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In May, 2005, the Board of Directors of the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine approved the creation of its first professional interest group, the WADEM Nursing Section. Election of officers of this new section will occur at the Nursing Section Business Meeting to be held during the 15th World Congress in Amsterdam, May 2007.

The vision, mission, and purposes of this section are as follows:

VISION: The Nursing Section of WADEM strives to be the organizational vehicle welcoming and representing nurses from all countries with an intent and desire to strengthen and improve the practice and knowledge of disaster nursing.

MISSION: The mission of the Nursing Section of WADEM is to foster international collaboration among nurses involved in research, education, management, and practice in pre-hospital, emergency, public health, and/or disaster health care.

PURPOSE: The purposes of the Nursing Section of WADEM are to:

1. Define international nursing issues for public health care and disaster health care;
2. Exchange scientific and professional information relevant to the practice of disaster nursing;
3. Encourage collaborative efforts enhancing and expanding the field of nursing disaster research;
4. Encourage collaboration with other international nursing organizations; and
5. Inform and advise WADEM of matters related to disaster nursing.

To improve knowledge and exchange scientific and professional information, the Nursing Section is publishing a quarterly review and critique of pertinent disaster-related articles in NURSING INSIGHT. This publication will be sent to all WADEM nurse members quarterly, and will be available, (password-protected) on the WADEM web site (<http://wadem.wisc.edu>). If you are a nurse member of WADEM, but have not received this publication, please contact the WADEM office (+1 608.263.2069, or wadem@medicine.wisc.edu).

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