

## Join Action Group in the first year of National Network of ABEn

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The "Join Action Group" was elected by Associate Members to manage the Brazilian Association of Nursing – National (ABEn), in the period of 2010-2013.

As a continuity management, the National Board complied with the agreements and partnerships established by predecessors, keeping the firm intention to proceed with the Participatory Policy Project of ABEn.

It was sought, in the first year of the term, to understand the communicative and interactional processes that comprise the National Network of ABEn; to review models and participative management practices to function as a network, in cooperation and partnerships; to empower and to give more dynamic to the process of the daily management by professionalization the action; to reestablish the international relationship and articulation; to expand partnerships and seek new partners, among other initiatives. As an example, it highlighted five of several works developed by "Join Action Group", which was successful in the first year of the National Network of ABEn.

In the plan of national politics of nursing, ABEn participated of the professionals organizations reconfiguration by reactivating the Forum of Nursing Organizations named "National Forum of 30 hours immediately: united nursing for only one goal". That initiative joined the most three important and biggest category of nursing organization – ABEn, National Federation of Nurses (FNE) e Federal Council of Nursing (Cofen) –, along with other trade unions, to defend the interests of the profession ahead of the organs of government, parliament and society.

The international politics of nursing, ABEn made advances by regaining the relationship with the Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN); linking to Latin American Association of Nursing School and Faculty (ALADEFE); and signing an agreement with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) for formulating clinical guidelines for best nursing practice in Brazil.

In order to increase of the scientific diffusion of the Brazilian scientific production, the new National Board of ABEn considered investing in the professionalization of the Brazilian Journal of Nursing – REBEn as a high priority. We also chose to strengthen the other Journal of ABEn, named History of Nursing Electronic Journal by expanding its indexation database and recognition by the scientific community.

As a representative entity of the organized civil society, and as a professional association engaged in the social movement, the ABEn has been participating in the Movement for Quality Education for Professional Nursing, along with Cofen and FNE. Therefore, it has been aware of the media debate about the quality of education, particularly in the international context of lack of nursing resources and nurses' shortage. The Association has been also surveillance of the intense national debate regarding the impact of working hour regulation to 30 hours per week, and the adoption of minimum wage for all nursing professionals.

In Brazil, it is necessary to qualify and contextualize the issue of commercialization of education. Then, ABEn has started to make a diagnosis of nursing education, in order to make proposals forwarding solutions that transform reality and being able of overcoming inequities, that underlie the low quality of training nursing professionals. The country lives the paradox of increasing the offer of places in nursing education at the university, while keeping in the third worst position of the workforce of nurses – 0.9 per 1,000 inhabitants.<sup>1</sup>

In the sphere of professional matters, the creation of ABEn television is a remarkable milestone in the ongoing upgrading of nursing workers, which the National Board will offer to the society the next May of 2012.

By revisiting the commitments assumed and actions defined to turn them feasible, it is observed that the needs of associative life are beyond the capacity of answering undertaken in participatory and voluntary actions.

The fact that no one comes admonishes us, but presents itself serves as a challenge to overcome in the encounter with others and in dialogue. After all, one lives, in part, a reflection of what is in the totality: the social practice of volunteerism conflicts with other values that guide our contemporary society. Much remains to be done and few people are available to make them! So how out of this challenging situation?

We think that the way of the sustainability of a nonprofit entity, in contemporary life of regulation and control, is to match participatory action and volunteer with a qualified professional and financial management. Thus, new goals are outlined in the realignment of the two years mandate that management has on.

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