



Creating Breakthroughs through Educational and Learning Alliance

First Childhood Cancer International (CCI), European Blood and Marrow Transplant Nurses Group (EMBT NG) & Nurses No Frontiers Association (NNF) Training for Nurses

The shared mission of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplant Nurse Group (EBMT NG) and Nurses No Frontiers Association (NNF) is sharing knowledge and hematology-oncology experiences world wide as well as conducting on-site training courses in low and middle income countries. On the other hand, CCI believes that its mission of helping ensure that children with cancer everywhere get the best possible treatment and care, can be actualized with the presence of caring, capable and competent nurses and medical staff.

Thus, an educational and learning alliance was formed with EBMT Nurses Group, NNF and CCI, under the leadership of Aleksandra Babic, EBMT NG President and Founder of Nurses No Frontiers and Carmen Auste, CCI Global Chair. The formation of this alliance was spearheaded by Luisa Basset, CCI Board Secretary and member of the CCI Europe Regional Committee and Eugenia Trigos, EBMT NG Pediatric Committee Chair, who are both based in Spain. Guangzhou, China was chosen as the first training location as it has 10 hospitals with pediatric oncology wards, with 3 of them having BMT departments.

CCI member organization Guangzhou Gold-ribbon Special Parents Center (GGSPC) works with all these hospitals. Pau Kung Won Charitable Foundation of Hongkong (also a CCI member organization) coordinated with the EBMT/NNF nurses team and China team, took charge of logistics and provided technical guidance to the Guangzhou team. GGSPC took charge of the design and dissemination of communication materials, promotion of the training, liaison with local supporting institutions as well as managed the administrative requirements of the training. All the training materials were translated with the help of medical staff from both hospitals with the doctors assisting as on site translators and local resource persons providing context.

The training was held on 26 – 27 February, 2016 in the Second Affiliated Hospital of the Sun Yat Sen University in Guangzhou. This was made possible by the support of Professor Fang Jianpei who provided the training venue at no charge. The choice of venue was also auspicious as the very first training school and program for nurses in China was in Sun Yat Sen University. Zhou Xuezhen & Zhongting - Head of Nursing of Second Affiliated Hospital at Sun Yat-Sen University and Zhangping & Ren Yuqiong - Head of Nursing of Nanfang Hospital, Guangzhou, China arranged for all training participants to receive credits of 1.5 continuing education points from China Medical Network.



The 5 speakers, coming from different European countries were: Aleksandra Babic - President of EBMT NG and Founder of NNF, Eugenia Trigoso - Pediatric Nurse Committee Chair (Spain), Merja Stenvall – EBMT NG Board , Sara Zulu - Secretary of the EBMT NG Board, and Julia Ruiz - Member of the EBMT - Spanish Nurses Group.



More than 150 nurses coming from Guangzhou hospitals and from 10 hospitals of 9 other provinces, participated in the training. The course was seen as a great learning experience for everyone. It received excellent feedback from all participants and local supporting partners. Particularly appreciated was the updated, practical information on good practices and processes. Nurses repeatedly said they learned a lot and it was a very interesting and enlightening forum. The plenary discussions/open forum was very rich and in depth, with many practical issues being explored.

With this highly successful initial training in Guangzhou , EBMT-NG, NNF, CCI-ASIA and CCI-Global are looking forward and planning further collaboration with second step advanced training in China and other countries in Asia.



