

## **Conference: Update of the Swiss Research Agenda for Nursing SRAN 2018-2028**

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a conference for the update of the Swiss Research Agenda for Nursing (SRAN) 2018-2028 was held in Bern. It was organized by the Swiss Association for Nursing Science VFP / APSI. About 60 participants were welcomed by VFP / APSI president ad interim, Dr. Stefan Kunz. Project leaders Prof. Dr. Dunja Nicca and Nicole Zigan introduced the current state of the project, presenting the former SRAN 2007-2017, the timeline of the current agenda update, methods and results of the nurse researcher survey, the new research topics, and the previous work by three expert groups. The conference participants discussed the updated research agenda in three workshops, bringing in their expertise.

The first group worked on the topic of new care models. They noted that the use of the term “patient” does not always fit to people cared for by nurses. Another word must be found so that it describes individuals as well as groups, whether cared for in hospitals, in nursing homes, or in the community. Experts emphasize the importance of fostering strong partnerships with those cared for and their families, and wise collaborations with other disciplines. Moreover, different methods should be promoted in order to cover a range of research approaches. Thus, methods such as translational or implementation researches should be mentioned in the agenda. Finally, nursing research on new models of care has to be sensitive to marginalized people and equality of access to healthcare.

The second group worked on the topic of work environment. They identified the allocation of resources that has to be further elaborated. Given the ten years that SRAN is conducted for, the group emphasized the necessity to stay on a conceptual level when describing the research topics. Another discussion point was that patient safety can only be guaranteed if there is also staff safety. Finally, health policy research is an important research focus, but was suggested as a transversal theme.

The third group worked on the topic of nursing-sensitive outcomes. A main focus of the discussion was the importance of also considering more qualitative and patient oriented dimensions (e.g. patients’ subjective perceptions, patient-nurse relationship, as well as patient safety, attitudes and satisfaction). It was also highly recommended to remember that the commonly used nursing intervention classification systems tend not (yet) to be ready to produce adequate data to measure nursing sensitive patient outcomes. The emphasis should hence be put on quality indicators with a focus on evidence-based outcomes to inform nursing practice.

At the end of the afternoon, the workshop results were presented to the audience. In a next step, SRAN leaders and experts will integrate these results as well as transversal themes, update references, structure and layout the agenda, and finally prepare an online consultation to enable all nurse researchers to provide a statement on the agenda. It will be finalized and presented to the public in spring 2018. The Swiss Association for Nursing Science VFP / APSI as well as the SRAN team thank all the conference participants for their valuable and inspiring support.