

# International Nursing Interest Group Newsletter

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **INIG General Meeting on March 6th**
- **INIG Annual General Meeting in June (date TBD)**
- **2023 Nursing Week Celebration - Face to Face!**
- **Research & Education Bursary Application for 2023**

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STUDENT  
MEMBERSHIP!**

**Please  
Join Us!**

## A Message from the INIG President

Dear Friends,

The INIG's Executive Network Officers are of the belief that the newsletter is an important tool to keep our members engaged and informed.

Therefore, after being on hiatus for two years, the International Nursing Interest Group's Newsletter is back!

With the onset of the pandemic in 2020 and until now, INIG continues to come up with activities to support its mission and objectives and in supporting the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario's initiatives and projects. In this issue of the newsletter, we are providing a quick summary of the main events that INIG participated in in 2022. We also celebrate and congratulate one of INIG's founding members, Dr. Angela Cooper Brathwaite, on her many outstanding achievements in 2022, capped by her appointment to the Order of Canada on December 29, 2022.

We also highlight the works of some of our members that contribute to the advancement of the discipline of nursing.

I would also like to take the opportunity to invite you to share your ideas with us. Please let us know if there is anything you would like for INIG to undertake within the next few months to keep you more engaged.

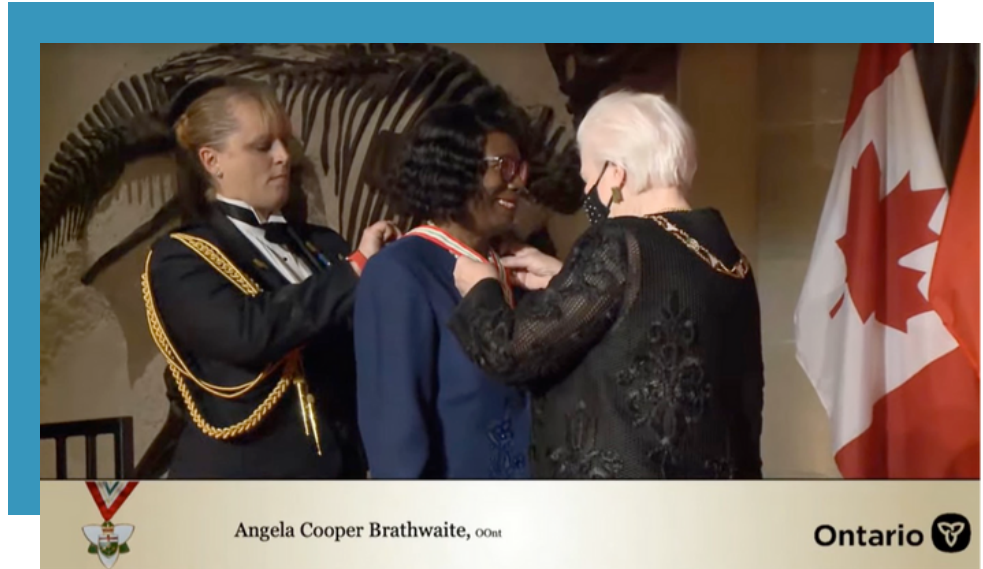
Before I end my message, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to our Communications/Social Media ENO, Rose Yamomo, and Policy and Political Action ENO, Antoinette Meinders, for their valuable work in putting our newsletter together. Thank you!

Sincerely,



## Newsletter Spotlight: ANGELA COOPER BRATHWAITE

We would like to highlight and congratulate our founding member and its first president, Dr. Angela Cooper Brathwaite for her appointment to the Order of Ontario, Order of Canada, and her induction into the American Academy of Nursing! Thank you for your extensive work in shaping the nursing profession. We are proud of you!



