

Nursing science in an interdisciplinary era

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Nursing science in an interdisciplinary era was the theme of the 16th National Seminar on Nursing Research, sponsored by the Brazilian Nursing Association and conducted by the Mato Grosso do Sul Section. In the period of 19th to June 22nd, 2011, nursing researchers from north to south of Brazil, and international researchers, illuminate the theme with different colors, shapes and hues, peering into the object of our attention so dense, articulate, relevant and current.

The objectives of the event were achieved by correct choice of axes: 1) Interfaces of science in nursing, in times of interdisciplinary, with transcultural and citizenship; 2) Ethical, social engagement and citizenship in nursing research: boundaries of scientific disciplines, production and consumption of knowledge; 3) Training of researchers and research networks; 4) Research process in nursing care and education: interdisciplinary, cross-cultural and diffusion of knowledge.

Addressing the challenges of knowledge production that effectively impact the qualification of work practices in Nursing and Health in the XXI century, required multidisciplinary approaches. The event enabled, through the Scientific Initiation opened forum, to reflect on the increasingly early inclusion of citizens in the world of philosophy, science and research, demystifying the process of investigating. It made it possible, too, to optimize the rapid spread of scientific production, both nationally and in international dialogue, through coordinated communications, poster discussions and research networks. If no area of knowledge is an island, Nursing stands out by being influenced and to influence other sciences and disciplines, as well said Professor Franco Carnevale, in his masterly opening conference. Additionally, complexity of the phenomena that we, from Nursing, study gives rise to several looks to set to close, without losing the uniqueness of our processes and scientific products.

Nursing is originator of processes of discussion with horizontal participation and, in this event, important forums were held: graduate students forum; research forum, scientific editors forum, history of nursing researchers forum, in addition to the aforementioned scientific initiation forum for undergraduate Nursing students, recently inaugurated.

Emphasizing our insertion in the community and highlighting the issues of the Midwest of the country we had rounds of conversation, interest groups with activities of great importance for gathering of researchers and organized community groups for example: indigenous population health, afro-Brazilian descendent population health, the Gerontological Nursing in the Midwest.

The assessments that came to the Organizing Committee were significantly positive, focusing the agenda, the presentations by speakers, forums, quality of presentations of the themes free courses and workshops, organization of the event, besides the warm and caring welcome to the participants.

The ABEn thanks the precious collaboration of all professionals who participated in the planning and conduct of the 16th National Seminar on Nursing Research. Thanks, also, to all the institutions that contributed in various ways that this event was held in an organized, competent and pleasant way, so that to spread the production of knowledge and deepen critical reflection about instigative issues for Brazilian Nursing. Finally, we are very grateful to all participants. Your presence, from all the stops in Brazil and abroad, which graced the event, is a matter of our pride and honor.