

PEOPLE & EVENTS

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American Academy of Nursing Nominates ONS Members as Fellows

The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) recently announced its fellows for 2004. Of 63 fellows, 7 Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) members were selected by their peers for outstanding contributions to nursing and health care. The new fellows were formally inducted into AAN during the Academy's 31st Annual Meeting and Conference at a dinner on November 13 in Washington, DC.

The following ONS members were inducted as AAN fellows: Terry A. Badger, PhD, APRN, BC, Tuscon, AZ; Patrick J. Coyne, MSN, APRN, BC-PCM, Richmond, VA; Sarah H. Kagan, PhD, RN, CS, AOCN®, Philadelphia, PA; JoAnn Maklebust, MSN, APRN, BC, AOCN®, Detroit, MI; Brenda M. Nevidjon, MSN, RN, Durham, NC; Patricia Reid Ponte, RN, DNSc, Boston, MA; and Linda H. Yoder, RN, MBA, PhD, AOCN®, Bethesda, MD.

The criteria for selection of fellows require evidence of outstanding and broad contributions to nursing and health care, as well as evidence of strong potential for continuing influence on nursing practice and health policy aimed at improving the health of Americans. Each nominee was sponsored for membership by two current AAN fellows.

"AAN is comprised of highly qualified and savvy nurse leaders who are literally at the top of their profession, having accomplished extraordinary milestones in their nursing careers," said AAN President Joan L. Shaver, PhD, RN, FAAN. "The 2004 inductees are nurse leaders who have been identified by their peers as pathfinders in the nursing discipline. We are privileged to welcome them into the Academy and look to them to help us shape 'forward thinking' change for nursing and health care."

For more information about AAN, visit www.aannet.org.

ONS Members Honored at International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care Conference

ONS members Frances Marcus Lewis, RN, PhD, MN, FAAN, and Linda P. Sarna, RN, DNSc, FAAN, OCN®, were honored with

awards at the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care 13th International Conference on Cancer Nursing (ISNCC), which was held August 8–12 in Sydney, Australia.



Lewis, the Elizabeth Sterling Soule Professor of Health Promotion and Nursing in the School of Nursing at the University of Washington in Seattle and an adjunct professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, received the Robert Tiffany Lectureship, which was created in memory of Robert Tiffany, founding member of ISNCC and the initiator of the Biannual International Cancer Nursing Conference. The award is presented to an RN who has made a significant contribution to cancer practice, education, research, or management at a national or international level. Lewis presented "The Impact of Parental Cancer on Children: Risk and Protective Factors for Their Healing."

"Cancer control activities include patient and family education and psychoeducational counseling by nurses," said Lewis. "ONS outlines the role of oncology nurses in these areas in both entry and advanced level standards of practice. Operationally, these services and programs in real-life settings, both in the United States and in the world, have been a major challenge for all of us. It has been my privilege to work with nursing and medical teams in Ukraine, Russia, and Japan toward these goals. My life has been



Linda P. Sarna (right) accepted the Distinguished Merit Award from International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) President Margaret Fitch at ISNCC's annual conference in Sydney, Australia.

blessed and transformed because of my association with them."

Sarna, a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of California, Los Angeles, received the Distinguished Merit Award for her contributions to cancer nursing in the area of tobacco and lung cancer. This award is presented in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the international advancement of the art and science of cancer nursing. Sarna presented a lecture about tobacco as an issue for oncology nursing as well as her international work in this area. She recently completed a survey of tobacco control content in 554 schools of nursing in the United States and 232 schools of nursing throughout Asia.

"Tobacco is a critical global health issue. The lack of knowledge and skills, expectation, and accountability for clinical intervention, limited research, an absence of professional policies, and minimal nursing leadership have diminished the critical role that nurses can play in confronting this epidemic," said Sarna. "Swift action is needed to ensure that all nurses are prepared to effectively engage in activities to prevent tobacco use, provide evidence-based cessation interventions, and support efforts to prevent exposure to secondhand smoke. Oncology nurses can lead the way."

To learn more about ISNCC, visit www.isncc.org.

Baptiste Receives Rebound From Anemia Oncology Nursing Award

ONS member Jennifer Baptiste, RN, BSN, OCN®, head clinical oncology nurse and research nurse coordinator at Clarksville Regional Hematology-Oncology Group in Tennessee, recently was presented with the Rebound From Anemia Oncology Nursing Award. The award recognizes an oncology nurse who excels at helping patients manage their chemotherapy-



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