

**COLOCAR NO ESPAÇO REFERENTE AO CONGRESSO (ESPAÇO MULTIMEDIA)****Carta da Presidente da EORNA à AESOP**

May 7th 2012

Dear Mercedes,

I hope you and your team at AESOP have had an opportunity for some relaxation since Congress. What a wonderful occasion it was for everybody. I have had much feedback since and all very positive.

I write on behalf of myself and the EORNA Board of Directors to express sincere thanks to you, the local committee and all in AESOP for your excellent hospitality during our Board meeting and the Congress. We would also like to acknowledge the enormous dedication, commitment and work that you all put into hosting this congress in Lisbon and in making it such a phenomenal success. The Scientific programme was very well run and the content of such a high standard as were the poster entries. The industry exhibition was also top class and very interactive. I would like to make special mention of all the AESOP volunteers who were very helpful throughout and manned the AESOP stand so well. Thank them all for their much valued time and contribution to perioperative nursing and EORNA Congress 2012.

I found your opening speaker from Portugal very inspirational and poignant. The Drummers were a real delight, such youth and enthusiasm. The marvellous Fado singing touch all our hearts, (Fado is also an old gaelic (irish) word meaning long ago, so must be a link in the culture.) It was fitting also that the Minister of Health and regional health dignitaries were in attendance, well done to you all.

The Pestana Palace was such a spectacular place, the staff, the venue, the hospitality and the food. It was an exceptional congress host hotel, steeped in history and ambience. The evening on the Sagres was unbelievable for me, such an experience and beautiful evening linked so aptly to the title and logo of congress. Thank you all at AESOP for this and a special, heartfelt thanks to Marie Jose for being so influential in securing this invitation for us all to have such cherished memories, one I will never forget.

Then of course the gala dinner, just WOW!! How fabulous! The beautiful setting, the food, music, party but most of all the brilliant sight of all enjoying themselves and mixing so well.

The whole event was a truly fabulous occasion. A great educational, networking and social success. The hospitality and sharing of Portuguese culture was such a memorable experience for us all. Thanks to AESOP and lineamedical for their generous sponsorship in making such events possible.

I would like to make mention of all the AESOP representatives past and present of EORNA for their enormous contribution and work on behalf of AESOP and EORNA. AESOP through its support and representatives have significantly contributed to the advancement of EORNA and in attaining the milestone of its 20th anniversary, so it was fitting that we celebrated this achievement in Lisbon with you all. It was also fitting that your adopted member Margaret was in attendance to receive due recognition for her part in the growth of EORNA.

A special note of gratitude to Helena and Manuel for their dedication and leading this O/C of EORNA Congress 2012 Lisboa to fruition to culminate in such a fabulous and successful event. To Carin and all at Leading, they did a superb job throughout the planning and the event. Another great team and very pleasant diligent staff.

To you, Mercedes, congratulations on such great leadership of a dedicated team at AESOP, you

must be all so proud as we at EORNA are proud of you. You did a marvellous job together. So sincere and heartfelt thanks to you for being you, for your work in the advancement of perioperative nursing, the development of EORNA, your work and commitment for Lisboa 2012 and your hospitality during the EORNA Board meeting and Congress.

This was an example of effective team work 'individually we are Islands of Excellence, together we are a powerful force'. Our mission to create platforms for members and to deliver educational opportunities has once again been realized. I feel strongly that participants benefited greatly and learned new ways of working, technology, research findings and evidence based practices that will ultimately enhance patient care and perioperative staff welfare.

Well done one and all!

Yours in sincere gratitude, with good wishes to you and all at AESOP.

Caroline Higgins  
EORNA President