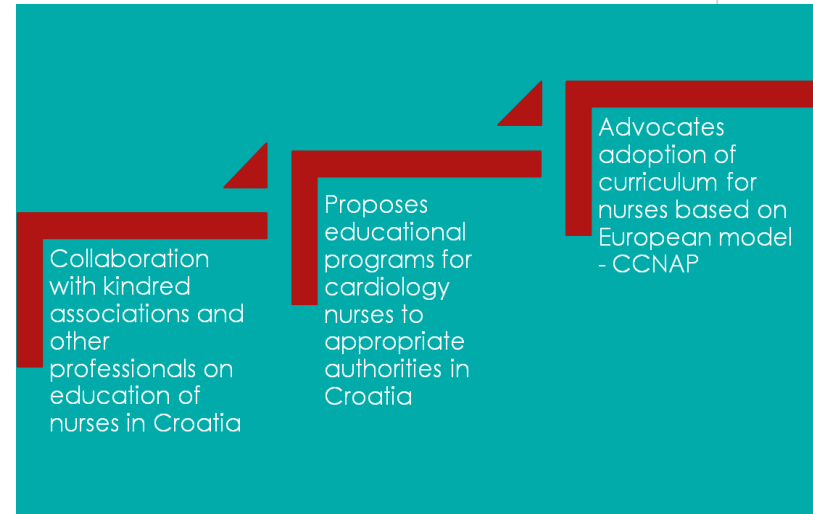
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Main objectives

- Help in acquirement and recognition of nursing competencies
- Defining standard operative procedures – standardization of nursing practice
- Lobbying for implementation of ESC guidelines in clinical nursing practice – ACNAP recommendation
- Organizing courses, meetings, congresses etc.
- Encourage nurses' investigations and evidence based practice
- Inform and ensure availability of databases with expert contents



Since 2015 CACN advocates towards educational and healthcare authorities

Changes in education of nurses - specialties, subspecialties



Professor level staff within the nursing profession



Changes in nursing practice – conveying competences

Common strategy with ACNAP – ESC

Other activities

- Partner of CCS and kindred associations in prevention of cardiovascular disease on national level and organization of “World Heart Day” related events on national level.



Risk factors screening



Promotion of physical activity



2. Conferences & Events



We organized:

- 7 Congresses with international participation and around 300 participants each
- 5 Symposiums on global issues in cardiology
- 7 Symposiums of Working Group for invasive and interventional cardiology – CroIntervent
- 4 Symposiums of the Working group of echocardiography - CroEcho
- 4 Symposiums of Working Group on Prevention
- 4 Symposiums on Arrhythmias - CroRhythm
- 1 EP Staff Training
- 1 Symposium - Heart failure
- Continued education course: ECG for nurses

This year we will organize our National Congress on 24-25th September

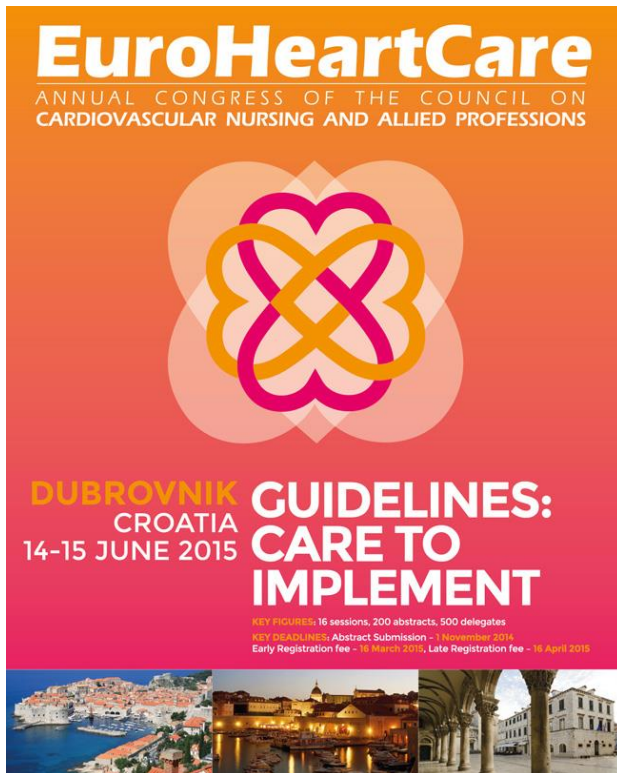
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International Faculty on our Congresses:

