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## NORTH OF SCOTLAND ADVANCED PRACTICE ACADEMY TO HOST INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES CONFERENCE AT P&J LIVE, ABERDEEN - We are now open for abstracts

The North of Scotland Advanced Practice Academy (NoSAPA), today announces that they are now open for abstracts for the 2024 International Council of Nurses' Nurse Practitioner / Advanced Practice Nursing (ICN NP/APN) Network Conference, to be held in Aberdeen, Scotland from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

This is the first time this event has been held in Scotland, and aims to help shape the future of healthcare by providing a forum for sharing and exchanging expertise and experience, while supporting nurses and countries who are in the process of introducing or developing Advanced Practice roles.

Professor Kathleen Carolan, Chair of NoSAPA, said: "The Academy is delighted to have been selected to host the conference in Aberdeen in 2024. It is a great opportunity for advanced practitioners in Scotland and across the UK to connect, learn and share best practice with colleagues around the world.'

Abstracts for the conference are now open and close on 31 January 2024. Please consider submitting an abstract in one of the following themes:

- Investing in the Advanced Practice Nurse Health Workforce
- Advancements in Digital Health and Technology for Enhanced Advanced Practice Nurse Practice
- Extending the Reach, Amplifying the Impact, and Realising the Value of Advanced Practice Nurses
- Advanced Practice Nurses Role in Shaping a Healthier, More Equitable World
- Educational and Regulatory Landscapes Shaping Advanced Practice Nursing
- The Dynamics of Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Advanced Practice Nursing
- Aligning Advanced Practice Nursing with Global Health Imperatives and Health Systems Resilience
- The UK perspective –Multi-professional Advanced Practice (for UK delegates only and open to other health professions with a recognised governance framework for advanced practice)

Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, is also delighted to be involved in supporting the conference programme, which will be developed in collaboration with all regional Health Boards and Universities in the North of Scotland.

The last conference of this kind to be hosted in the UK was in London in 2012. Naturally this is an exciting opportunity for Scotland to showcase current interdisciplinary research, shaping advanced practice for the future.















Dr Daniela Lehwaldt, Chair ICN NP/ APN Network, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have the 13th International Council of Nurses (ICN) Nurse Practitioner (NP) / Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) Conference coming to Aberdeen. This is the main global event for Advanced Practice Nurses worldwide to come together, network and share their expertise and research with an international audience. If you are interested in NP/APN roles, interventions, leadership and impact on individuals, families and population health, do not hesitate to join us. All practitioners, educators, policy makers, regulators, researchers and interested parties are most welcome to contribute and attend. See you there!"

Dr. Michelle Acorn, ICN Chief Nursing Officer, shared: "Investing in advanced practice nurses locally to globally is a health system solution to improve access to care, advance primary care and universal health coverage and boost team capacity".

We also have fantastic opportunities available for any organisation that may wish to engage with over 1,000 delegates in either supporting the Conference as a Sponsor and/or exhibiting. All information is on the website.

For more information on the 2024 conference please visit the website regularly: www.npapn-aberdeen.co.uk

## **ENDS**

Notes for the Editor

NoSAPA is a collaboration of various organisations, which includes regional Health Boards and Universities in the North of Scotland, as well as representatives from NHS Education for Scotland NES). It is one if three regional academies, which bring together advanced practice leaders from Health Boards with advanced practice programme leads from the Universities to work in partnership to support the development and preparation of multi-professional advanced practice roles.











