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Olivier Willième began his professional career in 1993 as a nurse at Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc, Brussels - Belgium. He worked at the bedside for 3 years while pursuing a university education. He then engaged in the cardiac intensive care nurse and became head of the recovery room in 1990. In contact with the perioperative environment, he has invested in AFISO, the professional association of French theater nurses in Belgium which he is vice-president and webmaster. He became a member of the EORNA in 1990 (European Operating Room Nurse Association) and has served two terms as vice-president. From 1993 to 2008, he has been OR manager for major operating theaters (up to 23 operating rooms). He currently manages a CSSD and works as project coordinator between OR and CSSD at EpiCURA (group of 5 hospital) - Belgium. His experience in operating theaters enables it to address patient safety, legal aspect and nursing practice in terms of compliance and technological innovations.