

# PCRS

Palliative Care Research Society

## Palliative Care Research Society Newsletter

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### Annual Scientific Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Abstract submission is now open for our Annual Scientific Meeting at Goodenough College, London on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009. **Abstracts may be submitted for oral and poster presentation from now until 5pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009.** Papers are welcome which describe current research in any aspect of palliative and end of life care.

A Frances Sheldon Novice Researcher Award will be available for students studying for a higher degree and will be awarded to a promising researcher early in their career. The award is £100 plus travel and accommodation and the winner will be notified at the time of abstract selection. This award is given in honour of Frances Sheldon who was a founding member of the PCRS and an internationally respected researcher in social sciences.

The Palliative Care Research Society Committee will select abstracts for inclusion in the meeting based on four criteria: rigour, clarity, relevance and originality. The abstracts therefore need to be as informative as possible.

For further details, and to submit an abstract please go to <http://www.pcrs.org.uk/events.php>

### PCRS researcher e-group

Calling all you Facebook addicts and members of the Twitterati! Do you want to interact with your fellow PCRS members in an easier way?

One of the requests we've had from you, our members, is to work harder to facilitate collaboration, communication and mentorship between PCRS members. Whilst we're not planning (yet) to set up a twitter feed, we are hopefully facilitating easier and better communication between you by setting up a member e-group using Google groups. You can use this to post any message about palliative care research (wanting to find expertise in a particular area, information about relevant conferences, requests for someone to mentor

you writing a paper ... the options are open to you). This message will then go automatically to all the members of the google e-group to read, respond to (or delete), depending on choice. If you reply to the group, it will be seen by the group.

Having trialled this amongst our committee members, because we've set this up as a 'closed' group (you have to be a PCRS member to be part of it, and your membership has to be approved by the group moderator), it seems easier for us to join all our members to this group, and then for you to 'unsubscribe' yourself, rather than expecting all our members to go through the hassle of signing up to the group. You will therefore be receiving an e-mail in the next few weeks to inform you that you are part of this group. The only information about you visible to other members is your e-mail address, which is known any way via the circulation of this newsletter. You can, of course unsubscribe yourself at any time from this group. If however, you don't want to be added to the group at all, please email [catherine.walsh@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:catherine.walsh@manchester.ac.uk) before the 18<sup>th</sup> August.

## Forthcoming conferences and study days

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### Implementing the End of Life Care Strategy in neurological patients

The National Council for Palliative Care, Royal College of Nursing and the Movement Disorder section of the British Geriatrics Society are running this conference, designed for all those involved in managing people with neurological disease whether as service providers, commissioners, carers or patients. There are two venues: Cowdray Hall, Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, London 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and the Graduate Centre, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**For information and booking, please contact: Sue Thomas, Policy Adviser, Long Term Conditions , Royal College of Nursing , Nursing Department , 20 Cavendish Square , London , W1G 0RN .Tel + 44 (0) 207 647 3737**

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### Annual Hospice and Palliative Care in Developing Countries conference

Fresno, California, USA. UCSF Fresno auditorium. Friday, September 18 & Saturday, September 19, 2009. Please contact Nancy Hinds at [nancy@hindshospice.org](mailto:nancy@hindshospice.org) or (559) 320-0308 for more details.

Our objectives are to: Understand how different cultures view death and dying; Recognize volunteer, educational, and partnership opportunities in developing countries; Identify factors influencing healthcare access rural vs. urban; Learn the complexity and magnitude of treating HIV/AIDS in children and adults suffering from TB, Dysentery, Cancer, Malaria, and malnutrition; Understand WHO pain management protocols and compounding end of life medications; Understand ELNEC International's influence in developing countries.

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### Pushing Boundaries in Palliative and End of Life Care

Northern Ireland Hospice in Collaboration with Other Stakeholders announce their All Ireland conference. Tuesday 6 & Wednesday 7 October 2009, Stormont Hotel, Belfast. Invited speakers include Baroness Ilora Finlay of Llandaff, Professor Henk Schut, Associate Professor of Psychology, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, Professor David Clark, International Observatory for End of Life Care, University of Lancaster and Visiting Professor of Hospice Studies, Trinity College Dublin & University College Dublin, Professor Keri Thomas, National Lead, Gold Standard Framework Centre, England, Dr Val Stevenson, Consultant Neurologist, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery, London, Dr Rob George, Co-Chair, End of Life Care Clinical Advisory Group, England, Dr Anita Simmonds, Consultant in Respiratory Medicine, Royal Brompton Hospital, London

If you would like to receive a booking form, please contact: Education Department, Northern Ireland Hospice, Somerton House, 74 Somerton Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, Tel: +44 (0)28 9078 1836  
Email: [education@nihospice.org](mailto:education@nihospice.org)

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## Qualitative Research in the NHS: Annual Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> October 2009, Møller Centre, Cambridge. Cost £95 for early bird registration, £115 otherwise.

