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Convenors report 2004

Following the very successful symposium at Reading University in September 2003, ICCHNR has had an eventful year that prepares us for the 3rd International Conference in Tokyo in 2005.

September 2003

Thanks are due to Dr Anne Ewens and to Sue Daniels for their excellent organisation of this event. The symposium was well attended by national and international delegates. This included visitors from Japan, Hong Kong, Iran, South Africa, Australia, Canada and the USA as well as from the UK. We were delighted to welcome Prof. Setsu Shimanouchi and her colleagues from Japan as they will be hosting the 2005 event in Tokyo. Symposium speakers included Prof. Setsu Shimanouchi, Prof. Leana Uys, Prof. Diana Lee, Prof. Fiona Ross, Dr. Claire Goodman, Dr. Helen Bedford and Dr. Neil Brocklehurst. All sessions provided lively and stimulating debate about such issues as community development, childhood immunisation, homecare nursing and care in nursing homes. The evaluations of the event were very positive, some people even said it was one of the best conferences they had attended. For the future, we must pay more attention to those for whom English is not their first language and provide translation service where possible.

April 2004

Dr Claire Goodman and Professor Fiona Ross organised a very successful evening seminar at University College, London based on the theme of participatory research. Professor Peter Reason from the University of Bath and Dr Debbie Kralik from the University of South Australia each presented their work on participatory research methods that led to an interesting discussion. About 50 delegates attended. Debbie Kralik has stayed in correspondence with ICCHNR and hopes to attend Tokyo in 2005.

June 2004

Dr Anne Ewens and Professor Sally Kendall visited Japan to continue discussions about the 2005 international conference in Tokyo. The visit has been reported in detail to the committee, but suffice to say that the time spent in both Osaka and Tokyo was very productive. It enabled ICCHNR officers to experience the Japanese approach to conferences in Osaka at the annual conference of the Japanese Academy of Community Health Nursing, where S.Kendall presented her work on parenting programmes. We were also able to undertake detailed planning in Tokyo. This included a visit to the venue for 2005 and a meeting with the British Council to discuss funding. A short paper on the visitor's experience of Japan has been submitted for the newsletter to encourage members to register for the conference.

Since the visit, there has been a second announcement of the conference with a deadline of 31st January 2005 for submission of abstracts. There has been no further feedback from the British Council.

Dr. Lisbeth Hockey 1918-2004

The saddest and most profound event in the annual report of ICCHNR is the death of our President, Dr. Lisbeth Hockey following a long illness at the age of 86. Lisbeth devoted her life to community nursing and research in primary health care. She inspired two generations of nurses to question their practice and develop robust approaches to improving care, her inspiration will continue to influence future generations. A full appreciation of her life can be found on the ICCHNR web-site:

<http://www.icchnr.org/appreciation/index.htm>

Her memorial service was attended by Dr Claire Goodman and Prof Sally Kendall. Following discussions after the service, the Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland has agreed to lead a memorial lecture.