Verena Tschudin, Founding Editor of Nursing Ethics & Founding Director of ICNE

I want to congratulate you on this splendid collaboration with the Ethox Foundation and the launch of an exciting project. The expansion of possibilities of working together in many areas of concern in health and care ethics is not only timely and welcome, but a natural step for both the International Centre for Nursing Ethics (ICNE) and the Ethox Foundation. I wish you a good, useful and interesting day, and especially a long future together, making an impact in areas you might not yet have foreseen, and tackling present and future possibilities with enthusiasm and courage. My very best wishes for this venture, and congratulations on its launch to all concerned.

The International Council of Nurses

The International Council of Nurses welcomes this important and timely development. While we recognise that ethics is an essential component of all healthcare activities, we particularly highlight its importance in two areas. First, today’s rapid changes and use of technology require nurses to keep pace with the ethical and moral dimensions of technology. And secondly, with the increasing number of conflicts in the world, we need to make sure that nurses are able to work to their full capacity in all situations and to continue to safeguard, respect and actively promote people’s health rights at all times and in all places irrespective of their race, colour, creed and political affiliation. ICN is pleased to support the establishment of the International Care Ethics Observatory.

Ann Keen, member of Labour Party working with Andy Burnham to set up care group

I can’t stress enough how sorry I am not to be here at such an important event, with such knowledgeable speakers [...] The word care is a small word, just 4 letters, but actually it has such powerful meaning [...] Politicians must play their part because mean minded politics can bring care into disrepute. We have to
acknowledge that care takes time and costs money, and we need the understanding that this is very, very knowledgeable important work, it should not be the lowest paid and it should not be the least trained and it should not be abused. We have to value the people who care as we value our scientists because actually the science of care is as complex if not more so.

The new care ethics observatory is really so exciting [...] we have millennium development goals we’ve been set to meet by 2015, I want each of you in your countries to check on those millennium goals because if it’s education then you can’t have care without education, you can’t have proper health care without education, you can’t have safe lives. We had a global economic crisis, and we had to come together as a financial world, the care world has to come together worldwide in the same way because it’s right for human beings but it also makes economic sense for each country to care.

**Chris Gastmans, University of Leuven**

I would like to sincerely congratulate you with the ICE observatory. The plans as they are described on the website are really exciting and I hope that I will be able to contribute to the realization of them in the coming years.

**Joan McCarthy, University of Cork**

Warm congratulations to Dr. Gallagher and her team on the launch of the International Care Ethics Observatory. This initiative from the university of Surrey and the Ethox Foundation is both ground-breaking and heart warming for those who research and write about the ethical dimensions of caring activities and for those who work in the caring professions. Current economic, social and political policies around the world have made caring activities increasingly complex, demanding and difficult and they have also ensured that care workers are poorly rewarded for what they do. In turn, research and scholarship in this area has received little interest and support from institutions and funding agencies. The establishment of this Observatory goes against a tide of cynicism, individualism and homage to market forces. Instead it creates a space and a place for research on something so central to our humanity it has almost become invisible to us; it reminds all of us that there is still time to rethink our priorities. Again, congratulations to Surrey, Ethox and the team; go n’eiri on bothar libh.
Martin Woods, Massey University, New Zealand

Congratulations on the launch of the new ICE Observatory. At last, an international viewpoint that represents and supports all of the best elements of care and ethics. I’m sure that it will be successful and I am more than happy to offer my full support.

Tula Branelly, Massey University, New Zealand

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Professor Matsuda, Japan

Congratulations for the ICE Observatory.

Emiko Konishi, Japan

Congratulations, It is a great further step up for nursing ethics internationally

Leila Toiviainen, University Tasmania, Australia

I look forward to closer, deeper and wider collaboration with health care ethicists globally under the auspices of the New International Care Ethics Observatory, I wish it every success in the future.

Elizabeth Peter, University of Toronto, Canada

The need to examine the ethical dimensions of care and caregiving could not be more pressing in our global society. The ICE Observatory will provide an outstanding place to bring together expertise in order to advocate for ethical caregiving.
Ebin Arries, Canada
In my capacity as the Features Editor for the journal of Nursing Ethics and as an international colleague in Nursing Ethics, I am delighted to extend my wholehearted support to the new International Care Ethics (ICE) Observatory and wish that it will go from strength to strength. Judge by the magnitude and extend of quality and safety challenges faced by many healthcare systems globally, the need for “Care” and caring practices in health care and service delivery is evident. Hence, it is encouraging seeing the commitment by the Observatory to support and advance research and scholarship in ethics in care and caring practices. I wish you all the best with the launch and with feature ICE Observatory endeavors.

Lesley Baillie, London South Bank University
The Observatory is a very exciting and timely development and I really look forward to the opportunities ahead.

Daphne Viveka, India & Collaborator with 2014 conference in Bangalore
Congratulations from India on the launch of the new International Care Ethics (ICE) Observatory. I have visited the website and find it both exciting and challenging. The overall aim to reach out, collaborate and network on so many levels simultaneously will surely inspire renewed energy and hope.

The "iceberg" logo is particularly appealing, signifying, as it does, the yet-to-be-explored depths of the "Ethics of Care".

We are happy and proud that the ICNE 2014 is being hosted by St. John's College of Nursing, Bangalore, South India, in the silver jubilee year of its foundation. The theme of the conference is "Moral Resilience and Care Practices: Cross-Cultural Perspectives". We warmly welcome all interested in the Ethics of Care to visit the conference website: http://www.icne2014.org/ and to join us in Bangalore on September 2nd, 3rd, 2014. With every best wish,