Welcome

On behalf of the European Communications Task Force, we would like to present this, our sixth joint, trans-European Regional Newsletter as a Biennial Special Edition. It was a very special event and European representation was strong. The European voice was ever present, contributing to the impact and success of the convention.

Please enjoy!
We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

On behalf of the European Regional Communication Board, Professor Elizabeth Rosser

Revisit the 43rd Convention by reading the program book, a colourful digital magazine. or look on this link to site with official photos

European Regional Coordinators News

Dear members

It was wonderful to meet so many of you at the Biennial Convention in Las Vegas and I hope you all took advantage of the comprehensive programme of events and presentations and now feel energised and informed about STTI activities. It was a very busy few days especially for those standing for office and I am delighted that we now have two European members on the STTI Board of Directors.

Many congratulations to Thóra Hafsteindottir from Rho Chi at Large and Elizabeth Rosser from Phi Mu Chapter.

We welcomed our colleagues from Chi Delta Chapter in Armenia in particular Alina Kushkyan who is a founding member of the Chapter to the European Region. The activities and achievements of the Region were presented at a special session which was well received and can be accessed on the Regional website.

The European regional meeting was very well attended and afterwards we enjoyed a social evening at a Tapas restaurant.

The key announcement for Europe from Convention was that STTI will be opening a regional office in Europe. The exact location is yet to be decided but this is very exciting news and I will keep you informed of developments as I hear about them. Such an office will aid in fostering the European identity within STTI.

I look forward to working with you all over the next two years and I wish you all a Merry Xmas and a productive and successful New Year.

Joy Merrell
European Regional co-ordinator
**Phi Mu, The English Chapter**

Report on 43rd Biennial Convention 7-11th November 2015  
Aria Resort and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

The STTI Convention was a great success for the European Region but especially for the Phi Mu Chapter (England). The Chapter was represented by Professor Elizabeth Rosser, President, Dr. Janet Scammell, Vice President, Eileen Richardson, Secretary and also by Dr Liz Westcott a member of the Chapter who is Head of the Department of Nursing based at Oxford Brookes University. All four members had the opportunity of sharing the responsibilities as named representatives in the House of Delegates with voting rights. It was their first experience at the Biennium for both Janet and Liz.

Elizabeth, Janet and Liz made presentations in the Concurrent sessions and Elizabeth and Eileen presented in the Eurovision presentation of the Regional activities. Additionally, Elizabeth participated in the session described as Conversation with Candidates as part of her bid for membership of the STTI Board. We were thrilled when the voting revealed that she had been successful and she is now a member of the Board, alongside Thora Hafsteindottir from the Netherlands. Both Elizabeth and Thora are the only two Board members external to the US and Canada. There were many highlights for the Chapter, beginning with the Parade of Flags, engaging in the myriad of concurrent sessions, Chapter leadership sessions and Liz contributed as convenor.

**Phi Xi, The Portuguese Chapter**

Four member of the Phi Xi Chapter attended the 43rd Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. At the house of delegates Phi Xi chapter was represented by Aida Mendes and João Apóstolo. Members presented their research during the concurrent sessions related to elderly care (João Apóstolo), nurses engagement (Aida Mendes), impact of peritoneal dialysis (Lurdes Lomba) and nurses’ literacy in peripheral venous catheterization (João Graveto). It was a great experience and attendees really enjoyed the opportunity to share and discuss their results at an international level.

Throughout this year, the chapter has attracted nurse leaders from other regions of Portugal. A new member, Rui Pereira, University of Minho was inducted at the International Induction Ceremony. Nursing School of Coimbra was also represented at the conference as exhibitor. Thus, information about its values, mission and main areas of intervention was shared. Furthermore it was possible to promote collaboration in international initiatives and explore innovative strategies to promote excellence in global nursing. Numerous participants revealed interest to establish partnership and collaboration with the Nursing School of Coimbra.
Upsilon Xi – at Large
The Welsh Chapter

Greetings from Upsilon Xi-at-Large Chapter to our European colleagues. Dr Angie Kydd and I attended the Biennial convention in Las Vegas in November. Unfortunately due to ill health our President Dr Lesley Moore was unable to attend. For Angie this was her first Convention and she proudly carried the flag for Wales as seen in the photo. This is always a moving aspect of the Convention and it was great to see STTI expanding into new countries. One of the real benefits of Convention is catching up with old friends and networking and making new friends. Angie proved to be a quick learner with Twitter and was tweeting throughout Convention.

