

# **Creating a Community of Researchers: Fostering Global Collaboration for Doctoral Prepared Nurses**

**Manka Nkimbeng, PhD(c), MPH, RN.**

**Joycelyn Cudjoe, PhD(c), RN.**

**Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Baltimore MD**

# Disclosures

- Support for this presentation was provided by grants from
  - The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholar program
  - The Maryland Higher Education Commission (NSP II-17-107)



# Background

- ❑ Global partnerships/collaborations among nurses increase their capacity to address complex health problems
- ❑ Few publications have explored the role professional organizations play in facilitating global partnerships



# Objective

Describe a pilot *Spotlight Project* that was developed to foster communication and collaboration among global doctorally prepared nurses and nursing students within the International Network for Doctoral Education in Nursing (INDEN)



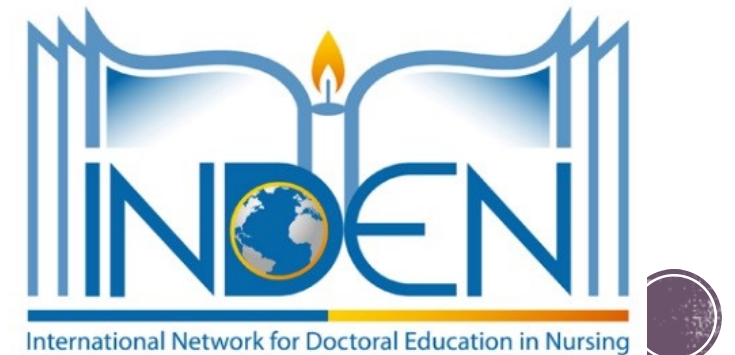
# Project Development and Identification

- ❑ Nurse Faculty for the Future (NFF) program Practicum
  - NFF focuses on advancing the education of nurses at the PhD level and directly supports initiatives to increase the number of doctorally prepared nursing faculty
  - NFF fellows engage in a five-semester curriculum which includes pedagogy of teaching classes, teaching practicums, and a leadership practicum



# Practicum Information

- ❑ **Mentors:**  
Dr. Tamar Rodney and INDEN Executive Board
- ❑ **Project:**  
Member Spotlights  
(Creating student profiles for the INDEN website)



# Activities

- Request for profiles: May 2018
  - 22 profiles requested
  - 14 faculty from 12 countries
  - 8 students from 5 countries



# Activities: Invitation Letter

Dear INDEN Members,

I hope this message finds you well. At INDEN, our goals are to promote collaborative research, and enhance research dissemination to foster global networking and professional advancement. As part of our international network initiative, we are inviting you to participate in our “SPOTLIGHT ON INDEN MEMBERS” project. Beginning July 2018, we will feature **3** INDEN members on our website every quarter (4 months). To be eligible for this quarter, we are inviting members to submit:

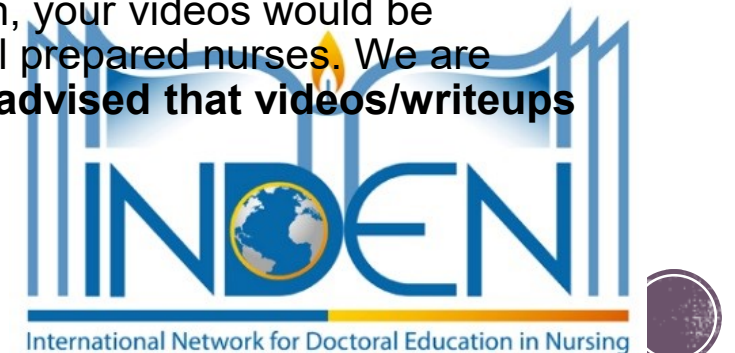
A 250-350 word write up describing your current research/educational initiative, achievements, long and short -term goals.

OR

A 3-minute video where you describe your current research/educational initiative, achievements, long and short -term goals.

The **deadline** for all submissions is **Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**. Videos and write ups which are featured on our website will also be shared on our social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram). At INDEN, we strongly value diversity, integrity and solidarity. Your submissions would help us showcase to the world the innovative research work that our culturally diverse community of nurse scientists do. In addition, your videos would be essential in showcasing the diverse career opportunities that are available to doctoral prepared nurses. We are excited to hear from you and look forward to receiving your submissions. **Please be advised that videos/writeups submitted after the deadline may not be accepted.**

Sincerely,  
[Name]  
[Title]





# Results

- ❑ Profiles received: 3 profiles from students
- ❑ Information received from members described:
  - motivation to pursue doctoral education
  - future aspirations
  - career accomplishments e.g. funding and publications
- ❑ Information has been uploaded on the website



# Discussion

- ❑ Projects such as these can:
  - offer a medium for dissemination of global research
  - celebrate the accomplishments of members
  - promote globalization of nursing education, research and practice



# Implications

- ❑ May serve as a model for other organizations to engage members, highlight member achievements and facilitate collaboration



# Acknowledgement

- ❑ Dr. Tamar Rodney
- ❑ INDEN Executive Board
- ❑ NFF Faculty
  - Dr. Hae-Ra Han
  - Kristen Hasch



# Questions

[mnkimbe1@jhu.edu](mailto:mnkimbe1@jhu.edu)

 @Aging\_scholar

