



# Sustainable Nursing Education Now and for the Future

Round table workgroup

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# g Development Issues in Nurse Educator Careers (UDINE-C)

- Udine-C is an **informal group** which promotes friendship, respect and intellectual exchange with health professionals interested in the development of nursing research; education and practice skills across all member countries.
- Aims to produce outputs in the form of papers/reports/resources in the following areas:
  - **Research in Nursing,**
  - **Nursing development projects,**
  - **Annual conference and meetings, and**
  - **Exchange of ideas, skills and people.**



Christine Jackson



Tony Butterworth

# 18 years (2007-2024)

- The UDINE-C network was created in Udine, Italy, in November 2007. The founding members were: Professor Tony Butterworth, Dr Christine Jackson and Professor Sara Owen (England); Dr Alvisa Palese (Italy); and Dr Majda Pajnikihar (Slovenia).

- Many things have happened since then....

### In this article...

- The UDINE-C network and its European members' views on the coronavirus pandemic
- How countries have managed shortages of health professionals and clinical facilities
- Professional nursing leadership and the care home sector during the pandemic

## Management of the coronavirus pandemic across Europe and Russia



COVID-19

### Talking points

The UDINE-C network allows nurses from different countries to share experiences

Inadequate test-and-trace systems means the care sector's death toll is high in many countries

Strategies to increase the workforce include deploying retired and student nurses, and increasing salaries

Countries have increased clinical facilities by developing additional hospitals and restricting primary care

Members of the group identify that there are few nurses on strategic national committees

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**Abstract** The UDINE-C network is an international group of senior nurses who share country-specific experiences with each other. This article looks at health professionals' views of the coronavirus pandemic, submitted by nurses from seven of the network's member countries, which highlight similarities and differences between how the pandemic is being managed across Europe and Russia.

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Although the UK has formally withdrawn from the European Union – and, therefore, also withdrawn from between-country arrangements afforded by that membership – health professionals from Europe and elsewhere continue to share information and to work together. Formed in 2007, the Understanding Development Issues in Nurse Educator Careers (UDINE-C) network (Box 1) is a high-level, established group of collaborating senior nurses who share country-specific experiences with each other.

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, UDINE-C has reported overwhelming work pressures for health professionals in every member country; additional serious pressures have also been reported in the second wave of the pandemic. Along with this, during the first wave, all member countries reported having problems with both the accessibility, and the suitability, of personal protective equipment; for some, this has unfortunately continued into the second wave.

In December 2020, I provided an English case study for the UDINE-C network and invited members to similarly reflect on the work of nurses in their own countries during the first wave of the pandemic.

Each respondent offered views on a range of matters and, although it is always difficult to make meaningful country-to-country comparisons, I have been able to identify some commonalities and differences between the responses. Due to the fact that governments, as well as national and regional health systems, are different between the countries, I have not made direct comparisons between them.

The variances between the individual countries – for example, Russia's huge geographical and population size versus those of smaller nations such as Iceland – means that they will likely be managing the pandemic in different ways; however, most of the challenges faced are similar. Any countries hoping to boost their nursing workforce through invitations to professionals based who are in other countries should note the shortages that have been mentioned by many of the respondents from different nations.

Despite the fast-moving nature of the current situation, in which data quickly becomes out of date, this article discusses the ways in which the nursing professions in individual countries are managing their very difficult situations; it is hoped that sharing such experiences will prove particularly beneficial in the present climate.



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## We mostly organize meetings and scientific conferences to:

- Build and strengthen relationships,
- Build a supportive network and support each other, especially in knowledge development
- Seek funding opportunities to support research and collaborations
- Exchange experiences, lessons learned and good practice,
- Increase visibility of nursing in different countries,
- Identify areas of priority in research,
- Jointly produce academic outputs.



( Serbia, Scientific Meeting 2023)