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**Overview**  
Today we will:

- Learn what diabetes is
- Learn how to prevent & manage diabetes
- Learn about **Diabetes Canada** and how we are here for you



## Summary of INIG Events 2021-2022

2021/2022 was a productive year for INIG as many events took place. Zoom was our best friend as it allowed us to connect with members in our community to advocate, educate, and inform others. Here is a list of what we accomplished:

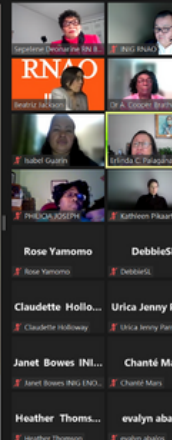
**Climate change, health and nursing**

26: Together for our planet

- Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns, mainly caused by human activities, especially the burning of fossil fuels. Climate change is the single biggest health threat facing humanity.
- Impacts are already harming health through air pollution, disease, extreme weather events, forced displacement, food insecurity and pressures on mental health
- Every year, environmental factors take the lives of around 13 million people.
- People are experiencing climate change in diverse ways. Conditions like sea-level rise and saltwater intrusion have advanced to the point where whole communities have had to relocate, and protracted droughts are putting people at risk of famine. In the future, the number of "climate refugees" is expected to rise.

[United Nations]

INIG International Nursing Interest Group  
NURSING LEADERSHIP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CLIMATE CHANGE & HEALTH: INFLUENCING POLICY & SYSTEMS CHANGE



- **March 17 – 1st General Meeting, “Nursing Leadership at the Intersection of Climate & Health: Influencing Policy & Systems Change”** with guest speaker, **Erlinda Castro-Palaganas, PhD, RN, FAAN**
- **April 21 – 1st All Candidates Meeting co-hosted with Durham Northumberland**
- **May 10 – Nursing Week Celebration/ 2nd General Meeting, “Financial Literacy and Investing for Retirement”** with guest speaker, **Robert Selvig from Manulife Securities**
- **May 12 – 2nd All Candidates Meeting co-hosted with Durham Northumberland Chapter**
- **June 2 – Annual General Meeting, Research Findings on Diabetes** with keynote speakers **Dr. Angela Cooper Brathwaite & Sepelene Deonarine**



*Durham Northumberland Chapter & International Nursing Interest Group (INIG) invites you...*

**Please Join Us!** **ALL CANDIDATES DEBATE**

Thursday April 21, 2022 at 5:30pm EST – 6:30pm EST via Zoom (Virtually)

If interested in attending, please email [inigrnao20@gmail.com](mailto:inigrnao20@gmail.com)

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## Meet the 2022/2023 Executive Network Officers (ENO)



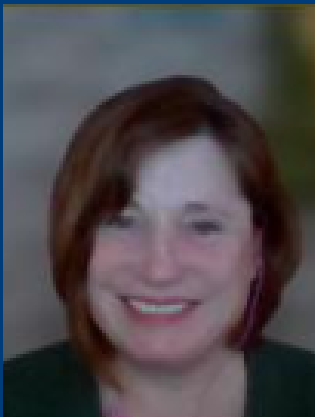
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Edward Cruz,  
RN, CCNE, BN,  
MScN, PhD



### Finance ENO

Dr. Angela  
Cooper  
Brathwaite  
RN, BN, MN,  
PhD



### Policy & Political ENO

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### Membership ENO

Beatriz  
"Betsy"  
Jackson, RN,  
MScN



### Social Media ENO

Rose Yamomo,  
RN, BScN,  
CPMHN(C)

