

## 16th International Conference on Nursing Research

*“The (Im)Predictability of a pandemic – from training to skills in nursing!”*

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### **Message from the President of the Scientific Commission**

At first it was just another virus with a strange name. But the days, weeks and months that followed brought anxiety and a lot of uncertainty, putting the whole world on a kind of suspended life. The whole world, no. Health professionals, especially nurses, had their hands full with the need to respond to the consequences of a virus that science still barely knew. The pressure in hospitals, the impatience (and sometimes the aggressiveness) of the populations regarding public health teams, were in no way diminished by public thanks (the clapping at the window) nor did nurses find, in many governments around the world, recognition of the effectiveness of nurses' training and skills, placed once again, and as always, at the service of the community.

In fact, the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic has highlighted the need for planning nursing resources, given its undeniable value in responding to the health needs of populations. It also underlined the need for such recognition from a political and financial perspective.

The SARS-CoV-2 pandemic demonstrated (again) the need for medium and long-term planning of training and human resources in nursing, based on new health challenges, on demographic projections, respecting the sociocultural reality, adapting skill-mix to the needs of each territory, feeding the reorganization and sustainability of health services, evidencing the gains in health sensitive to nursing care.

For nursing research to be able to find answers to these challenges, it is important to reflect on:

1. How to face the (im)predictability in health? Are we properly prepared and organized for the necessary adequacy of health care in a world in constant (and galloping) change?
2. How to train nurses for the (im)predictability in health? Is there the ability to reorient the formation and construction of scientific knowledge? Do the framework and models used in nursing education allow for such a desideratum?
3. What (new) skills do we need as nurses for (im)predictability in health? Do the professional development models adopted allow us to respond to this challenge? Are we capable of rethinking and reorienting nursing competencies? Are we available for change?

It is in this spirit that the Portuguese Association of Nurses (APE) organizes the 16th International Conference on Nursing Research (CIIE), under the motto “The (Im)Predictability of a pandemic – from training to skills in nursing!”. Between September 21st and 23rd, 2022, using the wisdom of international experts, a space for analysis and construction on the (im)predictability in health and nursing in this process is intended. In a vision that merges clinical practice, teaching, research, management and advice, it is proposed to reflect on where we came from, where we are, where we want to go... and how we can use research as a guide in this construction process.

May this conference be one more element of construction so that the recognition of nursing during the pandemic goes beyond the conjuncture context and becomes a structural feeling that promotes the use of this immense mass of art and knowledge that nurses sow every day, from small actions to the execution of the most complex technique...

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