



## **Early Career Professionals in Psycho-Oncology Committee**

### **Year-end Report for 2021**

#### **1. Breakdown of 2021 activities**

- a) IPOS Conference 2021 ECPP Workshop on Writing and Securing Grants with Prof Nick Hulbert-Williams and Dr Prof Joanne Shaw.
- b) IPOS Conference 2021 ECPP Annual SIG meeting.

#### **2. Goals, objectives, and results for 2021**

- a) To continue to develop an international network of ECPPs within the IPOS ECPP special interest group (SIG).

**Accomplished:** the SIG currently has 118 members.

- b) To organize events that facilitate career development, as well as conceptual and clinical support and networking opportunities for ECPPs during the annual IPOS conference.

**Accomplished:** We were successful in holding a grant development workshop at the online conference. We received lots of positive feedback, and ECPPs enjoyed mixing with others in similar positions. We also held the annual SIG meeting, where we generated ideas for future SIG activities.

- c) To increase visibility of the ECPP activities.

**Accomplished:** ECPP events are regularly promoted through the IPOS newsletter and twitter, as well as the conference website.

#### **3. Description of issues/challenges experienced in 2021**



- a) The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause challenges. This prevented the committee from being able to facilitate more activities for ECPP SIG members, and from meeting face-to-face at the conference.

#### **4. Goals for the next 12 months**

- a) Adaptation of the ECPP events for online format at the virtual POS conference in 2021. We plan to include the mentoring matching and a certificate for best presentation. We will also hold the annual SIG meeting and organize an engaging virtual social event (e.g., a quiz).
- b) Delivery of the second part of the COVID-19 workshop, so that ECPPs are provided with guidance on how to manage work challenges relating to the pandemic in the coming year.
- c) Delivering webinars and workshops in collaboration with other IPOS SIGs e.g., FORwards SIG, LMIC SIG.
- d) Increase visibility of the ECPP activities: This could be achieved with increased representation of the ECPP committee in IPOS communications and through other avenues (other than through IPOS) and social media promotion (e.g. Twitter).
- e) Membership: Greater promotion of ECPP membership opportunities (i.e. reduced membership fees for ECPPs to join IPOS, access to the pre-conference workshop) and increased SIG engagement.

#### **5. Any special requests/needs for the next 12 months**

- a) Advertising ECPP events (e.g., via social media etc)
- b) Hosting ECPP webinars (e.g., via zoom etc)

#### **6. List of current committee members**

- a) Dr. Helena Lewis-Smith (United Kingdom) **Chair**
- b) Dr. Ursula Sansom-Daly (Australia) **Deputy Chair (currently on Maternity Leave)**
- c) Dr. Lauren Heathcote (United States) **ECPP Director**
- d) Dr. Danielle Wing Lam Ng (Hong Kong)



- e) Ms. Diana Correia (Portugal)
- f) Mr. Ray Andrade Nascimento (Brazil)
- g) Dr Mamsau Twalib Ngoma (Tanzania)
- h) Dr Cristina Sade Botto (Chile)
- i) Dr Zoë Moon (United Kingdom)
- j) Dr Tamara Green (Jamaica)
- k) Dr Anna Ugalde (Australia)
- l) Sravanthi Maya (India)