- Professor David Wood
- Felicity Astin, FESC, PhD
- Diane L. Carroll, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAHA, NFESC
- Donna Fitzsimons, RN, BSc, PhD, FESC
- Erika S. Froelicher, RN, Ph.D., FAAN
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- Dr. Catriona Jennings, BA Hons RN FESC FPCNA PhD
- Mary Kerins, RGN, SCM
- Ekaterini Lambrinou, RN, PhD, FESC, FHFA
- Izabella Uchmanowicz, RN, PhD, FESC
- Glenys Hamilton, RN, DNSc., DHL (Hon.),

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EuroHeartCare 2015

- CACN was the co—organizer of the Congress
- 200 nurses from Croatia attended the Congress
- New insights provided great motivation for Croatian nurses

3. Challenges & barriers among our nursing community



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Defining the occupational standards of nursing

Although we have defined the occupational standards for nursing profession, we are faced with inert bureaucratic structures within government and the changes within the healthcare system happen quite slowly.

We are currently in negotiations with our Ministry of Health

4. Involvement with ACNAP



Key areas to develop for the nursing community

- We consider ACNAP to have the pivotal role in defining cardiac nursing profession as well as education
- Based ACNAP-ESC Core Curriculum we have developed our Core Curriculum for cardiac nursing education together with School of Medicine of University of Zagreb
- Through ACNAP we have achieved great cooperation with Slovenian Professional group of nurses and health technicians in cardiology and angiology
- We are lobbying for tighter co-operation in the region and even better and closer co-operation with ACNAP

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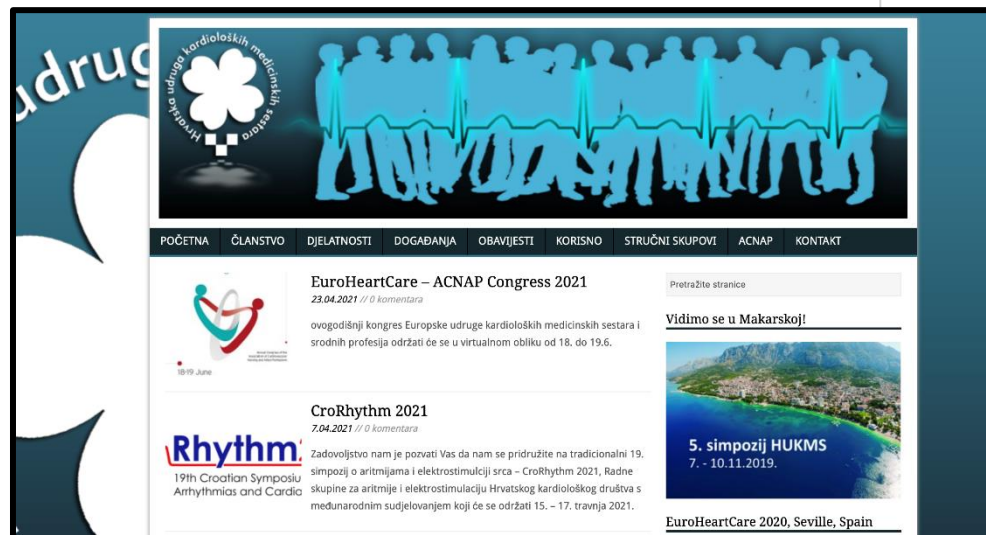


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