

# From the President and President-Elect

## Goodbye 2021

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Another year that the world has learned to cope with COVID is ending. Nurses everywhere have accepted the tiring rhythm of working long hours with so many ill and dying patients. Disruptions and changes to the way care is being delivered continues. Through it all nurses continue to show the world what we do best; demonstrate compassion for people and use our creativity and ingenuity to provide evidence-based care for our patients. We have read the stories you submitted to bulLETin magazine with great interest and pride. Thank you for taking the time to send them to us.

As we say goodbye to 2021, we reflect on all WCET® events. It has been quite a year. We began the year with one management company and end it with our new company-McKenna Management. This amazing team of professionals stepped in so quickly bringing new perspectives and ideas. Thank you to you all and especially Susan Barber for keeping the WCET® moving forward. Sadly, Dee Waugh decided to resign her volunteer position as WCET® Congress and Meetings Coordinator. Dee has done an incredible job and we thank her for all she has contributed to the role over many years that have made the WCET® congresses so successful., Alison Crawshaw is thanked for agreeing to accept this important position. We believe the new structure of having a Congress and Meetings Advisory Panel of which Alison will serve as Chairperson, will continue to provide consistency in planning our biennial Congress.

Thank you to Treasurer Diana Gallagher as well as to our bookkeeper and accountant for keeping our financials in order. WCET® Committees have been busy. Thank you to Yajuen (Julie) Weng and the Education Committee for the tremendous efforts that resulted in several webinars. Once again we appreciate our industry sponsors' support, including Coloplast for the June WCET® Norma N Gill Day® Webinar as well as Hollister for the Skin Ostomy Health Webinar, 22 September - 21 October. WCET® is also grateful to all our distinguished speakers who took the time to share their expertise with all of us. Our Wound Care webinar opened on 18 November and closes on 18 December. Others are planned for early 2022 so stay tuned.

The WCET® NNGF® Committee under the leadership of Aihua (Alice) Chen has met several times virtually and provided a poster for nurses to use to educate others about WCET® nurses. We appreciate you creating Norma's Circle and thank all who have already contributed; there is still time to become a founding member.

WCET® has been collaborating with WOCN® to plan our next biennial Congress to be held in Fort Worth, Texas USA. It will be our second joint Congress (the first was in 2010) with our American colleagues. We are hoping to see many of you in person or virtually at this Congress. Please check our website for more details about dates for early bird registration rates, Congress information and Congress travel scholarships. Thank you to the WCET® members who have been working diligently with WOCN® Society to plan this Congress including Denise Hibbert, Laurent Chabal, Alison Crawshaw, Dee Waugh, Elizabeth Ayello and Karen Hill (Mc Kenna).

Thank you to our Sustaining Journal Partners: Calmoseptine, Coloplast, Dansac, Hollister and Welland. Your support is greatly appreciated. We also warmly thank our translation partners: Coloplast for the Chinese translation of the Journal and Calmoseptine for both the Portuguese and Spanish versions. Without your financial support we would not be able to publish the WCET® Journal in five languages using professional translators. We also continue to be grateful to Gulnaz Tariq, Hiske Smart and the IIWCG for having the WCET® Journal as their official journal.

We are pleased to advise that, in accordance with our strategic plan, an application was submitted in October to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in the hope that the WCET® Journal will obtain Medline indexing. Publisher Greg Paull, Journal Editor Jenny Prentice, Melissa Striharsky (McKenna) and Elizabeth Ayello are thanked for their collective endeavours. The NLM is currently reviewing our application via the electronic versions of the journal on our website. We are sure you join us in anticipating a positive outcome.

Thank you, Susan Stelton, for being our representative to NPIAP. WCET® continues to extend our relationships with other organisations through Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) regarding ETNEPs/REPs or other international related associations. This increases our visibility and opportunities of working on joint projects. Recent MOUs signed include Wound Con and ISTAP.

Good news, Australia is once again allowing flights into the country. We hope this means that the long waiting time for mailing of the English version of the WCET® Journal will be reduced. Please make sure your personal data are up to date in your online WCET® member profile as the address registered is

used to mail this hard copy. Thank you for your understanding of these delays during COVID times. As always, the electronic version of the journal is posted on the WCET® website.

As 2021 draws to a close, we wish all of you happy and wonderful year end celebrations. We hope 2022 brings an end to this pandemic, keeps all of you safe and well and provides us with the ability to see each other at Congress in Fort Worth, Texas USA.

Sincerely,

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

You are invited to submit your original research articles, reviews (of research, practice and literature), case studies, clinical trials, commentaries, updates and letters to the editor to the WCET Journal. Contributions can relate to the clinical, administrative, research and/or educational roles of the ET Nurse in the fields of wound, ostomy and continence care.

### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Author Guidelines can be found at <https://journals.cambridgemedica.com.au/wcetcn/journal-information/author-guidelines> or in the WCET® website.

To submit an article go to <https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/wcet>

## WCET® 2022 Congress



### WOCNext® 2022: A Global Education Event from WOCN® and WCET®

WCET® is excited to announce that the WCET® 2022 Biennial Congress will be a Joint Congress with WOCN from 5-8 June 2022 in Fort Worth, Texas, USA.

WOCNext 2022: A Global Education Event from WOCN and WCET is a hybrid, experiential event featuring both online and in-person education, networking and activities geared towards ET nurses and other healthcare professionals dedicated to providing expert care to patients with wound, ostomy and continence care needs around the world. Learn more at [wocnext.org](http://wocnext.org).

Join us in lively Fort Worth, TX, located only 20 minutes by vehicle from the convenient Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. When in Texas be sure to visit the Cultural District, which contains five world-class museums, designed by renowned architects, in a walkable, landscaped setting. Enjoy the vibrant, walkable downtown featuring the Sundance Square Plaza, nightlife, Bass Performance Hall, green spaces and public art. These are only a few places to experience while in Fort Worth.

Keep a look out for future email communications for details on registration, abstract submission, accommodations, agenda and more!