LETTER TO THE CHIEF EDITOR

INTERNATIONAL HOMAGE TO THE ILLUSTROUS PERUVIAN NURSE
SUSANA ESPINO MUÑOZ - BY THE ALADEFE/UDUAL IN SPAIN

Mr. Chief Editor of the Anna Nery School - Journal of Nursing.
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It is with much pleasure that I request to you to published, in the modality as Letter to the Chief Editor of this appraised International Journal of Nursing, the presentation of Mrs. Susana Espino Muñoz, Peruvian personality of the International Nursing, that was homaged granting a Prize that takes her name, directed to the Excellency in the Leadership of Education in Spanish-American Nursing. What had happened in October 5th 2007, in the IX Spanish-American Conference, promoted for the ALADEFE/UDUAL, in Toledo, University of Castilla, La Mancha - Spain.

I start this presentation with some words of personal character. I want to say that for me, and I believe not to be exaggerating if to say for many of my generation that work in Education in Nursing in Latin America, that assumes to be a great honor and a great significant privilege to have the chance to present Susana Espino Muñoz in the occasion of the delivery of the Prize that grants the ALADEFE the Excellency in the Theaching of the Spanish-American Nursing.

Susana Espino Muñoz is Peruvian, was born in Trujillo/Peru, mother of four children and married with Mr. Alayo. During many years who was opened the doors to us. Intellectual doors, ethical doors, also institucional doors - Today, however, it is inverted the relation and we have the chance to return it to Susana something of what much that we have received from her. Because of this it is that we are treating. The creation of the Susana Espino Muñoz Prize for the Education in Nursing, represents a recognition to her long and fruitful scientific trajectory, always followed by a strong ethical and politician commitment with the flag of the care, the health and the education in Nursing. In this direction, the life of Susana Espino is, since some points of view, a very representative indicative of some of the most important aspects of the history of the Nursing of our countries and of our education in Nursing in particular.

In the professional life of Susana, it is placed as manifesto some positive aspects of our educational and politics history. She initiates herself in Nursing in the San Marcos National University, in Lima/Peru. She is Master in Nursing by the University del Valle, Cali, Colombia. She was Academic Head Director and founding Teacher of the Academic Program of the National University Peter Ruiz Gallo of Lambayeque in Peru. Also, she was Head Director of the Academic Program of Nursing of the National University Mayor de San Marcos, and of the OPAS/OMS/Lima/Peru.

In Americas she worked in the Regional Program of Development of Human resources of short-term of the Pan American Workshop as Consulting for diverse countries of America. In Bolivia: She assisted with a team to multidiscipline the creation of the College of Sciences of the Health of San Andrés. She assisted the curricular drawing of the Schools of Nursing of the Universities of Bolivia, Educative Technology for Projects of Permanent Education. In Chile she assisted in the elaboration of projects of integral development of Nursing, Projects of integration professor and assistential in the region of Valdivia, in the creation of specializations of Mothern and Child Nursing of the adult and the aged in some Universities of the country. In Argentina as consulting of the OPAS/OMS she developed strategical Projects of integral development of the Argentina Nursing. She elaborated more than 20 technician-scientific articles of support for the Global Project of the Argentina Nursing, with huge dissemination in Argentina and some countries of Latin America. In Panama she assisted the curricular reform of the formation of Graduation in Nursing in the National University of Panama. In Paraguay she gave assessorship in the implantation of curricular changes in the University School and offered technique cooperation for the prospective accomplishment of analysis of the Education in Nursing. In Uruguay she offered technique cooperation for the integral development of Nursing of the country, as well as for the curricular reform in the School of Nursing of the Eastern Republic of the Uruguay and the strengthen of the Provincial Department of Nursing. In the countries of Center America she offered to cooperation technique for the development of the Regional Project of Educational Technology of the OPAS/Kellog. In Brazil she was an international employee of the OPAS/OMS in the Regional Program of Human Resources Development in the Nucleus of Educatice Technology/Center of Educatice Technology for Health - NUTES/CLATES from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. She was Regional Consulting of Development of Human Resources in Nursing of
the Representation of the OPAS/OMS in Brasilia and since this capital of this country she offered technique cooperation to the countries of Latin America specially, the diverse states of Brazil in Nursing. She is Author of innumerable scientific articles and Co-author of some books.

