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Newsletter

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Message from the Steering Group Chair – Great News!

I am delighted to report that our Research Network Programme – REFLECTION – has been recommended for continued funding after successfully passing the mid-term review by our funders, the European Science Foundation (ESF). The ESF complimented our programme on its success, singling out for particular praise how we have:

- reached out to engage experienced researchers in relation to interventions-based research design
- engaged early-stage researchers in learning about and becoming equipped to implement a complex intervention-based skill set
- ensured there is a strong European dimension to REFLECTION with an impressive range of countries represented and a high level of cross-national collaboration on the website workgroups
- sustained a high level of interest in our activities

The ESF committee has of course made some recommendations to improve our work. They would like us to:

- produce peer-reviewed articles as part of the programme
- increase our visibility
- make joint bids for research funding
- develop a profile at speciality conferences where nurse researchers attend.

In summary, the ESF feel we have done a great job with our educational activities but less well with making sure that their investment is credited in outputs. This is a vital job all members should do. So we all need to take action now! Here is what we suggest:

Acknowledge REFLECTION in publications, grant applications and conferences!

1. It is essential that all of us as members of REFLECTION **credit the network in publications**, if the publications have been helped as a result of:
 - meeting contributors/collaborators at a REFLECTION event
 - attending a REFLECTION master class
 - attending the EANS Summer School

Therefore, please do the following immediately:

- inform the REFLECTION team of any such publications
- use the following wording in the publication to acknowledge REFLECTION:

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2. If any **grant applications** have benefitted from you meeting collaborators at EANS/REFLECTION events, set up the project on the REFLECTION website and make us aware of any bids for research grants. Instructions on how to do this can be found [here](#). If you need help in doing this just email us.
3. Mention the REFLECTION network if you are **presenting at a conference**. Members are encouraged to publicise REFLECTION through nursing and multidisciplinary conferences like:
 - EuroHeartCare 2014, 4th – 5th Apr 2014, Stavanger, Norway
 - Foundation of European Nurses in Diabetes conference, 12th - 13th Sep 2014, Vienna, Austria
 - Nursing conferences in your country

We have publicity materials you can use, including the network brochure which you can download from our website.

Summer School and Conference

The 2014 European Academy of Nursing Science summer school for PhD students will be hosted by EHESP School of Public Health in Rennes, France. The summer school will be held from 30th June to 11th July. The summer school will incorporate a **two day conference for EANS members** on 9th and 10th of July. More details of the conference programme and how to register is available on the EANS website at:

<http://www.european-academy-of-nursing-science.com/activities/summer-conference/>