

News from UNAIBODE - France

UNAIBODE's 38th National congress took place in the city of Tours on May 25 and 26, 2023. It was organized by the regional Chapter, AVCLIBO (Association Centre Val de Loire des Infirmiers de Bloc Opératoire).

Tours is a beautiful city by the Loire river.



The event brought together nearly 700 delegates and around fifty exhibiting partners.

The opening ceremony began with a speech by Valérie Lehoux, President of the Association ACVLIBO, who welcomed us along with her entire Organising Committee.

Then came a number of presidents of associations or institutional representatives, such as Ms Niay Marie Sophie, president of the AEEIBO (association of teachers in perioperative nursing schools), Ms Moriceau, Director of Nursing at Tours University Hospital, and Ms Moussouni, deputy mayor of Tours.

As President of UNAIBODE, I closed this opening ceremony to give way to the various presentations of the scientific programme.



We were very honoured by the presence and speech of Ms Jaana Perttunen, President of EORNA (European Operating Room Nurses Association), which was a highlight of the ceremony. She was invited to attend our Congress and, along with Mr David Pasteau, took part in the presentation of the European KSMOR-MYORCO project in the plenary room and during the conference debates.



All the partners in this project were also present at the Congress. We were lucky to also welcome and meet representatives from Belgium, Greece, Finland, the Czech Republic and Sweden.

The aim of the project is to provide a platform enabling all nurses to acquire the skills they need to work in the operating theatre. The MYORCO platform will provide the operating theatre manager or nurse with a range of data, including learning paths differentiated by surgical speciality and type of instrument, self-assessment, versatility charts and individual profiles.

The project has been organised as a network of processes, each headed by a pilot and a co-pilot. All the activities were planned taking into account the improvement loops for each of the videos. The list of practices was the subject of several months' preparatory work, so that as soon as the project got under way, we would have a list of videos that could be improved upon, representing the essence of the perioperative care nurse's role.

The 38th congress gave delegates the opportunity to attend some fifteen high-quality presentations in the plenary hall and ten conference-debates in smaller rooms. The programme covered a wide range of subjects, including innovative surgical techniques, hypnosis, disaster surgery and waste management.

The conference-debates covered also a wide range of subjects, including the re-engineering of Perioperative nurses training, on-call duty: rights and duties, musculoskeletal disorders, the introduction of exclusive procedures, etc.

The congress ended with the passing of the torch to a new team, IBORAL (Infirmiers de Bloc Opérateur Région Auvergne Limousin) who will be welcoming us to Clermont Ferrand for the 39th national congress, on May 23 - 24, 2024.

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