

CHRISTIANE REIMANN PRIZE 2025

The Christiane Reimann Prize is named after ICN's first full-time Executive Secretary. Christiane Reimann was born in Denmark and graduated from Copenhagen's Bispebjerg Hospital in 1916. She became Executive Secretary of ICN in 1925. In 1934 she left ICN to manage her farm in Syracuse, Italy where she died in 1979 at the age of 92. Christiane Reimann believed in the tremendous potential of nursing and ICN. Many key ICN programmes were initiated by her, including the creation of ICN's official journal, the International Nursing Review.

The Christiane Reimann Prize recognises outstanding nursing achievement and is known all over the world as nursing's most prestigious international award. The prize is awarded every four years to one or more Registered Nurses (first level), who have made a significant impact on the nursing profession internationally, or through the nursing profession for the benefit of humanity. The prize is a cash award and a hand-painted porcelain statue of a nurse. The award epitomises the values and standards that define ICN as the leader in nursing internationally.

Previous recipients of the Christiane Reimann Prize

- 1985: Virginia Henderson
- 1989: Dame Nita Barrow, Barbados
- 1993: Dame Sheila Quinn, United Kingdom
- 1997: Dr Mo-Im Kim, Korea, and Dr Hildegard Peplau, USA
- 2005: Dr Margretta Madden Styles, USA
- 2009: Dr Máximo A. González Jurado, Spain
- 2013: Kirsten Stallknecht, Denmark
- 2017: Dr Sheila Tlou, Botswana and Dr Linda Aiken, USA
- 2021: Dr Sheuan Lee, Taiwan Nurses Association

Eligibility Criteria and Selection Procedure

Eligibility Criteria

Each nominee for the Christiane Reimann Prize must:

1. Be a Registered (first level) Nurse qualified and authorised in her country to practise as a nurse.
2. Be a member in good standing of a national nurses' association (NNA) in membership with the International Council of Nurses (ICN).
3. Have made a significant contribution **with international impact** through any one of the following: direct care, research, education or management, within the nursing profession and/or for the development of the nursing profession.
4. Have made the contribution during the years immediately preceding the award or as a cumulative effort that continues to the present time.
5. Application will be evaluated against the 5 following criteria:
 - a) Contribution to Nursing (knowledge, patient care etc)
 - b) Policy Impact
 - c) Leadership
 - d) Vision

- e) Global Impact.

Nomination and Selection Procedures

1. Nominations

- a) Any nurse (or group of 2 or 3 nurses collaborating on the same project) meeting the above criteria may be nominated for the Prize, with the exception of current members of the ICN, FNIF and ICNF Boards of Directors and staff.
- b) Nominations may be submitted by individuals or groups of individuals with the exception of current members of the ICN, FNIF and ICNF Boards of Directors and staff. Any one individual or group of individuals (including the NNA) may sponsor only one nomination.
- c) Nominations must be channelled to ICN through NNAs in membership with ICN. NNAs will not pre-screen nominations. However, all nominations must be accompanied by a letter from the NNA confirming that the nominee is a member of the association.
- d) Nominations must be typed on the appropriate form and forwarded to arrive no later than **31 January 2025** to ICN headquarters.
- e) All nomination forms must bear the electronic signature of the nominee(s), confirming their consent to be nominated.
- f) A curriculum vitae of the nominee(s) must be submitted, together with the completed nomination form plus **a summary of the CV with no more than two pages**.
- g) A recent high-quality electronic image of the nominee, (for publicity purposes only).
- h) The nature of the specific contribution and its significance must be fully documented.
- i) A Christiane Reimann Prize winner may not be nominated again. However, nominees unsuccessful in a previous competition may be re-nominated.
- j) The prize is not made posthumously. In the event the nominee dies after the Board has made the selection, the prize will be awarded to the runner-up.
- k) The nominee selected, and her/his national nurses' association will be notified of the result immediately after the selection is made. All nominees will be notified shortly thereafter and sent a copy of the press release.

2. National Nurses Association Responsibilities

National Nurses' Associations (NNAs) are asked to:

- a) Announce to their members the availability of the prize, and the conditions attached to it.
- b) Distribute the nomination package, including Brochure, Nomination Form, and Eligibility Criteria and Selection Procedure on request.
- c) Ensure that submitted Nomination Forms and the accompanying documents are complete, typed and signed appropriately.
- d) Send electronically to ICN HQ, to arrive no later than **31 January 2025**, the Nomination Form, including certification of the nominee's membership in the NNA (NNAs will do no pre-screen nominees).
- e) Publicise the international recipient of the prize.

Note: NNAs wishing to make a nomination as an organisation are limited to one nominee (be it an individual nurse or group of 2-3 nurses collaborating on the same project).

3. The Christiane Reimann Awards Committee

- a) The Committee will be made up of the ICN Awards Committee and a representative of the Danish NNA.

- b) The Committee will meet prior to the ICN Congress in order to present its recommendations to the ICN Board of Directors.
- c) All materials received for consideration by the ICN Awards Committee will be treated as confidential. Incomplete form(s) will not be submitted to the Committee.
- d) The Committee will consider all nominations and present a report with its recommendations to the ICN Board of Directors. The report will include a rationale for the recommendations made and the ICN Board will make the final selection.
- e) In the event that no outstanding nominee is presented to the Committee, the prize monies will revert to the Christiane Reimann Foundation and be awarded to the next winner in addition to the normally accrued interest balance.

4. Presentation of the Prize

- a) Presentation of the prize will be made during a quadrennial congress of the ICN.
- b) The recipient will receive a cash award, and a commemorative gift funded from the original Christian Reimann Foundation, now hosted by ICN.
- c) The prize recipient(s) will be asked to make a short presentation at the 2025 Congress on their work.