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End of life decision making conference: dilemmas and directions

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

The conference will be held on Tuesday 27th January, 2009, at the Holiday Inn, Birmingham. And will include an overview of key issues by Mr Simon Chapman; The cultural and philosophical context of clinical decisions at end of life by Professor David Jones; A view from clinical practice by Dr Simon Conroy; Factors that contribute to physicians' treatment decisions when patients have advanced cancer by Dr Carole Willard; Advanced care planning in dementia: challenges and opportunities by Riitta Kukkastenvehmas; The fundamental impact of recognizing dying on decision-making by Claudia Wenzel; End-of-life decision making in medical practice in the Netherlands and Belgium by Professor Luc Deliens; and Studying end of life decisions in the UK Professor Clive Seale.

Please see <http://www.pcrs.org.uk/events.php> to register for the conference. 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 Tel: 0115 82 31202

Forthcoming conferences and study days

Joint CECo/St Christopher's Hospice research methods workshop Introduction to research in palliative care

25-26 February 2009, 10am - 4pm, St Christopher's Hospice, London, £30 per day

This two day workshop is aimed at health care professionals, voluntary sector partners, educators, academics, students and others who are new to or just beginning in palliative care research but are keen to learn more and

develop their research knowledge and skills. The workshop will provide plenty of opportunities for interaction and discussion including research surgeries for participants to discuss research issues informally with a facilitator.

Marie Curie Cancer Care Palliative Care Research Conference 'The Patients Experience'

Friday March 27, 2009. The Royal Society of Medicine, Enquiries : 020 7794 0500 ext 35542 or Email Anna Hartikainen on: a.hartikainen@medsch.ucl.ac.uk

Primary Palliative Care Conference

The second primary palliative care conference organised by PCRS and the CECo and Compass supportive and palliative care research collaboratives is this year being hosted by the Academic Palliative and Supportive Care Studies Group at the University of Liverpool and will be held on April 29th at LACE conference centre in Croxteth Park, Liverpool. Keynote speakers include Professor Scott Murray from the University of Edinburgh, Professor Jane Seymour from the University of Nottingham and Professor Paul Wallace Deputy Director of UKCRN. The daily delegate fee is subsidised by the organising groups and is £30 to include conference pack, lunch and all refreshments. As places are limited please secure a place by sending a cheque to Mandy Ellison, APSCSG University Of Liverpool, 2nd Floor Whelan Building, University of Liverpool, Brownlow Hill Liverpool L69 3GB (m.ellison@liv.ac.uk)

Help the Hospices Conference 2009

24-26th November 2009, Harrogate International Conference Centre
For more details see www.helpthehospices.org.uk/2009conference

Call for papers 2009

As well as scientific abstracts, we are looking for presentations which reflect service innovation and evaluation in hospice and palliative care. Are you a nurse, fundraiser, volunteer, doctor, therapist, social worker, manager or day centre leader? If you are involved with a hospice in anyway, we would like to hear from you. Online abstracts can be submitted for this conference between 2 January 2009 and 9 April 2009.

NCRI Palliative care collaboratives

COMPASS

The 2009 COMPASS Annual Scientific Meeting, Better methods, better interventions, better care will be held on Friday 5th June at the Royal College of Physicians. For more details see www.compasscollaborative.com

CECo

The 2009 CECo Annual Scientific Meeting will be held at the Radisson Manchester Airport Hotel on the 21st and 22nd April, 2009. For more details see <http://www.ceco.org.uk/events.php>

EAPC membership

Did you know that your PCRS membership entitles you to collective membership of the EAPC? You can register freely online at http://www.eapcnet.org/form/eru_insert_user.asp. Just fill in the form with your details, select 'Members of an Association (collective members) and choose PCRS in 'I am a member of'. All members registered in the online EAPC database has the following advantages:

- A reduced registration fee for EAPC events including the biennial congresses.
- A 14.3% reduction in the usual individual subscription fee to the printed version of the [European Journal of Palliative Care \(EJPC\)](#), the official journal of the EAPC; a 10.3% reduction in the combined (printed and electronic) subscription.
- A 20 % reduction in the usual individual subscription fee to Palliative Medicine, the Research Journal of the EAPC.
- A 20,00 % discount on all medical titles at Oxford University Press <http://www.oup.co.uk/promotions/medicine/websoceapc/>, including the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Medicine, The Oxford Handbook of Palliative Care and the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Care for Children.
- The ability to download regularly from the "Restricted area" of the EAPC website a pdf file of one selected paper of each issue of the two official Journals of the EAPC (EJPC comment: 6 times a year, Palliative Medicine selected article: 8 times a year) and many other articles and documents.

Information exchange

Do you have information you want to exchange with other PCRS members? Do you want to find an expert in a particular field? Do you want to explore collaborations with others? We're starting a new short section in the newsletter to include information from our members about information, expertise and other research matters. If you have something you want to include, please contact catherine.walsh@manchester.ac.uk.

Wanted: Someone to discuss doing an MD in palliative medicine with. Alan, a trainee in palliative medicine in Belfast is interested in doing an MD, ideally around the subject of malignant bowel obstruction, and would like to talk to someone in the PCRS who could advise him regarding projects, or who perhaps has an ongoing project he could become involved in. Contact Alan on ajbmcperson@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested.

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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