



International Palliative Care Family-carer Research Collaboration

Newsletter

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Online Forum for IPCFRC Members

We are pleased to announce the launch of an exciting new initiative for the IPCFRC. This new resource aims to foster discussion and connection across the IPCFRC membership base.

The forum provides an online communication system. You can use this forum to ask questions of the IPCFRC community, establish networks, discuss your research, enquire about previous research or existing instruments, or to notify others about upcoming academic events and grant opportunities. The focus of the content of the correspondence should always be relevant to family caregiver research in palliative care.

To post a message, click the 'Post to the Forum' link on the [\[IPCFRC website\]](#) or type the following email address into a new email: ipcfrc@medstv.unimelb.edu.au. When you post to the forum your message is sent directly to all IPCFRC members. Everyone who receives an email has the opportunity to reply to the group by pressing the 'reply' button. You can unsubscribe from this list at any time by pressing the 'unsubscribe' button at the bottom of each post.

When you post to this forum, always remember to adhere to the following:

- Write only public (never private) messages. Lists are a public forum, personal comments or criticisms should be sent directly to the person, not the entire list
- Stick to the purpose of the list; the more topic-specific the contributions are, the more useful the list is for everyone
- Make the subject line descriptive of your topic
- Sign your posting by listing your contact information or auto-signature
- When you are replying to a list message please be aware that this list is set up to automatically reply-all. If your reply is not of interest to everyone on the list, change the address to the person to whom your reply is directed
- You are interacting with people so be mindful of what you write; never write anything you would not say to someone directly. Never use a list for personal attacks or profanity
- Avoid using humour or making political or religious comments
- Don't send chain letters, spam, flames, or solicitations
- Avoid posting attachments

To report any errors or feedback, please contact centreforpallcare@svhm.org.au

On behalf of the IPCFRC Executive Committee, we hope you enjoy this new initiative.

Want to know more about the IPCFRC?

If you are attending the 20th International Congress on Palliative Care in Montreal, Canada this September, don't miss our open meeting to current and prospective IPCFRC members.

It's a great way to hear about what's happening in the IPCFRC community, meet the IPCFRC Executive Committee and your fellow IPCFRC members. If you're not a member, you are welcome to come along and hear about what IPCFRC has to offer.

The open meeting will be held on:

Chair: Prof Peter Hudson

Date: Thursday, 11th September 2014

Time: 8.15 am - 8.45 am

Venue: 20th International Congress on Palliative Care, Montreal, Canada - Palais des congrès (meeting room location TBA in the on-site programme)

[\[Sign up now\]](#) to become a member of the International Palliative Care Family carer Research Collaboration and join us in Montreal.

Membership

The IPCFRC now has over 170 registered members from many countries of the world, including; Australia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, UK & USA.

Update your details!

We are now collecting information on members research interests and expertise.

[\[Update your details now\]](#)

Recent IPCFRC Events

The IPCFRC Executive Committee hosted a successful workshop about the methodological challenges associated with family caregiver research, at the 8th World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) in Lleida, Spain, in June 2014. Facilitated by Prof Peter Hudson (Director, Centre for Palliative Care, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne and a collaborative Centre of the University of Melbourne, Australia and IPCFRC Executive Committee Chair, this workshop featured presentations from experienced researchers including:

- Kevin Brazil (Professor of Palliative Care, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Queen's University Belfast, UK),
- Jean Kutner (Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine, USA),
- Gunn Grande (Professor of Palliative Care, The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, The University of Manchester, UK) and
- Gail Ewing (Senior Research Associate, Centre for Family Research, Cambridge University, UK).

These internationally renowned speakers provided candid accounts of some of the challenges they've experienced and what can be done to overcome them. There were over 40 registrations for this event.

The IPCFRC Executive also hosted an open meeting to current and prospective IPCFRC members.

Articles relevant to IPCFRC members

Each edition we will feature some articles relevant to IPCFRC members and by IPCFRC members.

If your work is relevant to the IPCFRC community, please email centreforpallcare@svhm.org.au with the subject 'IPCFRC Newsletter' and we will feature your publication in an upcoming edition.

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Conferences relevant to IPCFRC members

20th International Congress on Palliative Care (Montreal Conference)

Dates: 9-12 September 2014

Location: Montreal, Canada

Website: www.palliativecare.ca/en/

16th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS 2014)

Dates: 20-24 October 2014

Location: Lisbon, Portugal

Website: www.ipos2014.com

2014 World Cancer Congress

Dates: 3-6 December 2014

Location: Melbourne, Australia

Website: www.worldcancercongress.org

2015 World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care

Dates: May 8-10, 2015

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark

Website: www.eapc-2015.org

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