



THE ROBERT TIFFANY LECTURESHIP

PURPOSE

This lectureship was created to keep alive and honour the memory of Robert Tiffany, founding member and Foundation President of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care. Robert Tiffany was the initiator of the Biennial International Conference on Cancer Nursing. Robert Tiffany was an inspiration to many nurses around the world and recognized as an innovator, advocate for cancer patients and nurses and an inspirational leader. The intention of the named lecture is to honour those who have a similar capacity to innovate, advocate and inspire cancer nurses of today and of the future.

PROFILE OF ROBERT TIFFANY

Robert started his career in cancer nursing in 1967, when he went to the Royal Marsden Hospital in London to undertake an oncology nursing course. Twenty-six years later he had transformed the hospital and the specialisation of cancer nursing beyond recognition.

During the 1970's, the mere mention of cancer instilled fear into every patient and was associated with an immediate sentence of death, loss of control, pain and despair. Robert Tiffany started a lifelong campaign to overturn those misconceptions. He proved that skilled nurses have a crucial role in preventing cancer, in early detection and in improving the quality of life for people with cancer. He made the Royal Marsden Hospital a very special place for the patients; a place where pride and tremendous hope ruled and where patients became involved in their own care. The Royal Marsden Hospital also became a shining example for the recognition of nurses' clinical skills. He fought hard for nurses to be educated, right up to Masters' degree level and he encouraged his staff to become involved in research. He concentrated all his energy and skill on the specialty of cancer nursing.

Robert Tiffany not only led nursing in his own hospital, he shared his talents on a much wider scale, at a national and international level. It was Robert Tiffany who organised the first International Conference on Cancer Nursing in London in 1978 and played an important role in subsequent years.

He was a founding member and an inspirational leader of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) and of the European Oncology Nurses Society (EONS). His relentless zeal for excellence and his tenacity were well known, as was his capacity to infuriate those close to him. In the end however, his great charm and magnetism inevitably prevailed.

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It surely would take too long to mention all his achievements for cancer nursing worldwide. To say he was an inspiration is an understatement because there are thousands of nurses who never met him, but owe him a great deal, although Robert himself never saw it that way. He exposed nurses to the high professional standards that he himself strove continuously to maintain and improve. He brought great credit to our profession and increased knowledge to a worldwide audience. But most of all, he was a truly committed nurse who always remained faithful to the patients' cause to the very end. He did all this with humour and goodwill, and always managed to enlighten his message with jokes and funny stories.

Working with Robert Tiffany meant a lot of work, but also a lot of laughing and good fun. To keep those memories alive, the board of the ISNCC created this lectureship.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The successful nominee will be a registered nurse who has the capacity to inspire others towards excellence in cancer care. They will be recognized as a leader in cancer nursing in their own country and preferably also at a regional or international level. Importantly they will be acknowledged as a person capable of delivering an inspirational lecture on a topic relevant to cancer nursing.

It is not a requirement that the nominee's first language is English. The nominating committee will consider mechanisms to support awardees to deliver the lecture including the possibility of translation.

The successful nominee will be expected to present a lecture of high professional standard to an international audience and to write a short paper for the ISNCC newsletter.

- Both full and associate member organisations can make nominations.
- Current board members are not eligible for nomination.
- The person being nominated should be endorsed by a national oncology nursing organisation as a leader in the field of cancer nursing.
- Two letters of support should accompany each nomination, one of which should be a national oncology nursing organisation.
- The proposed nominee must accept the nomination.
- Nominations will be called for in June of the year preceding the biennial conference.
- The deadline for receipt of nominations is **December 31st of that year.**
- The successful nominee will be notified by the President of ISNCC at the end of February in the year of the biennial conference.

- Nominations are to be made on the enclosed forms. Each nomination should be accompanied by full professional curriculum vitae, detailing the nominee's achievements.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The ISNCC requires that a nominating committee deal with the nominations and selection processes for the Tiffany Lectureship.
- This committee will be responsible for following up each nomination to ensure that the nomination criteria are met.
- The list of nominations will be forwarded to each committee member and the nominations ranked.
- The committee will then recommend their selection to the board for endorsement after consultation with the Honorary Officers and the Chair of the Program Committee for the International Conference on Cancer Nursing where the lecture shall be given.
- The President of ISNCC will contact the successful nominee.
- The Chair of the standing committee is responsible for notifying the organisations whose nominees were unsuccessful.

PRESENTATION & INSIGNIA

- The ISNCC President or nominee will make a citation on the achievements of the awardee.
- The awardee will provide a lecture of approximately 40 minutes in duration.
- The awardee will receive a distinctive insignia and a scroll approved by the ISNCC Honorary Officers.
- The names of the awardee will be inscribed in a Register of Awards to be held and maintained by the Secretariat of ISNCC and posted on the ISNCC website.
- Appropriate press releases will be made regarding the award with the co-operation of the awardee.
- The awardee will be expected to participate in an interview with the editor of the ISNCC newsletter.



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NOMINATION FORM: PART I

Name of Nominee _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Country _____ Email _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

Name of Nominator _____

Academic Position/Title _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Country _____ Email _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Letter of Support

Academic Position/Title _____

Organisation _____

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Academic Position/Title _____

Organisation _____

NOMINATION FORM PART II

Summary of Contributions

Using the following headings, please summarise the nominee's contribution to cancer nursing. In particular please make reference to the nominee's public speaking abilities and examples of significant local lectures they have provided. **If the nominee's first language is not English, please make a statement about their capacity to provide a lecture in English or about the support they might require to undertake the lecture.**

National

Regional

International

CHECKLIST FOR NOMINATION PACKAGE

Please ensure that all the following items are included in your nomination package.

Nomination Form (Part I)	
Nomination Form (Part II)	
Nominee's Curriculum Vitae	
Two Letters of Support	

Submit the completed nomination package plus supporting material as an e-mail attachment to the ISNCC Secretariat. Where no e-mail is available, **four** paper and **one** disc copy should be submitted by mail to the ISNCC Secretariat.

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Deadline for receipt of nominations has been extended to January 31, 2008.