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KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Get Together/Registration
4 July 2018, evening

Congress Opening
5 July 2018

THEMES
Perioperative care, fracture treatment, rehabilitation, secondary prevention, changing healthcare policy, research and education in relation to fragility fractures.

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**Article of Interest**

Developing and Testing an International Audit of Nursing Quality Indicators for Older Adults With Fragility Hip Fracture (2018)
Valerie MacDonald, Ann Butler Maher, Hanne Mainz, Anita J. Meehan, Louise Brent, Ami Hommel, Karen Hertz, Anita Taylor, Katie Jane Sheehan

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**FFN 7th Congress Pre-day workshops for nurses and physiotherapists, 4th July 2018**

**Nursing workshop**

This year the nursing workshop will follow on from the New strategies in nursing education in fragility fracture management project with the sponsorship of FFN, ESCEO, EUGMS, IAGG and IOF and an unrestricted educational grant from UCB. The project was inaugurated with a two-day workshop, in May 2017, involving intense discussion among nurses experienced in fragility fracture management and care, with representatives from 24 different European countries. The event took place on the island of San Servolo, home of the Venice International University (VIU) and European Interdisciplinary Council on Aging (EICA). The initial goal of the project was to generate a core curriculum for nurses involved in caring for patients at risk of or with fragility fractures to be distributed using peer education methods. Since the workshop, a book being published by Springer in June 2018: “Fragility Fracture Nursing” has been co-authored by many of the workshop participants and will be published at the Dublin Congress. Several courses, based on the book and associated education programme, have already taken place in: Bologna, Italy; Vilnius, Lithuania and Athens, Greece. Many others are planned across Europe for the coming year.

**Physiotherapy workshop**

At the FFN Congress in Rome and Malmo there were two very successful physiotherapy workshops. This year in Dublin the workshop will focus on: physical activity after hip fracture, standards and clinical guidelines, technologies for measurement and promotion of physical activity in the community and the final session will focus on the development of the physiotherapy educational forum.

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