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Palliative Care Research Society

## Palliative Care Research Society Newsletter

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### End of life decision making conference: dilemmas and directions

The PCRS and the Cancer Experiences Collaborative are pleased to announce their forthcoming conference focusing on end of life decision making.

The conference will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2009, at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham. Speakers include: Professor Luc Deliens, Head of the End of Life Care Research Group, Vrije Universiteit, Brussels, Simon Chapman, Ethics Advisor, National Council for Palliative Care, London, Dr Simon Conroy, Senior Lecturer/Geriatrician, University of Leicester Medical School, Professor David Jones, School of Theology, Philosophy and History, St Mary's University College, London and Professor Clive Seale, School of Social Sciences and Law, Brunel University of West London.

Abstracts by 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008 for workshops and posters are invited in the areas of: ethical dilemmas in clinical care at the end of life; educational aspects; philosophical and cultural studies; research into end of life decision-making.

Please see <http://www.pcrs.org.uk/events.php> to register for the conference and/or submit an abstract. Delegate rate: £85 (£75 for PCRS/CECo members £50 for PG students) or £100 to include PCRS membership. For further information, contact: Prof Jane Seymour, University of Nottingham. Email: [jane.seymour@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:jane.seymour@nottingham.ac.uk) Tel: 0115 82 31202

### Forthcoming conferences and study days



Abstract Submission Deadline:  
October 15th 2009



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11<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
OF THE EUROPEAN  
ASSOCIATION FOR  
PALLIATIVE CARE  
7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009  
VIENNA AUSTRIA

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION** for the -11th Congress of the EAPC 7-10 May, 2009 in Vienna, Austria IS NOW OPEN UNTIL **15 OCTOBER 2008** at: <http://www.eapcnet.org/vienna2009/abstractsubmission.html>

### **Spirituality in Palliative Care**

This LOROS event will be held at Launde Abbey, Leicestershire on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008. The conference offers delegates the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of spirituality to them, both personally and professionally. Price from £100 for a day delegate. For more information visit [www.loros.co.uk](http://www.loros.co.uk) or e-mail [education@loros.co.uk](mailto:education@loros.co.uk).

### **Delivering effective end-of-life care: developing partnership working**

This joint Kings Fund/Marie Curie and National Council for Palliative Care conference will highlight key challenges for implementing the End of Life Care Strategy, identify areas for collaborative working across health and social care, and look at how to develop effective service delivery. The conference takes place on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008 from 9.30 – 16.15 in London. Price from £200. For more information visit their website at [http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/endoflife\\_care.html](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/endoflife_care.html)

### **Palliative Care in 3D: 'diversity, dilemmas, and difficulties'**

A two day conference organized by the Royal Society of Medicine in association with St Catherine's Hospice, Scarborough. from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at The Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO11 2HD. Costs for places vary depending on profession/status. For further details see email: [joyce.achampong@rsm.ac.uk](mailto:joyce.achampong@rsm.ac.uk) or to book online direct, please visit [www.rsm.ac.uk/palliativescar](http://www.rsm.ac.uk/palliativescar)

### **Dying well with dignity: Meeting the challenges of multiple conditions**

This conference organized by NCPC will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008, The Hellenic Centre, London, W1U 5AS. The main objectives of this event are to identify issues services face in meeting the needs of life care needs of people with multiple conditions, Identify the issues from the patient and carer's perspective, Provide examples of good practice so services can learn from each other and offer practical care guidance and set out steps to initiate change .  
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### **Reviving the Spirit within palliative care practice**

This multi-professional learning conference takes place from the 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at the Airth Castle Hotel, Stirlingshire. For further details see [www.strathcarronhospice.org](http://www.strathcarronhospice.org).

### **ANTEA worldwide palliative care conference**

This will be held in Rome from the 12 – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008, in collaboration with the EAPC. The main conference goal is to outline, in a consensus conference, the core curricula for health professionals working in palliative care. For further details see [www.anteaconference2008.com](http://www.anteaconference2008.com). Abstract submission deadline 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008.

### **Westminster Briefing. The End of Life Care Strategy: Tackling the Death Taboo, Raising Quality of Care and Providing Better Choices for the Dying**

*Westminster Briefing*, in partnership with the *House Magazine*, presents a series of events aimed at providing a forum for practitioners, local policymakers and civil servants to debate key issues with leading figures from within Westminster, Whitehall and Local Government. **Date: Thursday, 13th November 2008. Time: 10.40am – 2.00pm**  
**Venue: Westminster.** T: 020 7096 2917 F: 020 7096 2946 E: [james.macdaid@westminster-briefing.com](mailto:james.macdaid@westminster-briefing.com) W: [www.westminster-briefing.com](http://www.westminster-briefing.com)

### **British Psychosocial Oncology Society Conference: Reaching the hard to reach**

This will be held on 4 – 5 December, Thorpe Park Hotel, LEEDS. BPOS aims to advance education and research in psychosocial oncology, including promoting knowledge in those working with people with cancer and their families. The conference is open to all researchers and clinicians with an interest in this area, not just members of the Society. Registration opens 27 May 2008 – Early Bird registration by Friday 17 October 2008. Abstracts are invited – submission deadline Friday 19 September 2008. Visit [www.pogweb.org/bpos01.php](http://www.pogweb.org/bpos01.php) for more information

### **End of life decision making**

Please see the first article for details of our one day conference on end of life decision making. It will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in Birmingham.

## The Doyle Club and PCRS

The Doyle Club is part of the Association for Palliative Medicine. It is a forum for doctors undertaking specialist training in palliative medicine, for representation, information-gathering and networking. With the new curriculum for specialist training, all registrars are now required to be involved in research, but this can be difficult to achieve in isolation and in relatively short-term training posts.

The Palliative Care Research Society is an excellent forum to support research involvement and can support training doctors in getting involved in research. A representative from the Doyle Club is elected to provide liaison and improve communication between the two organisations – this is a valuable link which has been helpful in both directions in the past. The present Doyle Club representative is specialist registrar Louise Mason, who is a co-opted member of the PCRS committee. If you have networking ideas or would like to make contact about PCRS/Doyle Club issues, Louise can be contacted on [louise@louisemason.com](mailto:louise@louisemason.com)

## Re-launched PCRS website

Please check out our brand new website at [www.pcrs.org.uk](http://www.pcrs.org.uk). We've had a complete redesign to make it easier for you to find all sorts of information about the PCRS including details of our forthcoming events, abstract submission, past newsletters and more. Make sure you've bookmarked it at [www.pcrs.org.uk](http://www.pcrs.org.uk)! If you've any feedback about the website, please contact Catherine Walshe at [catherine.walshe@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:catherine.walshe@manchester.ac.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](http://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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