



## **Early Career Professionals in Psycho-Oncology Committee** **Year-end Report for 2023**

### **1. Breakdown of 2023 activities**

a) Unfortunately, due to the outgoing co-chairs' very stretched capacity, they were unable to hold any events for ECPPs.

### **2. Goals, objectives, and results for 2023**

a) Delivering webinars and workshops in collaboration with other IPOS SIGs e.g., FORwards SIG, LMIC SIG.

- Unfortunately, this was not accomplished in 2023. However, we hope to deliver on this in 2024.

b) For the 2023 IPOS conference, we planned to hold the annual SIG meeting. We also hope to carry out a mentoring matching event and a social event (e.g., a meal).

- Unfortunately, neither of the outgoing chairs was able to attend the conference and thus were unable to action this. We hope to plan this for IPOS 2024.

c) 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).

- ECPPs continue to be represented across IPOS communication channels, e.g., the newsletter.

d) To continue to develop an international network of ECPPs within the IPOS ECPP SIG.

- The SIG currently has 123 members, and the new committee will hopefully include representatives from across the world.

### **3. Description of issues/challenges experienced in 2023**



- a) As described above, the outgoing co-chairs did not have capacity to spearhead any activities or initiatives for ECPP members. Further, due to having moved out of the 'early career' bracket, it felt it was appropriate to have new incoming co-chairs, as well as a brand new committee.

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

Establish new committee.

Delivering webinars and workshops in collaboration with other IPOS SIGs e.g., FORwards SIG, LMIC SIG.

Holding the annual SIG meeting at the 2024 IPOS conference. We also hope to carry out a mentoring matching event and a social event. Establish peer support groups and mentorship programs to provide guidance, encouragement, and mentorship opportunities for early career professionals navigating their careers in psycho-oncology.

Having a slot for ECPP SIG in the IPOS conference.

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).

Professional Development Workshops: Organize and facilitate workshops focused on skill development, career advancement, and personal growth tailored specifically for early career professionals in psycho-oncology.

Research Collaboration Initiatives: Foster research collaboration among ECPP members by facilitating networking opportunities and providing resources to support collaborative research projects in the field of psycho-oncology.

Advocacy and Awareness Campaigns: Advocate for the importance of early career professionals in the field of psycho-oncology through awareness campaigns, highlighting their contributions, challenges, and unique perspectives in research, clinical practice, and patient care.

Collaboration with Academic Institutions: Forge partnerships with academic institutions and training programs to support the integration of psycho-oncology education and



training into curricula, fostering the development of future generations of professionals in the field.

d) To continue to develop an international network of ECPPs within the IPOS ECPP SIG.

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#### **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**

N/A. Tihanna and Amanda are in the process of putting out a call for a new committee.