

3rd N-ECCO Research Forum 2016

The canals and bicycles of Amsterdam welcomed the 3rd N-ECCO Research Forum.

The meeting, which offered a mix of plenary and interactive sessions and workshops, was attended by 64 nurses from 17 countries, including both experienced nurse researchers and nurses new to research.

Opened by **Karen Kemp**, who co-chaired with **Palle Bager**, the Forum began with a presentation from **Christine Norton** (United Kingdom) on the results of the Delphi study on research priorities, in which many nurses have participated. Identification of the top ten research priorities led to an interactive session taking these research statements and using PICO to develop research questions.



This was followed by workshops delivered by **Palle Bager** (Denmark), critiquing papers, **Kay Greveson** (United Kingdom), literature searching, and **Susanna Jäghult** (Sweden), attempting to make statistics easy: not a simple task! The nurses were divided into three groups and each workshop was delivered three times so that all nurses attended the workshops in small interactive groups.

The meeting was closed by **Palle Bager** with a discussion of the future of the Research Forum. In keeping with previous Research Forums, future Forums will not divert outcome findings from presentation at the main ECCO Congress and nurses will be encouraged to submit abstracts to ECCO. The N-ECCO Research Forum will continue to concentrate on methodology and the practical aspects of undertaking nursing research within IBD. With this in mind, we welcome nurses to present their own research but to concentrate on the research methodology, as opposed to research findings. More information will be made available on the ECCO Website.

The N-ECCO Research Forum is now in a position to undertake research projects based on the findings from the Delphi research priority study. It is clear that the Forum has



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already provided a networking opportunity for nurses to collaborate in research projects across Europe and now we hope to be in a position to work up some of the PICO statements into research protocols. More information will be made available on the ECCO Website. I would encourage all of the nurses who attended to create their profile on the ECCO Scientific Platform (www.sp.ecco-ibd.eu).

The vision for the Forum is that it should continue to be a shared learning experience regarding research into IBD, led by IBD nurses experienced in a range of methodologies and outcomes research related to IBD care. A further aim is to mentor nurses new to research. The N-ECCO Research Forum is not restricted to active researchers but is open to those wishing to embark upon a study. The N-ECCO Committee is grateful to all of the presenters and for the support from ECCO. ***We look forward to seeing you again in Barcelona in 2017!***

Karen Kemp

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