

EfCCNa Fellows 2013

Lerma Hernandez, Belgium and Daniel Benlahouès, France

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Daniel is passionate about his work in critical care and he demonstrates this through leadership not only in his work locally in France, but nationally in driving forward critical care nursing and internationally in his contribution to EfCCNa. He and his French association SFISI, were the first to host our EfCCNa congress in Paris, in 2002.

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In October 2008, those representatives that have made a lasting contribution to the growth, establishment and profile of the Federation were awarded EfCCNa Fellowships.

Wouter de Graaf: was the Dutch representative since 2001; treasurer since 2002 – 2005; First president of EfCCNa 2005-2008. Wouter is a leader; he is innovative, supporting, encouraging and capability to development and improvement. He is an enabler and a facilitator. His major goal was to “push” EfCCNa forward. To reach

that goal, he recognized that EfCCNa had to have a president and a board of officers. In 2005 the council elected the first president and board of officers. For the past years he has also been EfCCNa representative and treasurer in the European Specialist Nursing Organization, ESNO.

Jos Latour: Is a founding member of EfCCNa and has been the European Society of Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care, ESPNIC representative from 1997 – 2005. Chair of the congress com-

mittee since 2004 which resulted in two international, successful congresses. Jos is a leader, effective and productive. He is a good strategic, inspirational and has a great sense of humor. He has tremendous energy, is proactive and a successful negotiator. He has participated in several research projects, including the Position Statement on Family Witness Resuscitation.



Birte Baktoft: Is a founding member of EfCCNa. She was the Danish representative from 1997 - 2007. Birte was the chair of the Education Committee from 2000 – 2007. During that time a survey of critical care nursing education in Europe was carried out with a following of a position statement on post registration critical care nursing education in Europe. Birte is an innovator, proac-

tive and a team player. She is a hard worker and devoted to all the projects she takes on or participates in. She is now a member of the research team of the E-LINK study.



Paul Fulbrook: Paul had a strong belief and a vision that by establishing a European federation of Critical Care nursing associations, it would make a difference for critical care nursing and nurses in Europe. In 1997 he arranged the first meeting, sponsored

by Siemens Europe, where more than 20 representatives from critical care nursing associations in Europe met, in Rotterdam Holland. Paul was the treasurer of the Federation from 1999 – 2002.

Since 2001, Paul has been a joint editor of Connect: Critical Care Nursing, which is an online journal for the official Federation

Nurses. Since he left the Federation in 2002, he has participated in research projects, including the Position Statement on Family Witness Resuscitation. He is the leader of the research team of the E-link study.



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On behalf of all national Member Associations, EfCCNa council and board of officers, I thank Wouter, Jos, Birte and Paul for their outstanding contribution to EfCCNa, which will have an invaluable impact on future development of the Federation.

Rósa Thorsteinsdóttir