

Challenge for the Brazilian Nursing: creating a national alliance between their organizations

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The Brazilian Nursing Association (ABEn), based mainly on the experiences in the last 20 years and aware of its responsibilities in the conduct of ethical, technical, scientific and policy issues of the Brazilian Nursing, sought during the 2007-2010 period to articulate new strategies for the recognition and visibility of the profession in the Brazilian and worldwide social context.

One strategy adopted was to announce publically in every opportunity, which, among the fourteen existing professions, nursing is the largest workforce in health, present in all institutions working in healthcare and hospital network of 365 days, 24 hours day, trying to prove with this data and features a care quality depends on the quality of the actions undertaken by nursing.

Another strategy was the definition and elaboration of a Political Agenda of Understanding between the state government and civic entities of Nursing, with many meetings and activities in the pursuit of dialogue and transparency to give the facts to the category, to the institutions of health, education, Parliament and Justice.

Formally, from March 11, 2008, several actions were linked with practical impact in political action, in education and, especially, in the interests of the Brazilian population, after seventeen years of institutional rupture between the Federal Nursing (Cofen), federal agency and ABEn, civil society organization, providing a path to unity and work together towards the development of the profession.

Stand out as a result of these actions to the headquarters of Cofen in the Federal Capital, since July 2008, the adoption of new Electoral Code for the System Cofen/Regional Councils, and formal record, by the International Council of Nurses, on the situation of Brazilian Nursing lived in these two decades and the considerable advances in the process of sanitation deficiencies within the system Cofen/Regional Councils.

To give knowledge of the facts to the Nursing international community has been to recover truth and dignity in the relationship between organizations, highlighting what the Brazilian leaderships, nowadays, seek for a new way of living that prime for unity and strength of the Brazilian Nursing.

Today it is possible for Nursing organizations, in a collegial, harmonious and respectful to the character, nature, and purposes of each, jointly appraise interesting proposals of the profession in the fields of work, education, research and Nursing care.

It is possible, especially, recovering from past experience with the National Forum Entities of Nursing, and from the Political Agenda of Understanding in progress, creating the National Alliance of Nursing Organizations (ABEn COFEN and FNE), the denomination aligned to one of the kind of affiliation of the International Council of Nurses, and thus Brazilian Nursing desires to have strong and competent representation to defend their interests, of the National Health System and a fair, free and democratic country.