EDITORIAL

Systematization of nursing care and social responsibility in professional practice settings

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The Brazilian Nursing Association (ABEn), fulfilling its purpose to permanently invest in the technical-scientific and social-political development of the Brazilian Nursing, promoted, from July 31 to August 3, 2013, at the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUCPR), in Curitiba, state of Paraná, the 11th National Symposium of Nursing Diagnosis (11th SINADEn), with the central theme “Systematization of nursing care and social responsibility in professional practice settings”. The event brought together nurses, nursing technicians, teachers, nursing graduation and post-graduation students, administrators, as well as guests of the Ministry of Health, State Health Secretariat of Paraná, Municipal Health Secretariat of Curitiba-PR, the Araucaria Foundation from the State Secretariat of Paraná for Science and Technology, teachers and other scholars on the subject.

In the pre-event activities, all of them connected to the theme that involves the Systematization of Nursing Care and the Nursing Process, it was conducted courses on Clinical Reasoning (basic and advanced); Workshop for teachers on Clinical Reasoning; Workshop on Nursing Diagnosis in Clinical Practice for nurses of Municipal Health Secretariats of the state of Parana; and a Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of Actions for Hansen’s Disease Control. In the three and a half days of the event, and since the main conference “Social responsibility in professional practice settings and nursing terminologies”, it was highlighted concepts linked to the central theme of the event, sharing the meaning of Social Responsibility, Professional Practice, Nursing Practice Settings and of Nursing Terminologies, all of them of interest to those working in nursing.

During the event, the participants reflected critically about the Systematization of Nursing Care and about the Nursing Process, linking them with the concept of Social Responsibility in the different professional practice settings, aiming to meet the following objectives: 1) To share, with the nursing community, experiences with the Systematization of Nursing Care in teaching, clinical, management and research practice; 2) To establish spaces promoters of exchange and socialization of the knowledge produced by health care agencies and nursing education and continuing education; 3) To discuss the legal and ethical responsibilities of professionals to implement the Systematization of Nursing Care, understood as a work process and a right of the citizen user of nursing care; 4) To think on the current situation of the professional and continuing education on the Systematization of Nursing Care, as a space for the construction of professional practice autonomy.

Given the critical reflections that occurred during the event and the current sociopolitical context, of intense debate involving the regulation of the Bill of Medical Act, the manifestations all over the country for more resources for health, as well as the need to continue to fight for more justice, transparency and democracy within the Nursing Federal Council / Regional Councils System, the participants of the 11th SINADEn approved, at the Final Plenary Session, the Letter of Curitiba (see p.794), where are recommended, for the Brazilian nursing and to the competent authorities, actions of general character and actions related to the professional practice settings.

At the end, it was considered that the event, in which it was presented and discussed different situations experienced by professionals and students, provided an opportunity to broaden the participants’ understanding on the feasibility of implementing the Systematization of Nursing Care and the Nursing Process in the context of professional practice, and highlighted the commitment of nursing professionals and students with the theme.