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-  Membership update: Total membership 183; 140 full; 27 associate; 16 vascular access nurses.
-  The NEN executive has changed slightly with the appointment of Annette Rose and Blair Donkin. Both Annette and Blair replied to expressions of interest for positions on the committee. Annette will eventually take over from Wendy Gibson as treasurer and Blair is the new representative for New Zealand. We would like to thank Fredric Doss, the outgoing NZ representative, for his work and commitment over the last few years.
-  The NEN conducted another successful 'Teach the Teacher' Workshop prior to the Annual RSA conference in Adelaide with 12 attendees. NEN plans to facilitate another workshop prior to the Melbourne Conference. In an effort to keep it contemporary and relevant we are requesting feedback from potential participants among RSA members via an online survey by October 10 so we can decide on whether or not we will go ahead with another workshop. (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/V5QRGDL>)
-  At the RSA conference the NEN manned a section of the RSA trade display to showcase some of the e-learning projects that are being developed by the NEN. Feedback was very positive and the display was well attended by delegates. Several presentations related to these projects were given by NEN executive members at the conference.
-  At the conference gala dinner, Stephanie Swasbrick was awarded the Nephrology Educators Network Education Scholarship for 2011. Thanks to Amgen for their generous support
-  Work on the e-learning projects continue. Many of the projects are now completed to paper based versions and have undertaken peer review. These will be stored on the NEN password protected forum for educator only access. Angela Henson (coordinator of the CKD-MBD project) presented the group's work at the EDTNA/ERCA International conference in Slovenia. The launch date for several of the projects is tentatively set for the end of October 2011. These include: introduction to PD, CKD-MBD, and a monthly journal club. Soon to follow these will be AKI, Introduction to HD, a revised buttonhole cannulation and advanced fluid assessment. A CKD case study based module and water quality are also currently being written. A series of webinars will be used to launch the projects and provide information and directions for nurse educators.
-  Planning for the 2013 NEN Symposium is continuing. It will be in February, with the venue most likely to be the Sofitel, Gold Coast in Queensland. Watch this space for confirmation of dates, venue and some great speakers to follow.

The NEN executive.