**Open ENO Positions:**

**Communications**

**Student Representative**

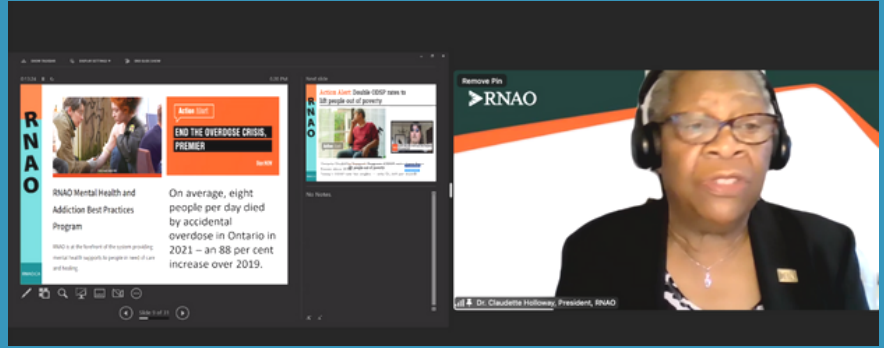
**Email us if interested.**

We would like to recognize the work of past ENOs: Sepelene Deonarine (Policy & Political ENO, 2021/2022) & Janet Bowes (Membership ENO, 2021/2022). We also thank Chanté Hamilton for her contributions as she concludes her term as INIG's Student ENO. Best wishes in all your endeavours!

## Current Look At the INIG 2022/2023 Year

Sept. '22

**September 19-**  
**#FallTour with RNAO**  
**President, Claudette**  
**Holloway and**  
**University of Windsor**  
**Psychology Professor,**  
**Dr. Dana Ménard**

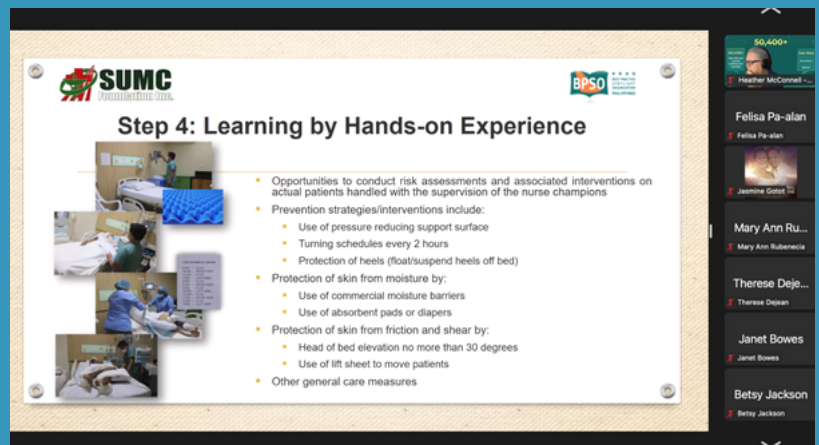


Nov. '22

**November 18 - Interest Group Chairs' Meeting**  
**November 9 - RNAO Assembly of Leaders**

Dec. '22

**December 1- 1st General Meeting, "Journey to ZERO HAPI (Healthcare- Associated Pressure Injuries) – Implementing the Risk Assessment and Prevention of Pressure Ulcers Best Practice Guideline" with Fredita Tan from Silliman University, Philippines**



**December 9- Queens Park on the Road with MPP for Oshawa, Jennifer French. Topics discussed were the nursing crisis and the opioid crisis**



**December 19 - Queens Park on the Road with MPP for Pickering & Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy**

**December 21 - Queens Park on the Road with MPP for Ajax, Lorne Coe**

## Member Publications

If you have a publication you  
would like to share, please  
email us at  
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**ICN CONGRESS**  
1-5 JULY 2023

Nurses together: a force for global health

### Join the Global Connection!

We are encouraging all INIG members to attend the 29th International Congress of Nursing, which will be held in Montreal, Canada from July 1-5, 2023. If you register to attend the Congress by January 31st, you will qualify for the early bird registration fee.

Come, meet, and greet your colleagues and friends from around the world. It's a great opportunity to enhance your knowledge and skills. We look forward to seeing you in the Parade of Nations on the first day of the Congress!

**SAVE THE DATE**

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If you have anything that you would like to share with the executives or in an upcoming newsletter, please email [inigrnao20@gmail.com](mailto:inigrnao20@gmail.com).

Thank you for continuing to support the interest group through your membership.

*Stay Connected!*