

## Congratulations from Prilli Stevens (Past President & Life Member) on *bulletin* issue 1 2022

Congratulations on another really informative and globally interesting *bulletin*! Special delight in reading recognition of so many top-class contributors from the WCET®... to all who received those accolades– heartiest congratulations – and thanks for the many, many hours of hard work and sharing of your much respected knowledge.

The growth of the WCET® since our humble beginnings is indeed mind blowing – credit to those who have carried the flag for the association so brilliantly these past few years. A mega thanks to you all.

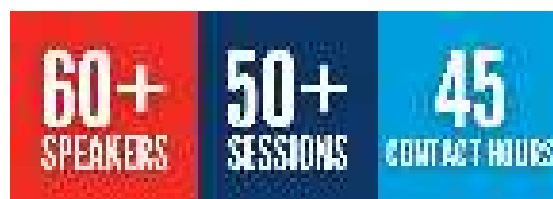
Finally – I have such respect for the way you have kept education going through these difficult COVID-19 years.

Just reading the excellent article from a colleague in this *bulletin* on the very real issues around conducting her clinical practice in those times. Further stamped the very special qualities found in our nurses who go the extra mile – think out of the box – and have the needs of their patients and family firmly at the top of their priority list.

Warmest regards.

*Prilli Stevens – Past President 1980–1984,  
Cape Town, South Africa*

## Stories from WCET® WOCN® Joint Congress 2022, Fort Worth, Texas



### WCET® WOCN® JOINT CONGRESS 2022 AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND!

#### Did you register for WOCNext® 2022 but missed the live event?

Good news! Educational sessions, Symposia sessions, and Innovation Hub presentations are available on-demand to view through to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Evaluations for sessions and ePosters will remain open through to 31<sup>st</sup> December so you can earn Contact Hours and Pharmacology Credits.

You'll need to log in to the event site with your registration information to access the on-demand content.

### A taste of WCET® WOCN® Congress in Texas



*Laurent Chabal  
WCET® President*

After having attended the European Wound Management annual Congress, held this year in Paris, France, I just had the time to get back home and do my mandatory COVID-19 test before flying to Dallas. At no cost to WCET®, I decided to take my summer leave at this time and so arrived on the memorial holiday weekend; the city was empty, giving a strange feeling for visitors. The terrible shooting in a Texan

school had occurred just a few days before, all the flags were half-mast as a sign of respect. It also gave me goose bumps to walk around the place where John Fitzgerald Kennedy (JFK), United States of America's 35<sup>th</sup> President, was very tragically killed in 1963. These free days gave me the chance to adjust to the time zone difference, relax and enjoy some of Dallas's cool places such as the aquarium and the zoo.

I took the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) train from Dallas to Fort Worth on 1<sup>st</sup> June, as we were starting our Pre-Congress Executive Board (EB) meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The EB met in person and virtually as two of our members were

still under COVID-19 restrictions in their country. We worked on the parade of nations, our General Business Meeting, our individual calendar coordination, WCET® booth tasks, EB report submissions, and Elizabeth and I worked together on our opening and closing remarks for the Congress.

We were all involved in the Congress in many other ways: workshops, oral presentations, panel discussions, moderator and booth duties. It was also an opportunity to meet our Sustaining Journal Partners (SJP) and thank them. We awarded them an aqua crystal WCET® SJP award. We thank the ones who invited us for dinner, giving us a chance not only to have a great time, but also to get to know each other better. It was great to work with our colleagues from WOCN® and it was wonderful to see so many of you in person. All Congress content has been registered and is available for you to watch online until the end of this year.

After the Congress we had a half day of productive post-Congress EB meetings.

This Congress has been hard work and stressful, but it was also very successful with great achievements, leaving me with lots of mixed emotions, I am especially proud of all the WCET® team members who have achieved so much during this long week of voluntary work. See you all soon in Glasgow, 2024!



*City of Fort Worth, Texas*



*Downtown Dallas*



*The Trinity Railway Express (TRE) train going from Dallas to Fort Worth (1 hour trip)*



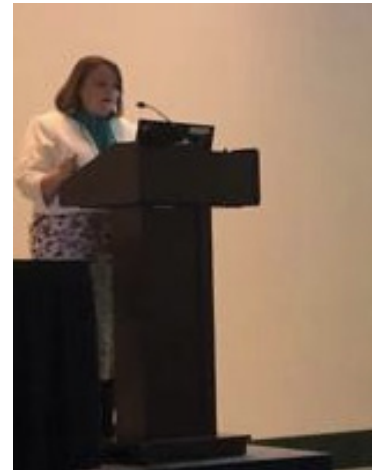
*Fountain, Fort Worth, Texas*



*Preparing for the ostomy clinical challenges hands on workshop (Laurent Chabal & Jan Colwell)*



WCET® booth



Denise Hibbert, speaking on low anterior resection syndrome



Gala dinner



Slide on low anterior resection: Infogram from the International Consensus Document on LARS (with kind permission of Dr Peter Christensen)



Giving (again) the WCET® flag to our ASCN-UK colleagues



Panel discussion led by Jan Colwell: Laurent Chabal, Denise Hibbert, Kim LeBlanc and Dee Waugh

## The 2022 WCET® Congress Journey

The WCET® 2022 Congress, which was held alongside WOCN®, has been and gone. It was held in Fort Worth, Texas from 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June and was a great success. There were presentations from all over the world, given by both experts and novices. All presentations that I attended were excellent. Congratulations to all our speakers.

Alison Crawshaw, WCET® Congress Coordinator



The exhibition was well attended by both industry and delegates. A lot of new innovative products, which aim to improve the lives of our patients, were displayed; I am sure everyone who attended the booths learned something to improve their practice.

WCET® organised the Parade of Nations with a slightly different format than usual. This was partly due to a number of countries not allowing delegates to attend in person, so some countries were not represented. Having said that, it was still quite a spectacular show.