Abstracts to [anne.scott@papworth.nhs.uk](mailto:anne.scott@papworth.nhs.uk) by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. For further details contact [anne.scott@papworth.nhs.uk](mailto:anne.scott@papworth.nhs.uk) or 01480 364448.

Conference topics include observing the body, grant applications, critical appraisal, cancer and palliative care, ethics and qualitative methods (plus oral presentations).

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## Spirituality in Palliative Care, Horizons beyond the Shadows

An event to be held at Hothorpe Hall, 30th September, 1st & 2nd October 2009

To reserve a place, please contact the LOROS Education Team on: 0116 231 8455, [education@loros.co.uk](mailto:education@loros.co.uk), [www.loros.co.uk](http://www.loros.co.uk)

### Cost

Residential: £300 (£350 for guaranteed \*single occupancy), Day Delegate for 3 days £225 Day delegate (per day) £140

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## NCRI Cancer Conference

4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009, International Convention Centre, Birmingham

The NCRI Cancer Conference is the major forum in the UK for showcasing the best British and international cancer research. The Conference offers unique opportunities for networking and sharing knowledge by bringing together the leading experts from all cancer research disciplines. [www.ncri.org.uk/ncriconference/](http://www.ncri.org.uk/ncriconference/)

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## The Cicely Saunders Series 2009 'Innovation, innovation, innovation!': defining, developing and demonstrating supportive care at the end of life

*Date: 16 October 2009 Cost: £100 Location: St Christopher's Hospice*

This day will offer time for dialogue and debate as well as hear about some examples of projects and services that support patients, carers and communities through death and dying - as well as defining skills and competencies that will enable workers to deliver supportive care in the future. As well as covering a multitude of topics such as: supportive care - overview and challenges; defining, developing & demonstrating supportive care at end of life; work of the Maggie Centres in supportive cancer care and spiritual care: universal and distinct. It will also provide useful 'toolkit' workshops such as: stress management & mindfulness; group work skills; spiritual care; and rehab in supportive care. **For more information about any of the above courses please visit Web Site:**

[www.stchristophers.org.uk/education](http://www.stchristophers.org.uk/education) Alternatively, contact the Education Administrator: **Tel: 020 8768 4656**

**Email: [education@stchristophers.org.uk](mailto:education@stchristophers.org.uk)**

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## Help the Hospices Conference 2009

24-26<sup>th</sup> November 2009, Harrogate International Conference Centre

For more details see [www.helpthehospices.org.uk/2009conference](http://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.

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

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **Anorexia, Cachexia and Fatigue**

Date: Thursday 26 November 2009, Venue: Royal College of Physicians, London

For more information Contact: Conference coordinator Tel: 020 7935 1174 ext. 252 email: [conferences@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:conferences@rcplondon.ac.uk) URL: <http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/event/details.aspx?e=1412>

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### **Inclusion and exclusion in palliative and end of life care. Who's in, Who's out?**

4<sup>th</sup> December 2009, Hull Truck Theatre, Hull. Organised by Dove House Hospice. Cost £95. Speakers include the Rt Hon Alan Johnson, Claire Henry, Prof Jane Seymour, Dr Rob George, Prof Tom Airie, Heather Joy and Sue Craven. For further details contact [education@dovehouse.org.uk](mailto:education@dovehouse.org.uk) or 01482 785783

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# 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](mailto:heather@compleatconference.co.uk) or **01489 565475**

[www.pccongress.org.uk](http://www.pccongress.org.uk)





**6th EAPC Research Forum, Glasgow UK, 10-12th June 2010**

## New edition of 'Palliative Care Nursing' released

Palliative Care Nursing: Principles and Evidence for Practice by Sheila Payne, Christine Ingleton and Jane Seymour has just been released in its second edition (£32.99, 736 pages).

The second edition of this innovative textbook has been extensively revised and updated to reflect new global developments in palliative care. This textbook reviews current research and examines the evidence base for palliative care policy and practice. Over a third of the chapters are newly commissioned from leading international contributors.

The book is written with helpful overviews and in an informative and reader-friendly style. There are numerous examples of clinical situations and research studies which are examined in depth to illustrate debates in palliative care. The textbook spans the range of end-of-life contexts which are of relevance to practitioners, educationalists and researchers.

## 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](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 have 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](mailto:catherine.walsh@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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