



Florence Nightingale is recognised as the most eminent and widely celebrated pioneer of the Nursing profession. As part of the 2010 centenary anniversary events, the Florence Nightingale Foundation, in partnership with Health and Social Services Trusts and the Schools of Nursing at the University of Ulster and Queen's University, in Northern Ireland is holding a centenary event in celebration of her life and work. The themes of education, culture and thanksgiving provide direction for a weekend of celebration and remembrance. A Nursing conference at the University of Ulster, Magee campus that explores the application of Nightingale's ideas to Nursing in the 21st Century will open events at lunch-time on Friday 14th May 2010.

The aim of the conference will be to critically examine the relevance of Nightingale's ideas on Nursing in the 21st Century. The whole event is set close to the historic walled city of Londonderry where Florence Nightingale visited in 1867 probably while on a trip to Ireland to see her friend and fellow Nursing pioneer Agnes 'Una' Jones who lived in nearby Fahan, Co Donegal.

International keynote speakers at the Nursing conference will include Emeritus Professor Judith Parker from the University of Melbourne, Australia and Associate Professor Sean Clarke, University of Toronto, Canada. Professor Parker is known internationally for her work in relation to nursing programmes, practice innovations and nursing research and Professor Clarke has published extensively on the nursing workforce and its impact on patient outcomes. Other notable speakers who will be chairing sessions include Martin Bradley, Chief Nursing Officer for Northern Ireland, Sheila O'Malley, Chief Nursing Officer for Republic of Ireland and Mary Hinds, Director of Nursing & Allied Professions, Public Health Agency, N.I.

In addition to a range of scientific and scholarly papers delegates will have an opportunity to explore artefacts from the Nightingale era. The Magee Visitors book, which contains Florence Nightingale's signature from the 1867 visit to Magee, which at that time was a Theological College, will be on display. Many artefacts from the Nightingale museum, audio visual material and texts such as 'Notes on Nursing' will also be available for viewing. Other artefacts from the early history of Nursing in Ireland and a recent film on the life and times of Agnes 'Una' Jones will also be presented.

There will be a Gala dinner in the Great Hall of Magee on the Saturday evening. A tour of the walled city and a service of thanksgiving in honour of Florence Nightingale will bring events to a close on the afternoon of Sunday 16th May 2010.

## OVERVIEW OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY - 14 May 2010

At 1:00pm we will begin on Friday with refreshments and registration. With a welcome from the Provost, *Magee Campus and the afternoon Conference Chair Mr Martin Bradley,*

The keynote address will be followed by *Professor Sean Clarke of University of Toronto, Canada*

Refreshment Break will be followed by presentations of Abstracts.

The final presentation of the day will be by *Dr Edward T.M. Smyth, of the Infection Surveillance Centre and will be followed by closing remarks from the conference chair*

*A fork supper is planned for Friday evening*

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### SATURDAY - 15 May 2010

7:30 *Sunrise visit to Fahan Church, Co. Donegal – Grave of Agnes Jones*

At 9:00 the day begins with Registration & Exhibitions with a welcome from this morning's Conference Chair, Sheila O'Malley, Department of Health & Children, Republic of Ireland. The keynote note address will precede Presentations of Abstracts and refreshments and exhibitions will be followed by Geoffrey Walker OBE, from Poole Hospital, Dorset with a 'Modern Matron' session describing how he has developed this role and his concern with how we communicate in giving care and also the essential role of the nurse in control of infection.

LUNCH, refreshments and exhibitions will be followed by a welcome back for the Conference Chair, Mary Hinds of Public Health Agency. This will be followed by Emeritus Professor Judith Parker from the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Afternoon refreshment will be followed by final Presentations of Abstracts. Maeve Hully and a client from the Patient & Client Council will present at this session. The Conference Chair Mary Hinds will draw the conference to a close.

A gala dinner with drinks reception and music is planned for Saturday Evening to close the education/ research part of the event.

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### SUNDAY - 16 May 2010

10.30am Walled City Tour  
1.00pm Lunch  
2.30pm Thanksgiving Service – Local Cathedral

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Nightingale Foundation invites abstracts for the conference “Florence Nightingale Relevance in the 21st Century” being held at the University of Ulster at Magee campus, Londonderry, Northern Ireland on the 14 – 16 May 2010.

In recognition of the diverse areas of healthcare that Nightingale contributed to the Nightingale Foundation invite scientific and scholarly papers along the following themes,

- Environmental Health & Control of infection
- Education and Training
- Management and ‘getting the job done’
- Audit and statistics
- Patient centred and holistic care
- Public and political awareness
- Military nursing and military healthcare reform

### Guidelines for submission:

#### Abstract content requirement for *research papers*

- Background & Rationale
- Methods - appropriate identification of methods
- Results-should occupy the body of the abstract and be presented in sufficient detail to justify the conclusions. Absolute values and statistics should be included where appropriate.
- Conclusion-based upon the results presented

#### Abstract content requirement for *scholarly papers*

- Background & Rationale
- Literature /evidence base
- Description of the project
- Implications for practice
- Conclusion & Recommendations -based upon the results presented

#### Abstract style

- The abstract should be no more than **one A4 page** in Arial font size 12
- Abstract title should be in CAPITALS and at the top of the abstract
- Include author’s names and affiliations
- Underline the name of the presenting author
- Use single line spacing
- Use standard abbreviations
- Tables and figures are permitted but within the space allocated

Abstracts should be sent as an email attachment or fax to Pat Hannaway at the address below by:

**Friday 26 February 2010**

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In the first instance all abstracts will be considered for presentation at the Plenary sessions of the Conference.

Some abstracts may be considered for poster presentation.

Each applicant will be contacted by email by end of March 2010 and advised of the committee decision.