# SCIENTIFIC ANNUAL MEETING OF UDINE-C NETWORK



2008. Held in Waterford, Ireland. Hosted by John Wells.

2009. Held in Barcelona, Spain. Hosted by Adelaida Zabalegui.

2010. Held in Maribor, Slovenia. Hosted by Majda Pajnkihar.

2011. Held in Belgrade, Serbia. Hosted by Miljana Matejevic.

2012. Held in Lublin, Poland. Hosted by Beata Dobrowolska

2013. Held in Osijek, Croatia in September 2013. Hosted by Radivoje Radic

2014. Held in Barcelona, Spain. Hosted by Esther Cabrera.



# SCIENTIFIC ANNUAL MEETING OF UDINE-C NETWORK



2016. Held in Maribor, Slovenia . Hosted by Majda Pajnkihar.

2017.Held in Lincoln, England . Hosted by Christine Jackson and Ian McGonagle

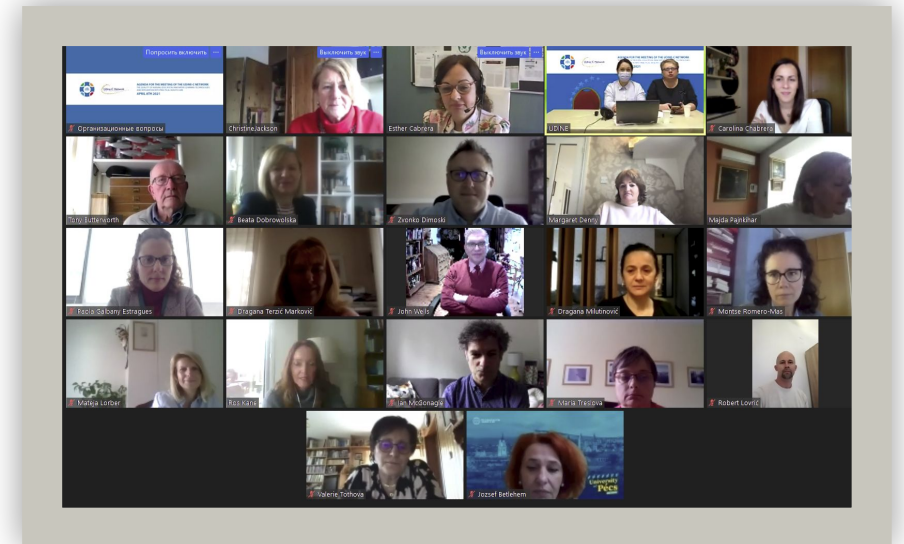
2018. Held Budapest, Pecs. Hungary . Hosted by Jozsef Bethem.

2019. Held Hall in Tirol, UMIT , Austria Hosted by Eva Schulc.

2021. On line meeting , Moscow. Sechenov University. Hosted by Nataliya Kasimovskaya.

2022. Held in Maribor, Slovenia . Hosted by Majda Pajnkihar

2023. Held in Novi Sad, Serbia .Hosted by Dragana Milutinović





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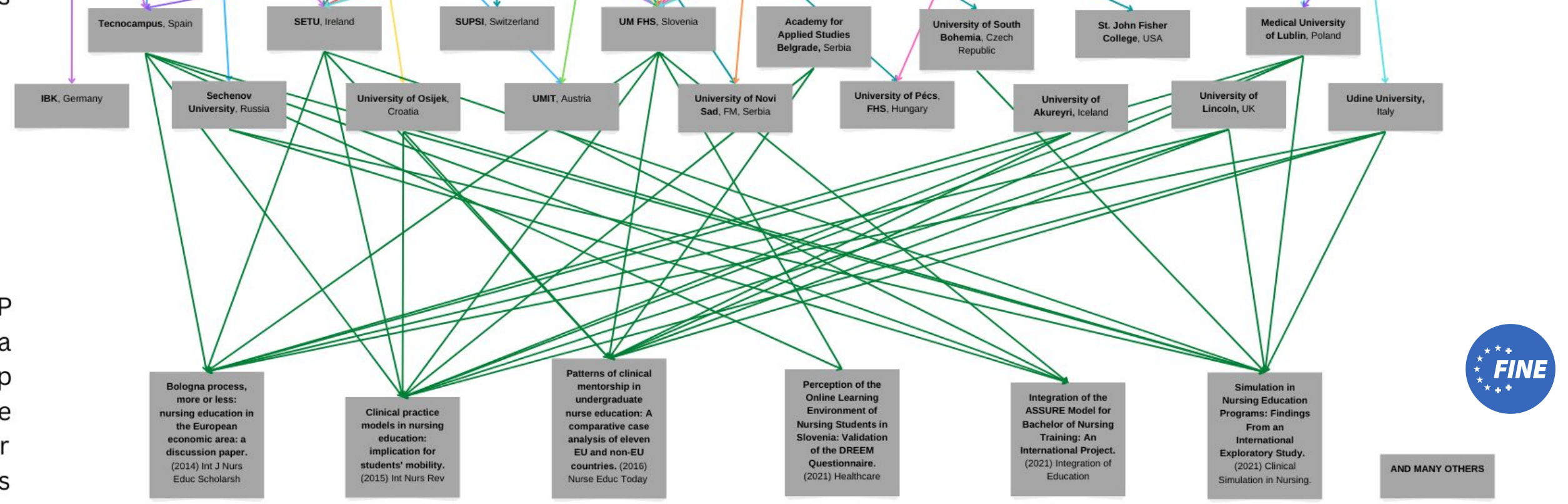
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