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Annual Scientific Meeting – 12th November 2009

Here is a first notice of a date for your diary for later on in the year. Our Annual Scientific Meeting will take place on Thursday 12th November 2009. Final details are currently being finalized, but the venue will be London. We'll be inviting abstracts for research shortly, we'll let you know as soon as abstract submission opens.

Do you want to save up to 160 euro?

That is the saving you could make on your registration to the EAPC congress in May if you are a member of the PCRS. The savings for members of the PCRS registering for the conference vary from between 110 to 160 euro, depending on when you register and your professional background. As membership of the PCRS is only £30, then you've paid for your membership many times only after just one conference. Details of how to join the PCRS and register with the EAPC are below – make sure your colleagues know about this great membership benefit.

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.

Dying differently. The ethical dimensions of how and where we die

4th March 2009. Guys and St Thomas Hospital, London. £140/£280 (reductions available to NCPC, APM, RCN and AHPCC members)

This multi-disciplinary and multi-settings conference will explore in some depth the issues of how and where people die. It will consider the ethical challenges that arise, which too often are left unattended. For more information contact **Theresa Tsui**, Events Co-ordinator, on 020 7697 1520 or t.tsui@ncpc.org.uk

Beyond the End of Life Care Strategy

19 March 2009 **Regents College, London. £145/£290**

The End of Life Care Strategy was published in July 2008 recognising the need for good quality, coordinated end of life care across conditions. This conference will review national policy and look at established, innovative examples of implementation across health and social care. Speakers include: David Behan, Director General for Social Care; Tessa Ing, Head of End of Life Care at the Department of Health; and Mark Britnell, Director General of Commissioning and System Management at the Department of Health. There will also be a wide range of master classes that will explore in depth some of the successes in end of life care to share learning. To book your place on this conferences, please contact Theresa Tsui, Events Co-ordinator, on t.tsui@ncpc.org.uk.

What's New In Palliative Care? Explaining difficult things in an easy way

2nd International Symposium 2009. A 2 day conference to be held on 26th & 27th March 2009 in Hull, East Yorkshire, United Kingdom. £295 (including dinner)

For further information/to book a place please visit the Symposium website: www.dovehousesymposium.org.uk

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

This year our conference is looking at care from the perspective of patients and families. Health care providers are putting an increased emphasis on patient choice, and this includes Marie Curie Cancer Care with its service development initiatives and planned new Access Programme. At this conference, we shall hear one patient's individual story and we shall get an overview of how we can start thinking more about the environment of care and manner in which it is delivered. We shall hear how volunteers too have a voice; how they can influence our thinking and give us ideas on which assumptions we should challenge most urgently to benefit patients and their families.

Keynote speakers include Tom Hughes-Hallett, Chief Executive, Marie Curie Cancer Care: Introduction, Dr Adrian Tookman, Honorary Senior Lecturer, Royal Free & UCL Medical School, and Clinical Advisor of the Marie Curie Palliative Care: The missing dimension in healthcare, Dr Teresa Tate, Medical Adviser, Marie Curie Cancer Care: Introduction, Baroness Julia Neuberger, Prime Minister's Champion for Volunteering; Chair, Commission on the Future of Volunteering, 2006-08: The patient and carer experience - how can volunteers help?, Colin Ludlow, Author; Patient; Television Producer: A patient's experiences, Dr Jocelyn Cornwell, Director, The King's Fund Point of Care project: What do we know about interventions to improve patients' experience in hospital?, Steve Dewar, Director of End of Life Research, Marie Curie Cancer Care; Director of Strategy, The King's Fund: The leadership challenge for end of life care

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)



Emotions and the Brain

Latest research on the physiological basis of high stress and trauma and how to understand and maximise help

14 May 2009 14.30 - 16.00 St Christopher's Hospice, London Cost: £30

Rapidly increasing research on the brain is giving us new insights into its effect on stress and emotion. Most human experience, especially traumatic experience, is processed at a subcortical level, in the unconscious rather than in the conscious mind. To be effective, therapeutic approaches need to address both cortical and subcortical processes, aiming to resolve traumatic memories, reduce hyperarousal and chronic impulsivity, reduce the tendency to escape from the black hole of trauma by disconnection and dissociation, and to promote a sense of understanding, safety and control. This fascinating open meeting will be Chaired by Dr Colin Murray Parkes.

For further information and to book your place, visit our website: www.stchristophers.org.uk/education. Alternatively, contact our administrator: E: education@stchristophers.org.uk or T: 020 8776 4656.

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.

EORTC course on Quality of Life, symptom research and patient reported outcomes in cancer clinical trials

25th – 27th November 2009. Brussels, Belgium. Course free for academics and non-profit organizations. Some fellowships available for travel and accommodation. See <http://www.eortc.be/probe/> for more details.



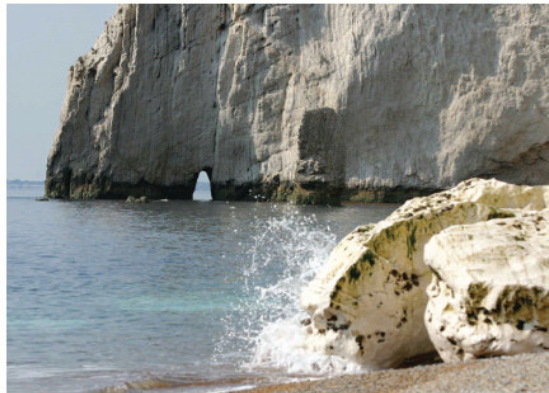
[6th EAPC Research Forum, Glasgow UK, 9-12th June 2010](#)

The 8th Palliative Care Congress

an International learning opportunity

10–12 March 2010

The Bournemouth International Centre, Bournemouth, England



CALL FOR PAPERS

Call: Friday 27th March 2009

Close: Friday 25th September 2009

For further information visit our website or contact the
organiser: heather@compleatconference.co.uk
or **01489 565475**

www.pccongress.org.uk



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.

Are you Europe-based and involved with cultural issues in palliative care?

As part of our work in developing a database of experts on cultural issues in palliative care, we wish to contact people in Europe who are experts on cultural issues within this field. We would very much like to hear from any of the following people:

- academics and researchers;
- healthcare practitioners working in hospice, palliative care or nursing home settings;
- advocates;
- trainers;
- policy advisers;
- people working with minority ethnic groups;
- people focusing on 'cultural competency' within end of life care;
- people who can provide insights into the culturally specific context of end-of-life care in a European country.

We will then invite you to take part in a questionnaire and you may also be invited to attend a workshop on cultural issues in end-of-life care here in Barcelona. In addition recommendations of literature, both published and unpublished, would be greatly appreciated.

The project is a collaboration between the Department of Palliative Care and Policy at King's College London and Centre de Recerca en Salut Internacional de Barcelona (CRESIB). If you can help, please contact Natalie Evans, Tel.: +34 93.22.75.400 Ext 4319, Email: natalie.evans@cresib.cat or anna.lozano@cresib.cat

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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