The international presence of Susana Espino has been widely recognized by invitations to participate in innumerable scientific events, important seminars and international conferences and chairs of prestigious Universities of the different countries of the region of Americas as well as the different distinctions received from governmental organizations as of “Honorary Citizen of Rio de Janeiro”, Emérita Teacher of the National Universidad Mayor de San Marcos, Lima/Peru and the Prize of Inquiry that takes her name and that each year in the School of Post Graduation of the National University of Trujillo - UNT/Peru is granted. The characteristic most excellent of the trajectory of Susana Espino is the strong joint between commitment ethical-politician and scientific analysis.

Her constant concern for the problems of the cares of Nursing that she offers to the population, always was associated with the search of solutions to the formation demands in accordance with the health necessities. In this direction, the social vocation of the thought of Susana if revealed in her country and in the countries of Latin America where they are destined to act. Those that we had the chance to work with her remember the arduous days of the work along with Susana Espino, her spirit of fight, her responsibility face the challenges that presented to each step. The way was not far from easy that in showed them, had to grow professionally and personal. She herself, her conjuction between person and professional, is where the completeness of each one of her action in that can be detached to make description. And I reaffirm what to make description because the one is a new history that started to write itself from the actions of Susana as employee of the OPAS/OMS. Not only for the optimization of the Service more also, the hierarquization of the profession constant concerns had been and continue being. She projected her knowledge and her values on all, favoring the formation of teams. To add and to multiply age the way looking for to take off the potential greater of each one of the institutions and her integrants. Her look and her strategical capacity had allowed her to establish enrichment in boarding ways and the possibility to expand the capacities of the groups to decide complexes problems of the reality. In the diverse situations where we participate in we feel them convoked, enclosed and respected in our ideas, and calls to look operative consensuses of work. Amongst its marcantes characteristics we cannot leave to detach its sincerity, as much of the word how much of the actions. This sincerity that was the propeller engine to incorporate new ortalezas and to assume necessary protagonism in the daily tasks.

When synthecizing the vision of Susana we can find in its current activity what it already folloied and still folloies while its activity of research and of assessor technique the same ones are express in the foundation of the Association of Quality of the Care created in Rasp in the year of 2005 and in the Assessorship to the Health department of Peru for the Planning of the Project of fortalecimento of the Practical one of the Quality of the Care of Nursing. However it is excellet to detach that beyond its contribution technique that Susana offers generously, its contribution human being is not less important. Susana Espino fulfilled 72 years and continues working actively. This attitude front to the life has two basic elements. On the other hand, its capacity to continue apprehending, studying and teaching. On the other hand, its humildade and generosity to leave step to the young ones when it is necessary. The ones that they work with it value enormously this double quality human being, who also, has deep a meaning social, particularly in this period of history where she results much-needed to transmit values through the certification of the personal behavior.

Susana the nursing of Americas is thankful to you and waits that it continues contributing per many years stops with the educational development and we are certain of that this will be possible, for its energy, for its it fortifies and its support and the unconditional affection that offer to yours four dear children and your friends to you.

By analyses of Curriculum Vitae for a Special Commission of the ALADEFE they had gained the Prize, the detached personalities of the Nursing originating different regions of the world: of the region of Mexico and the Caribbean, Pink Doctor Nájera/UAEM Maria; of the Andean region, Colombia, Doctor Maria Consuelo Castrillón/UNC; of South America, Brazil, Doctor Maria Antonieta Rubio Tyrrell/UFRJ; of the Europe, Spain, Toledo, Doctor Mary Paz Mompart/UDLMC. Congratulations to all for having gotten the Prize “Susana Espino Muñoz” of Excellency in Leadership of Education in Iberoamericana Nursing.

Toledo, October 5th 2007
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