

## EFN PRESS RELEASE

### ***A New President for the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN)***



The European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN) is pleased to announce that a new President has been elected during its 87<sup>th</sup> General Assembly held on 13-14 September 2007, in Brussels, for a two years mandate (2007-2009).

*“In order to fulfil the EFN mission, I will work together with the NNA’s to ensure that EFN also in the future will remain an organisation that sets the agenda on the European scene, and that EFN is proactive and visible in the EU and in the Member States”.*

Ms Grete Christensen, from Denmark, has been First Vice-President in the Danish Nurses Organisation (DNO) since 1998, President of Healthcare Professionals Unemployment Fund since 2000, and an active member of the EFN Executive Committee since 2005. She is also involved in the Northern Nurses Federation (NNF), the Nordic region of EPSU (European Federation of Public Services Unions), and has been elected member of the EPSU’s Standing Committee on Health and Social Services. Finally, she is the Danish representative in the Social Dialogue in the Hospital Sector.

At national level, she actively works to improve collaboration between national nurses associations and other healthcare organisations both in the Nordic countries and across Europe. At international level, her commitment includes participation in development projects, as well as promoting collaboration and mutual understanding.

Ms Grete Christensen is succeeding to Ms Annette Kennedy, EFN President from 2005 to 2007, who has been working very hard on visualising nurses and nursing in Europe.

Next to the President's election, the EFN members' official delegates present in the EFN General Assembly also elected a Treasurer: Mr. Pierre Théraulaz (Association Suisse des Infirmières et Infirmiers - Switzerland), and two members of the Executive Committee: Mr Peter Carter (Royal College of Nursing - UK) and Aaldert Mellema (NU'91 - The Netherlands), for a two years mandate (2007-2009).

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