



Palliative Care Research Society

Newsletter

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PCRS AGM

The PCRS AGM will be held as part of the Palliative Care Congress in Glasgow in April. It's on the second day, Wednesday 30th April at 17.30. Hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Forthcoming conferences and study days

Palliative Care Congress

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE 7TH PALLIATIVE CARE CONGRESS
AVAILABLE UNTIL 25TH JANUARY

As a member of one of the three organisations involved in the planning of the Palliative Care Congress, may we remind you that to receive the discounted registration fee to attend you must have booked with payment on or before 25th January.

Congress is to be held at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall between 29th April and 1st May 2008. The link below will take you to the website where you can find up-to-date programme information and can book on-line. www.pccongress.org.uk

With just three weeks remaining until the fees increase, if you wish to attend, we recommend you book on-line and pay by credit card or post a cheque with a copy of the booking form. The booking form can be found within the conference brochure, a copy of which can be downloaded from the bottom of the registration page of the website.

EAPC Research Forum

The 5th Research Forum of the EAPC is in Trondheim, Norway from the 29th to 31st of May 2008.

Palliative Care Research in the Community: Taking Stock



Edinburgh, 6 March 2008

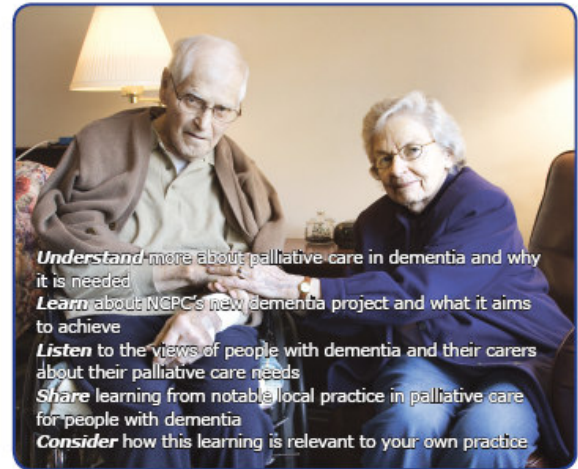
A one-day conference to scope this developing field of primary palliative care research, encouraging current research and inspiring new research projects in this rapidly evolving area. The event is being hosted by the University of Edinburgh Primary Palliative Care Research Group, and organised and part-subsidised by the Cancer Experiences Collaborative, Compass Collaborative and UK Palliative Care Research Society.

Programme	
9.30-10.00	Registration and coffee
10.00-11.10	Welcome, setting the scene. Professor Scott Murray, Edinburgh Research methods: approaches suitable for primary palliative care Professor Julia Addington-Hall, Southampton Research methods: recruitment of patients and practitioners Dr Stephen Barclay, Cambridge
11.10-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00	Opportunities in this emerging landscape Chair: Doctor Mike Bennet Bringing clinicians and academics together in research Dr Jonathan Grafty, Cambridge Fostering research collaborations. Group discussions
13.00-13.45	Lunch and light music
13.45-14.45	Showcasing current research in primary care Chair: Professor Mari Lloyd-Williams Defining palliative care needs in COPD Dr Patrick White, Kings College London Care for older people in community dwelling settings Dr Katherine Froggatt, Lancaster University Involving users Dr Marilyn Kendall, Edinburgh
14.45-15.15	Tea break
15.15-16.00	Breaking PhD / MDs. Chair: Dr Ziv Amir Supporting therapeutic consultations Dr Joanne Reeve, Liverpool A longitudinal study of distress in patients with advanced cancer Katherine Thompson, Edinburgh The experience of mesothelioma in northern England Helen Clayson, Edinburgh
16.00-16.15	Quo vadis? Professor Scott Murray



Palliative Care & Dementia MOVING FORWARD IN PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday 23rd January 2008
Park Crescent Conference Centre, London



Understand more about palliative care in dementia and why it is needed
Learn about NCPC's new dementia project and what it aims to achieve
Listen to the views of people with dementia and their carers about their palliative care needs
Share learning from notable local practice in palliative care for people with dementia
Consider how this learning is relevant to your own practice

6 CPD points
applied for

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Social and Psychological Aspects of Dying in Old Age ESRC Seminar Series

The aim of the series is to develop new thinking about the processes of dying in old age drawing on a range of social science disciplines including geography, psychology, sociology and gerontology and older people themselves. One seminar remains, in May 2008, in Edinburgh.

For further information about the seminars or to book a place, please contact Katherine Froggatt on k.froggatt@lancaster.ac.uk or telephone 01524 593309.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Palliative Care Research Conference

An opportunity to learn from and network with your colleagues



Future challenges for palliative care

Friday March 14, 2008



Venue: Large Lecture Theatre
The Royal Society of Medicine
1 Wimpole Street
London W1G 0AE

Registration is free for Marie Curie Cancer Care employees

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Welcome to new committee
member

A warm welcome to Erna Haraldsdottir, who has joined the PCRS Executive committee. Erna trained as a nurse in Iceland, her country of origin, in the 1980s and until 1999 worked within palliative care in community and hospital settings. She was instrumental in setting up the first palliative care team at the Icelandic National Hospital and helped to establish the first in-patient hospice in Iceland. Following on from her clinical career in Iceland Erna studied at the University of Edinburgh and gained a Master's degree and then continued to do a PhD in nursing. Having now moved to Scotland she is currently working at Strathcarron Hospice as Head of Education and lives in Edinburgh with her husband and their 3 children.

Membership fees

Can we please remind you that payment for PCRS membership for 2008 is now due (£30 for regular membership; £20 for students and the unwaged). This represents excellent value for money, particularly as you can re-coup some or

all of this fee in reduced admission rates to PCRS or EAPC conferences. If you pay through standing order mandate, you should not need to do anything (NB: if you forgot to increase your standing order to £30 in 2007, please amend it now). If you pay by cheque, please send the monies to our treasurer, Dr Gunn Grande, The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, The University of Manchester, University Place, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL or contact her at gunn.grande@manchester.ac.uk.

PCRS website

Have you checked out the PCRS website recently? This is where you'll find information about the PCRS such as our constitution and strategy, executive committee, details of abstract submission, archived newsletters and useful links. Make sure you've bookmarked it at www.pcrs.org.uk!

Joining the PCRS

The society is easy to join, with full details and an on-line form on the website at www.pcrs.org.uk. Membership costs just £30 per year and benefits include:

- Reduced registration fees for some of the conferences organised, or jointly organised by the PCRS (note: individuals who are considering attending at least one such conference during the year will

often find it economically advantageous to join the PCRS simply in order to benefit from the reduced conference fee). Note: this does not apply to every conference.

- Access to a list of members' contact details and research interests to facilitate multi-professional and multi-centre research initiatives.
- PCRS newsletters.

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