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## **ANSELL ANNOUNCES EUROPEAN O.R. NURSE HERO AWARD WINNERS**

**1 July 2015 – Brussels, Belgium** – Ansell, a global leader in protection solutions, is proud to announce the winners of the first Ansell Cares® H.E.R.O. Service Award for European Operating Room (O.R.) Nurses. The 2015 award, organised in partnership with the European Operating Room Nurses Association (EORNA), recognizes perioperative nurses who display exceptional skill and quality in patient care, and present an in-depth commitment to staff education and development. Award ceremonies are taking place today in the winners' respective hospitals in five European countries.

"We received over 150 nominations from 20 European countries, with an impressive range of specialisations, human skills and leadership roles," says Peter Dobbelsteijn, Chief Commercial Officer EMEA & APAC Region at Ansell. "People from 71 countries cast over 156 000 votes for their nurse heroes and helped spread the news, making this a truly international award. We would like to thank them for celebrating with us the key role perioperative nurses play in delivering positive healthcare outcomes."

Fellow nurses, doctors and surgeons were invited to nominate their perioperative nurse heroes and to vote online for the ones selected. The top 5 nominees with the most votes received the H.E.R.O. award and were allowed to designate a surgery-related charity to receive an Ansell donation of 2500 euros. The winners are:

- İlknur Yayla, Turkey, Acibadem Kozyatağı Hastanesi – chose Friends of African Nurses (FoAN) charity
- Mateja Stare, Slovenia, University Medical Centre Ljubljana – split her donation between Médecins sans Frontières (Austria) and Operation Smile (U.K.)
- Enrique Cosme Pereira, Spain, Innova Ocular Clínicas Oculsur – opted to donate to Lifebox charity
- Irina Lampinen, Estonia, Tartu University Hospital – selected Chaine de l'Espoir- Keten van Hoop (Belgium)
- Sandra Morton, Ireland, St James's Hospital – chose Friends of African Nurses (FoAN) charity

To see the biographies of the nominees and the winners of the 2015 Ansell Cares H.E.R.O. Nurse Service Award for European O.R. Nurses, watch the video interviews, please visit <http://hero.emea.ansell.com>.

Nominations were vetted in partnership with EORNA. Ansell Healthcare supports EORNA's Accreditation Council for Education (ACE) with specific courses from its Ansell Cares educational programme. Caroline Higgins, President of EORNA, explains: "The award is a great initiative and has enjoyed a great response. We appreciated the opportunity to acknowledge that special colleague who contributes so much to our profession and deserves to be recognized."

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**About Ansell**

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With operations in North America, Latin America/Caribbean, EMEA and Asia, Ansell employs nearly 14,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the personal protective equipment and medical gloves market, as well as in the sexual health and well-being category worldwide. Ansell operates in four main business segments: Medical, Industrial, Single Use and Sexual Wellness.

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**About EORNA**

A non-profit association, the European Operating Room Nurses Association (EORNA) was founded in 1980, and today consists of 27 member associations, representing 50,000 Healthcare professionals. EORNA exists to enhance and develop perioperative patient care across Europe. It does so by promoting and maintaining a high standard of perioperative patient care; by being the influential voice of perioperative nurses in Europe; and by linking and collaborating with relevant European and international organizations. One of EORNA's most important educational activities is EORNA ACE, the Accreditation Council for Education.

Information on EORNA can be found at <http://www.eorna.eu>.

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