

THE EAST ASIAN FORUM OF NURSING SCHOLARS

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME & PURPOSE

Section A: Name – This forum shall be known as the East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars (EAFONS). It is a non-profit, educational group. Potential institutions joining the EAFONS may come from the East, South or Southeast Asian countries.

Section B: Aim –EAFONS aims to strengthen and promote high quality doctoral education for nursing and create an environment for academics and socialization among scholars, including those from the countries mentioned above, through international collaboration and cooperation.

Section C: Objectives –

1. To inspire excellence in teaching, learning and research in doctoral nursing programmes.
2. To develop opportunities for productive exchange of individuals and ideas across doctoral programs within and among countries.
3. To convene annual conferences for doctoral-prepared nurse academics and their students in member countries on a rotational basis.
4. To actively recruit qualified individuals and collaborate with other associations/organizations who will enrich the forum and further its aims.
5. To create a common vision for the future of doctoral education.
6. To develop quality indicators/guidelines for doctoral education that are applicable to all doctoral programs in this region.
7. To provide opportunities for dialogue and networking among doctoral educators to address issues of shared interest in different regions of the world.
8. To develop approaches for influencing policies relevant to doctoral education.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A: Eligibility and types of membership:

1. Application for being a 'Regular Institutional Member' (RIM) is open to individuals working in an institution offering a doctoral program in nursing, from those countries mentioned above.
2. Associate Member (AM) is open to individuals working in an institution preparing to offer a doctoral program in nursing, from those countries mentioned above. AM may be converted to a RIM, subject to the endorsement of the Executive

Committee (EC), after his/her institution has successfully developed a recognized doctoral program in nursing.

3. For clarity, members are institutions represented by an individual. Individuals representing institutions may change during the institution's membership time.

Section B: Executive Committee (EC) – To facilitate EAFONS Network's business, there shall be an EC with a maximum of 13 members.

- The EC will lead planning and implementation of activities to achieve the EAFONS forum objectives and needs.
- EC members shall be elected from the list of RIMs. The EC consists of a Convenor and 1 to 2 representatives from each member country.
- Nomination of an EC member should reach the Convenor prior to the election, and has to be seconded by another EC member.
- Each EC member shall have a term of three years, and may be re-elected for a second term, subject to the endorsement of the EC. The duration of service dated back to the time when one becomes a RIM.
- The Convenor is to be elected from existing EC members, and shall have a term of three years.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

- The agenda of the annual EAFONS meeting will be planned in advance by the EC. The meeting will be chaired by the Convenor and co-chaired by the conference host institution, taking turns each year.
- Ad-hoc meetings using a telecommunication medium may be scheduled.
- A 50% quorum of EC members (or his/her delegates)/member countries (whichever is the smaller number) must be met.

ARTICLE IV: CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- The majority of the work shall be facilitated by the Convenor and conducted electronically; in-person, telephone, fax, and other means will be utilized as necessary.
- A website of EAFONS will be maintained by the institution to which the Convenor belongs.

ARTICLE V: CONFERENCES

- The EAFONS conference shall be held annually.
- Each conference will be hosted by a member country on a rotational basis, as agreed by the EC.

- The conference host will have administrative responsibility for the conference.
- The conference host should make recommendations and report to the EC as necessary, regarding programming content and/or process.
- The dates and locations for future EAFONS are tentatively scheduled as follows:
 - 2017 (Hong Kong)
 - 2018 (South Korea)
 - 2019 (Singapore)
 - 2020 (Thailand)
 - 2021 (Philippines)
 - 2022 (Taiwan)

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Any proposal to amend the By-laws of EAFONS must be discussed and approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the EC members (or his/her delegates)/member countries (whichever is the smaller number).

ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS RULES

- Items necessary for the operation and management of EAFONS that are not stated in the provisions of these By-laws are stipulated elsewhere.
- The revised By-laws will become effective on _____ 2016.

Revised on 15 July 2016