We were able to meet the new President Cathy Catrambone and we both impressed by hearing about the work of GAPFON. Angie really enjoyed the session on commemorating wartime heroes and I was able to re-connect with Dr Estelle Codier from the University of Hawaii, who had presented her work on the emotional intelligence of nurses last year when our Chapter hosted this event.

Angie and I have just about recovered from the sounds and sights of Las Vegas. Happy holidays to everyone.

Joy Merrell
Chair of the Leadership Succession Committee
Upsilon Xi-at-Large Chapter

Tau Omega,
The Swedish Chapter

News and honors from the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International’s (STTI’s) 43rd Biennial Convention, 7-11/11 2015, in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

News: This event has become the single most visible embodiment of the STTI mission: Advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership and service. Nearly 2,500 from around the world participated to share the ideas, knowledge, perspectives, and experiences that unite us as a global network of nurses.

This year’s convention theme is Serve Locally, Transform Regionally, Lead Globally. It is reinforced by more than 1,000 oral, symposia, and poster presentations detailing the latest clinical innovations, critical research projects, and important leadership initiatives (www.nursingsociety.org).

Honors: Three members from the Swedish Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Chapter Tau Omega received honors: Professor Margret Lepp received honors in recognition of distinguished service as Education Advisory Council, Chair 2013-2015 for The Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International.

University lecturer Helena Wigert received honors in recognition of time and resources as a Regional Committee Member 2015 for The Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International.

University lecturer Harshida Patel received honors in recognition of time and resources as a Regional Committee Member 2015 for The Honor Society of Nursing Sigma Theta Tau International.
Rho Chi at Large,  
The Netherland Chapter

The board of Rho Chi at Large visited with several board members the Las Vegas STTI Biennial. It was an amazing event, with wonderful presentations. As usual, the Biennium was well organized and offered a lot of network possibilities. We had very nice and fruitful contacts with our overseas colleagues. And of course there was a great social programme: What happens in Vegas......

To be honest, we did not spent a dollar in the machines. We spent our dollars in tickets for the show, Cirque du Soleil, and some of us in shopping. Furthermore, we were very proud to be recognized with our second chapter key award! And of course we are also proud to receive our showcases of excellence. For sure, and I think I am not only speaking for myself, I hope to visit the Biennial 2017 in Indianapolis again with our Rho Chi team.
Forthcoming Events

7-9 April 2016

**Nursing Education Research Conference** Co-hosted with the National League for Nursing **Washington, USA.** Abstract submission deadline: 21 October 2015 Audience: Attracts nearly 400 academicians, practitioners, administrators, and students

6-8 June 2016

**European Regional Conference**, Utrecht, Netherlands: “Leadership in Nursing Scholarship, Education and Practice”

21-25 July 2016

**International Nursing Research Congress** Cape Town, **South Africa** Abstract submission deadline: 9 December 2015.

For all links and other events look at the calendar on the circle: [http://thecircle.nursingsociety.org/events/calendar](http://thecircle.nursingsociety.org/events/calendar)

STTI European Conference 2016

We are delighted to invite you to the 3rd STTI European Regional Conference, Utrecht: “Leadership in Nursing Scholarship, Practice and Education; how to impact the quality of nursing as a caring profession globally”. Please reserve the dates in your busy agendas and we hope that you will consider to send in an abstract for one of the poster, oral or symposium sessions on offer.

There will be a pre-conference on the Monday morning the 6th of June, entitled, Nursing’s Voice and Vision: Vital for Improving Global Health. Guest speakers are Dr. Patricia Thompson CEO STTI and Dr. Cathy Catrambone President-Elect STTI

On behalf of the planning and scientific committees it is our pleasure to welcome you to a programme that will stimulate networking and debate. It will include a variety of key note speakers, concurrent sessions and a lively social programme. For all information please visit [www.sttiec2016.eu](http://www.sttiec2016.eu)

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